

5. God Has Declared His Creation

If there is litmus test for Christians, it is this: Do you believe that God spoke through Moses and his son, Jesus the Christ. The creation as Moses recorded it and as Christ asserted it cannot be true and be compromised by modern theories. When political leaders must assert belief in evolution, they are being asked to deny to very word of God on creation. When TV commentators castigate those who do not hold to evolution, they are also ridiculing the very word of God. When students from elementary school to college receive instruction on evolution as the theory of the beginning of life, they are being taught a theory incompatible with the word of God. If God has declared the manner and substance of his creation, man must accept it. To do otherwise is to repudiate God.

The logic of these assertion come from the reasoning by Paul in Rom 1:18-20:

18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

God's creation is either plain to us or not. We can either see his eternal power of not. We either understand the power of creation from what has been made or not. With what God shows us, we are with out excuse!

The Psalmist agrees with the power of this testimony in Ps 19:1-2:

9 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.

Indeed, God has declared his creation!

Genesis 1-3

The fundamentals of creation are presented by Moses in the first three chapters of Genesis.

Gen 1:1-2 states the beginning:

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

For some period of time the earth was formless and empty; and in fact there could have been a period after creation and the time in which the earth became formless and empty. Strong treats the word for *was* as to include *become* or *come to pass*:

hayah (haw-yaw); a primitive root [compare OT:1933]; to exist, i.e. be or become, come

to pass (always emphatic, and not a mere copula or auxiliary):

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The next three chapters of Genesis offer the specifics of creation, consistent with every known natural law:

Gen 1:3-5

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.

[See fourth day in verse 1:14-18]

Gen 1:6-8

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." 7 So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning – the second day.

A different formulation of water and land than after the flood Gen 7:17-8:5:

17 For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. 18 The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. 19 They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. 20 The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet.

8:2 Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. 3 The water receded steadily from the earth.

Gen 1:9-10

9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning – the third day.

Gen 2:4-7

4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the Lord God made the earth and the heavens – 5 and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, 6 but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground – 7 the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Gen 1:14-19

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. 16 God made two

great lights – the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning – the fourth day.

Gen 1:20-22

20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." 23 And there was evening, and there was morning – the fifth day.

Gen 1:24-31

24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." 29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground – everything that has the breath of life in it – I give every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day.

God Explains His Creation to Job

Job 38 & 39

Listen to the voice of God. Can you imagine that he is advocating anything other than his total creation of his heavens and earth by the power of his might? Col 1:15-18 asserts:

6 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

[Details on the next three pages]

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Job 38:2-3
"Who is this that darkens my counsel
with words without knowledge?
3 Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.

Job 38:8-11
8 "Who shut up the sea behind doors
when it burst forth from the
womb,
9 when I made the clouds its
garment and wrapped it in
thick darkness,
10 when I fixed limits for it
and set its doors and bars in
place,
11 When I said, 'This far you may
come and no farther; here is
where your proud waves
halt'?



The White Cliffs of Dover, England
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Job 38:16-18
16 "Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
17 Have the gates of death been shown to you?
Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?
18 Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth?
Tell me, if you know all this.



Beryx decadactylus
(alfonsino) hovering
around a large
Lophelia coral.
Life on the Edge 2004
Expedition: NOAA
Office of Ocean
Exploration
Dr. Ken Sulak, USGS

Job 38:4-7
4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?
Tell me, if you understand.
5 Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!
Who stretched a measuring line across it?
6 On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone—
7 while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels shouted for joy?



Venus, the morning star,
reflected in the Pacific
Ocean
Broken Imagery;
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Job 38:12-15
2 "Have you ever given orders to the morning,
or shown the dawn its place,
13 that it might take the earth by the edges
and shake the wicked out of it?
14 The earth takes shape like clay under a seal;
its features stand out like those of a garment.
15 The wicked are denied their light,
and their upraised arm is broken.



Sunrise in Southeast Alaska,
September 1990. Photographer:
Commander John Bortniak,
NOAA Corps
<http://www.photolib.noaa.gov/htmls/corp1763.htm>


Job 38:19-21
19 "What is the way to the abode of light?
And where does darkness reside?
20 Can you take them to their places?
Do you know the paths to their dwellings?
21 Surely you know, for you were already born!
You have lived so many years!



In the morning of 1
May 2011, about an
hour before sunrise,
five of our Solar
System's eight
planets and the
Moon could be seen
from Paranal.
Author: G. Hüdepohl
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<http://www.eso.org/public/images/potw1118a/>

Job 38:22-23; 39:29-30

22 "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow
or seen the storehouses of the hail,
23 which I reserve for times of trouble,
for days of war and battle? . . .
29 From whose womb comes the ice?
Who gives birth to the frost from the heavens
30 when the waters become hard as stone,
when the surface of the deep is frozen?"



