

“When I gave my heart to know wisdom and to see the task which has been done on the earth (even though one should never sleep day or night), and I saw every work of God, I concluded that man cannot discover the work which has been done under the sun. Even though man should seek laboriously, he will not discover; and though the wise man should say, “I know,” he cannot discover.”

Ecclesiastes 8:16-17



Invictus

*Out of the night that covers me,
Black as a Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.
In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud,
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.
Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds,
and shall find me, unafraid.
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.*

William Ernest Henley, 1875



“If there is a hell then I’ll adapt, improvise and overcome.”

Timothy McVeigh

“At the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

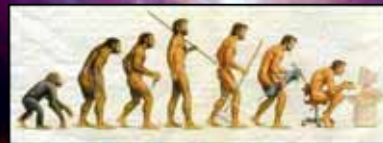
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COSMOLOGY

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Where Am I Going?



I. Our Origin: *Where did we come from?*



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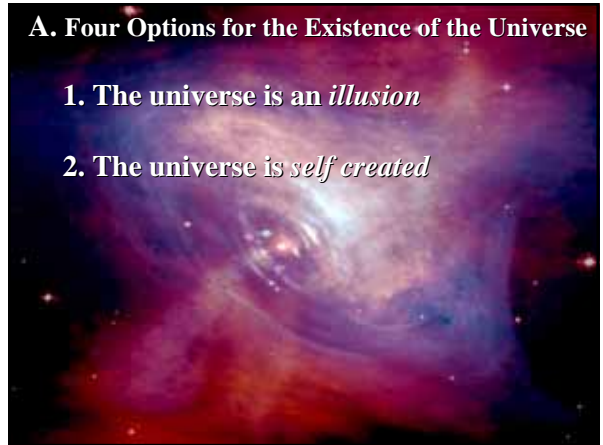
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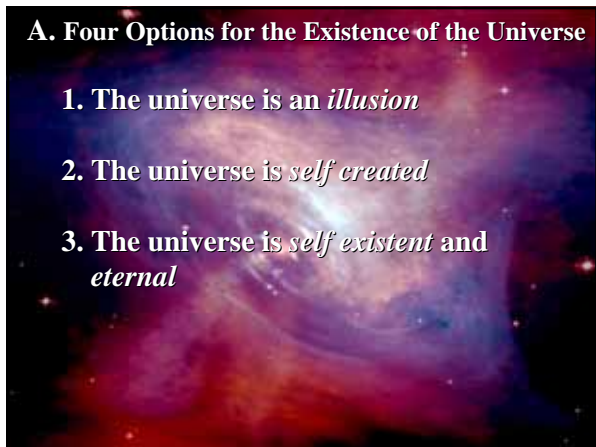
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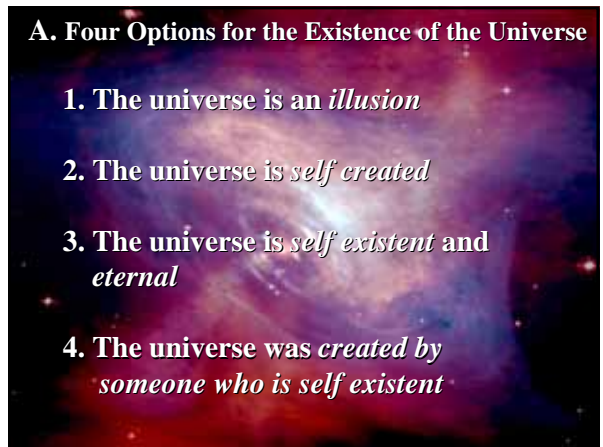
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“Who would let a first-century dentist fill our children’s teeth? But we’re letting first-century theologians fill our children’s head every day.”

The Reverend Michael Dowd

C. The Deception

“...a true knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with persuasive argument... See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.”

Colossians 2:1-4

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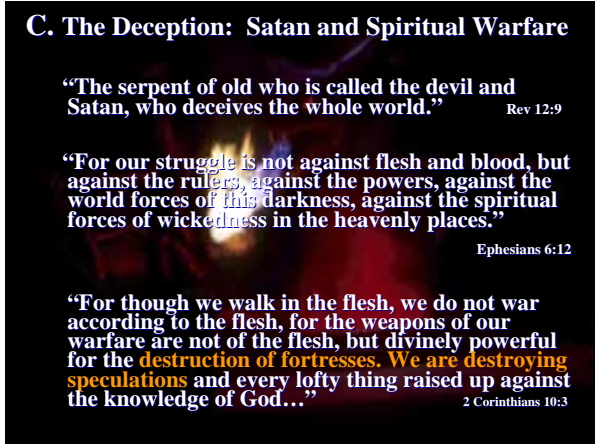
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2 Corinthians 10:3

C. The Persuasive Arguments from Science

Dinosaurs
Fossil Record
Radio-Active/Carbon 14 Dating
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Apparent Age of the Universe and the Speed of Light
Similarities of species
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Races and Languages
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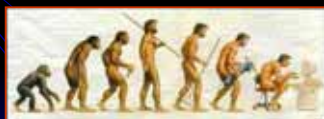
"By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible."
Hebrews 11:3

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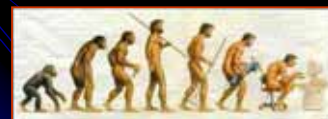


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"There is a middle ground between evolutionists and creationists if people are willing to consider seeking it. Materialistic underpinnings of evolutionary theory harm children's values. In the 1925 Scopes Monkey Trial, William Jennings Bryan concluded that Darwinism taught the law of the jungle and led to WW I by subverting the morality of the Germans."

