

## Intersection #2: Creation and the Cross - If He can create, He can re-create!

### Introduction

Dec 24, 1968: "Frank, we need you to prepare a message to the world. We figure that more people will be listening to your voice than that of any other person in history.

Plan to say something appropriate." - Quoted Gen 1:1-10

"The warnings of the word of God regarding the perils surrounding the Christian church belong to us today. As in the days of the apostles men tried by tradition and philosophy to destroy faith in the Scriptures, so today, by the pleasing sentiments of higher criticism, evolution, spiritualism, theosophy, and pantheism, the enemy of righteousness is seeking to lead souls into forbidden paths." AA 474

"But if the succession of worlds is established in the system of nature, it is in vain to look for anything higher in the origin of the earth. The result, therefore, of our present enquiry is, that we find no vestige of a beginning,-no prospect of an end" (James Hutton, *The Theory of the Earth* 1795, p. 166).

"You insult every man of science and learning in the world because he does not believe in your fool religion. We have the purpose of preventing bigots and ignoramuses from controlling the education of the United States." Clarence Darrow, Scopes Trial Defense Attorney

Today, more than a half century after this encyclical, new knowledge leads us to recognize in the theory of evolution more than a hypothesis. ... The convergence, neither sought nor induced, of results of work done independently one from the other, constitutes in itself a significant argument in favor of this theory." - John Paul II, Vatican City, Oct 23 1996

"The notion of the traditional view of redemption as reconciliation and ransom from the consequences of Adam's fall is nonsense for anyone who knows about the evolutionary background to human existence in the modern world." - Karl Schmitz-Moormann, quoted by Hans Küng

"The great object in the establishment of our college was to give correct views of science and Bible religion." 4T 274 EGW, 1877 - Battle Creek contra Uniformitarian Evolutionism, 1840-1880

"We need to guard continually against the sophistry in regard to geology, and other branches of science falsely so-called, which have not one semblance of truth. The theories of great men need to be carefully sifted of the slightest trace of infidel suggestions. One tiny seed sown by teachers in our schools, if received by the students will raise a harvest of unbelief."

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"There will be an effort made on the part of many pretended friends of education to divorce religion from the sciences in our schools." FE 135

"A popular belief known as Creationism - a theory that the earth is 10,000 or less years old - has spread like wild fire in our century from its humble beginning in the writings of Ellen White, the

founder of Seventh-day Adventism to its current status as a "Gospel truth embraced by 10s of millions of Bible-believing Evangelicals and Fundamentalists around the world." (p. 13) Mark Noll, *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind*

"I was then carried back to the creation and was shown that the first week, in which God performed the work of creation in six days and rested on the seventh day, was just like every other week. The great God in his days of creation and day of rest, measured off the first cycle as a sample for successive weeks till the close of time." 3 SG 90ff.

But human science can not search out the secrets of the God of Heaven, and explain the stupendous works of creation, which were a miracle of Almighty power, any sooner than it can show how God came into existence. {3SG 94.3}

But the infidel supposition, that the events of the first week required seven vast, indefinite periods for their accomplishment, strikes directly at the foundation of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. It makes indefinite and obscure that which God has made very plain.

**It is the worst kind of infidelity; . . . and is an impeachment of his wisdom.** {3SG 91.1}

I have been shown that without Bible history, geology can prove nothing. . . . But when men leave the word of God in regard to the history of creation, and seek to account for God's creative works upon natural principles, they are upon a boundless ocean of uncertainty. Just how God accomplished the work of creation in six literal days he has never revealed to mortals.

**His creative works are just as incomprehensible as his existence.**

{3SG 93.1}

Man will be left without excuse. God has given sufficient evidence upon which to base faith if he wish to believe. **In the last days** the earth will be almost destitute of true faith. Upon the merest pretense, the word of God will be considered unreliable, while human reasoning will be received, though it be in opposition to plain Scripture facts. Men will endeavor to explain from natural causes the work of creation, which God has never revealed.