The forecast called for flurries, but the snow accumulated on the ground in Anchorage, Alaska, at the rate of 2 inches per hour (5 cm per hour) for much of Saturday, March 16, 2002. By the time the winter storm passed on Sunday afternoon, Anchorage had received 28.6 inches (72.6 cm) of snow, surpassing by far the previous record of 15.6 inches (39.6 cm) set on December 29, 1955. This true-color image of Alaska was acquired by the Sea-viewing Wide Field-of-view Sensor (SeaWiFS), flying aboard the OrbView-2 satellite, on March 18. Image courtesy of the SeaWiFS Project, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, and ORBIMAGE

Job 38:31-33


31 "Can you bind the beautiful Pleiades?
Can you loose the cords of Orion?
32 Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons
or lead out the Bear with its cubs?
33 Do you know the laws of the heavens?
Can you set up [God's] dominion over the earth?"



Pleiades Star Cluster, 1 June 2004, NASA, ESA, AURA/Caltech, Palomar Observatory.

Job 38:34-38


34 "Can you raise your voice to the clouds
and cover yourself with a flood of water?
35 Do you send the lightning bolts on their way?
Do they report to you, 'Here we are' ?
36 Who endowed the heart with wisdom
or gave understanding to the mind?
37 Who has the wisdom to count the clouds?
Who can tip over the water jars of the heavens
38 when the dust becomes hard
and the clods of earth stick together?"



Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve is one of several reserves in the lower lower Adelaide River catchment in the Northern Territory. A thunderstorm dumps heavy rain over Fogg Dam during the Build-Up which is the lead-up to the Wet Season. Author: Bidjee. This file is licensed under the Wikimedia Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 unported license.

Job 38:39-41


39 "Do you hunt the prey for the lionsess
and satisfy the hunger of the lions
40 when they crouch in their dens
or lie in wait in a thicket?
41 Who provides food for the raven
when its young cry out to God
and wander about for lack of food?"



Four Lionesses take down a bull cape buffalo in the central Serengeti. Author: Caelio, 09-27-09. Wikipedia GNU Free Documentation License

Job 39:1-4


39 "Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn?
2 Do you count the months till they bear?
Do you know the time they give birth?
3 They crouch down and bring forth their young;
their labor pains are ended.
4 Their young thrive and grow strong in the wilds;
they leave and do not return."



Mountain goats spotted in the wild, north of the road running east past Alpine Junction, WY, March, 2006.

Job 39:5-8


5 "Who let the wild donkey go free?
Who untied his ropes?
6 I gave him the wasteland as his home,
the salt flats as his habitat.
7 He laughs at the commotion in the town;
he does not hear a driver's shout.
8 He ranges the hills for his pasture
and searches for any green thing."



Somali Wild Ass

Job 39:9-12


9 "Will the wild ox consent to serve you?
Will he stay by your manger at night?
10 Can you hold him to the furrow with a harness?
Will he till the valleys behind you?
11 Will you rely on him for his great strength?
Will you leave your heavy work to him?
12 Can you trust him to bring in your grain
and gather it to your threshing floor?"



Long Horned European Wild Ox; Heinrich Harder 1920; extinct since 1627

Job 39:13-18


13 "The wings of the ostrich flap joyfully,
but they cannot compare with the pinions and feathers of the stork.
14 She lays her eggs on the ground
and lets them warm in the sand,
15 unmindful that a foot may crush them,
that some wild animal may trample them.
16 She treats her young harshly,
as if they were not hers;
she cares not that her labor was in vain,
17 for God did not endow her with wisdom
or give her a share of good sense.
18 Yet when she spreads her feathers to run,
she laughs at horse and rider."



Ostrich running with chicks in northern Serengeti; Author: Caelio; Permission: GNU Free Documentation License.

Job 39:19-25

19 "Do you give the horse his strength
or clothe his neck with a flowing mane?
20 Do you make him leap like a locust,
striking terror with his proud snorting?
21 He paws fiercely, rejoicing in his strength,
and charges into the fray.
22 He laughs at fear, afraid of nothing;
he does not shy away from the sword.
23 The quiver rattles against his side,
along with the flashing spear and lance.
24 In frenzied excitement he eats up the ground;
he cannot stand still when the trumpet sounds.
25 At the blast of the trumpet he snorts, 'Aha!'
He catches the scent of battle from afar,
the shout of commanders and the battle cry."



Chasseurs of the Guard (light cavalry) to the left and cuirassier (Heavy cavalry) to the right, at the battle of Friedland.

Friedland, 1807 by Ernest Meissonier oil on canvas, Metropolitan Museum of Art (Accession Number 87.20.1)

Job 39:26-30

26 "Does the hawk take flight by your wisdom
and spread his wings toward the south?
27 Does the eagle soar at your command
and build his nest on high?
28 He dwells on a cliff and stays there at night;
a rocky crag is his stronghold.
29 From there he seeks out his food;
his eyes detect it from afar.
30 His young ones feast on blood,
and where the slain are,
there is he."




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Job 40:2

2 "Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him?
Let him who accuses God answer him!"