

"A New World" – Core 1

Genesis 1:1

A. Can we TRUST the creation story? Genesis 1:1

1. **The creation account was written by Moses around 1400 B.C. We accept the absolute authority of the Word of God. The Word of God in its original manuscripts is inerrant and infallible.** *"Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." Luke 24:27*
2. **Moses confirmed the creation account in Exodus.** *"For in six days the LORD made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day He rested." Exodus 20:11*
3. **The Psalmist confirmed the creation account.** *"For when He spoke, the world began! It appeared at His command." Psalm 33:9*
4. **Jesus confirmed the significance of the Old Testament; thus, verifying the creation account.** *"I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 5:18-19*
5. **John confirmed the creation story and Jesus partnership with God in creation.** *"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him." John 1:1-3*
6. **The writer of Hebrews confirmed Jesus' role in creation.** *"Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, He has spoken to us through His Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son He created the universe." Hebrews 1:1-2*
7. **The Apostle Paul confirms Jesus' role in creation with God and His continued role in holding all creation together.** *"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything*

was created and is supreme over all creation, for through Him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. *Everything was created through Him and for Him. He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together.*"
Colossians 1:15-17

B. The creation gives us a glimpse into the Creator...

"For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God." Romans 1:20

- 1. When we look at the design of our world, we know there must be an intelligent Designer.**
- 2. When we look at creation, we begin to see common similarities indicating there is a common Designer. When we look at the genetic code of DNA, we see a clear picture of a Designer. The ultimate proof of creation is the fact that the universe exists and is governed by the laws of nature.**
- 3. When we look at creation, we see that the biblical account is true in that each reproduced its own kind. Although microevolution may be accounted for in species, the biblical account would discount macroevolution. "God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:25**
- 4. Jesus revealed Himself to us confirming these truths!** "In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him." John 1:1-3

C. The Trinity was all part of the creation...

- 1. God the Father is the architect. God created the elements out of nothing. "...God created..."**
- 2. God the Holy Spirit is the engineer. The breath of God is the**

Spirit and it gives life to all. *"The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters."* Genesis 1:2

- 3. God the Son is the builder. Jesus was active in creation from the beginning.** *"...Let there be light...In the beginning was the Word..."*

D. God's creation...

- 1. We were all created by God.** *"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb."* Psalm 139:13
- 2. We were all created in the image of God.** *"So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."* Genesis 1:27
- 3. We were all created for the purpose of bringing glory to God.** *"Let this be recorded for future generations, so that a people not yet born will praise the LORD."* Psalm 102:18
- 4. We were all created to manage the creation of God.** *"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."* Ephesians 2:10
- 5. Although creation fell, the final re-creation came through Jesus Christ and is available to all!** *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* 2 Corinthians 5:17

E. Application

- 1. Spirit of Revelation: (What is God saying to me?)**
- 2. Spirit of Wisdom: (What am I going to do about it?)**
- 3. How can we help?**