**The work of creation cannot be explained by science. What science can explain the mystery of life? {MH 414.1}**

***"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" Job 38:4 NKJV***

"In the creation of the earth, God was not indebted to pre-existing matter. "He spake, and it was; . . . He commanded, and it stood fast." Ps 33:9. All things, material or spiritual, stood up before the Lord Jehovah at His voice and were created for His own purpose. The heavens and all the host of them, the earth and all things therein, came into existence by the breath of His mouth." {MH 414.3}

"The deepest students of science are constrained to recognize in nature the working of infinite power. But to man's unaided reason, nature's teaching cannot but be contradictory and disappointing. Only in the light of revelation can it be read aright. 'Through faith we understand.'" (Hebrews 11:3)." Ed 134

## Creation Language in the New Testament

Healing → Saving

But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith **hath made thee whole**. And the woman was made whole from that hour. (Mt 9:22 KJV)

And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath **saved** thee; go in peace. (Luk 7:50 KJV)

**“In the beginning was the Word.” John 1:1**

**Creation Parallels during the Crucifixion as Neutralization of the Curse** (Deut 21:23; Gal 5:11)

- 1) 2nd Adam (Rom 5:14)
- 2) naked = Adam
- 3) Friday
- 4) Garden
- 5) Tree
- 6) Thorns = Gen 3:18
- 7) Jesus takes care of His mother = male/female relationship secured
- 8) darkness = Gen 1:2
- 9) “Paradise” = Eden
- 10) “Why have you forsaken me?” = Gen 3 (loss of God’s presence)
- 11) “Come down” = you don’t have to die (original lie)
- 12) “It is finished” = creation (Gen 1:31-2:3)
- 13) breathed his last (Mk 15:37, 39; Lk 23:46) = reversion of Gen 2:7
- 14) Sabbath rest in tomb
- 15) resurrection = Edenic restoration

### Implication

“The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. This word imparts power; it begets life. Every command is a promise; accepted by the will, received into the soul, it brings with it the life of the Infinite One. It transforms the nature **and re-creates the soul in the image of God.**” Ellen White, *Education*, 126

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:4 KJV)

“The very essence of the gospel is restoration.” Ellen White - *The Desire of Ages*, 824

“. . . that He might recreate the image of God”(ST, Aug 21, 1893)

“Sickness, suffering, and death are work of an antagonistic power. Satan is the destroyer; God is the restorer.” MH 113

“The Spirit recreates, refines, and sanctifies human beings.” God’s Amazing Grace, ch. 186

“The old nature, born of blood and the will of the flesh, cannot inherit the kingdom of God. The

old ways, the hereditary tendencies, the former habits, must be given up; for grace is not inherited. The new birth consists in having new motives, new tastes, new tendencies. ”  
{RH, April 12, 1892 par. 9}

Those who become new creatures in Christ Jesus will bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Gal 5:22, 23.

They will no longer fashion themselves according to the former lusts, but by the faith of the Son of God they will follow in His steps, reflect His character, and purify themselves even as He is pure. The things they once hated they now love, and the things they once loved they hate. The proud and self-assertive become meek and lowly in heart. The vain and supercilious become serious and unobtrusive. The drunken become sober, and the profligate pure. The vain customs and fashions of the world are laid aside. SC 58

“The Holy Spirit comes to the souls as a Comforter. By the transforming agency of His grace, the image of God is reproduced in the disciple; he becomes a new creature. Love takes the place of hatred, and the heart receives the divine similitude.” DA 391

Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2Co 5:17 KJV)

### **Practical Application**

“Marriage and the Sabbath had their origin, twin institutions for the glory of God in the benefit of humanity . . . Like every other one of God’s good gifts entrusted to the keeping of humanity, marriage has been perverted by sin; but it is the purpose of the gospel to restore its purity and beauty. In both the Old and the New Testament the marriage relation is employed to represent the tender and sacred union that exists between Christ and His people, the redeemed ones whom He has purchased at the cost of Calvary.” MB 63-64

“Now, as in Christ’s day, the condition of society presents a sad comment upon heaven’s ideal of this sacred relation. . . through the surrender of the soul to God, His wisdom can accomplish what human wisdom fails to do. Through the revelation of His grace, hearts that were once indifferent or estranged may be united in bonds that are firmer and more enduring than those of earth – the golden bonds of a love that will bear the test of trial.” MB 65

“When there shall be a restitution of all things . . . the creation Sabbath, the day on which Jesus lay at rest in Joseph’s tomb, will still be a day of rest and rejoicing.” DA 769

### **un-Creation**

“at the end of the one thousand years He will call forth the fires in the earth as His weapons which He has reserved for the final destruction” 3 SG 87/1 BC 1091