Star-Telegram 7-29-08



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"I regard Christianity as the most fatal, seductive lie that ever existed."
Adolf Hitler, quoted in Larry Azar, *Twentieth Century as Crisis*, 1936, p. 189—Adolph Hitler



Getting rid of all the stupid and weak organisms."
—Columbine shooter Eric Harris, on his website

"YOU KNOW WHAT I LOVE??? Natural SELECTION! It's the best thing that ever happened to the earth."

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Pope Benedict XVI said the debate raging...between creationism and evolution was an "absurdity," saying that evolution can coexist with faith. The pontiff...also said that while there is much scientific proof to support evolution, the theory could not exclude a role by God. "They are presented as alternatives that exclude each other," the pope said. "This clash is an absurdity because on one hand there is much scientific proof in favor of evolution, which appears as a reality that we must see and which enriches our understanding of life and being as such."

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- E. **Six Day Creationist—bring glory to the Creator**
 - To know the Creator
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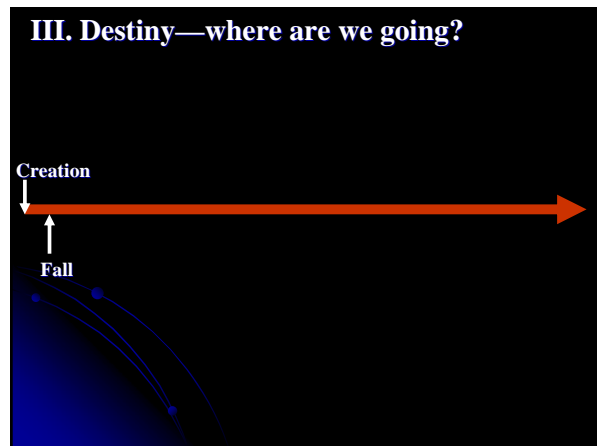
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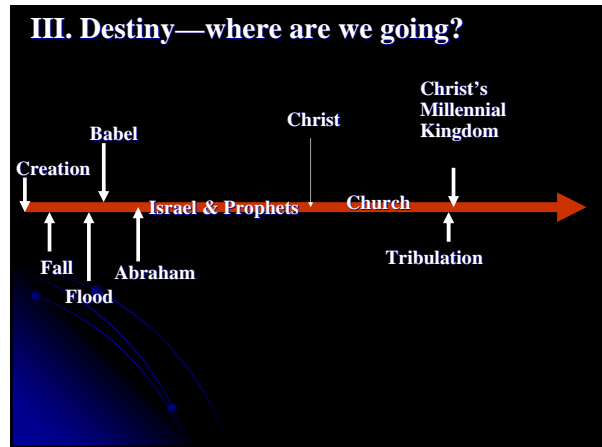
"I made the whole household of Israel and the whole household of Judah cling to Me," declares the LORD, 'that they might be for Me a people, for renown, for praise and for glory; but they did not listen.'"
Jeremiah 13:11

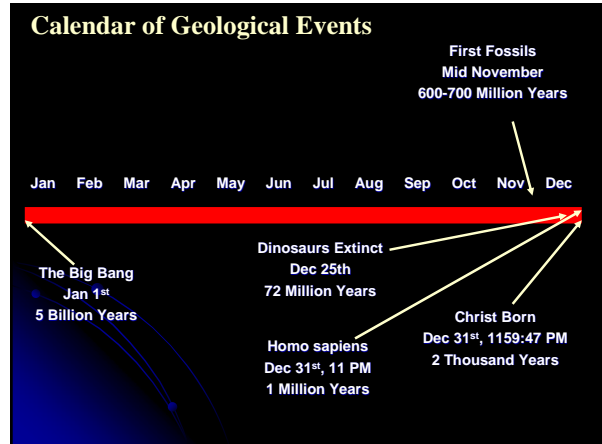
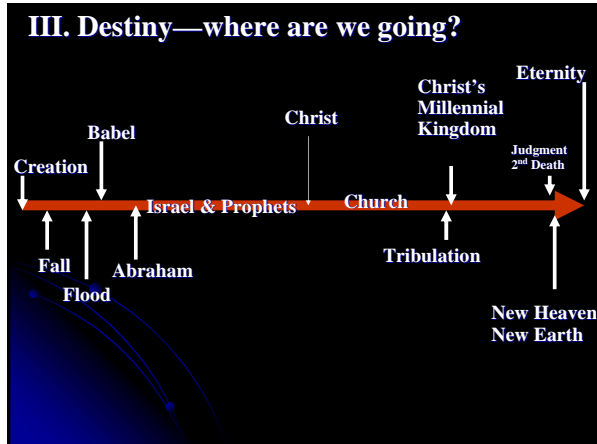
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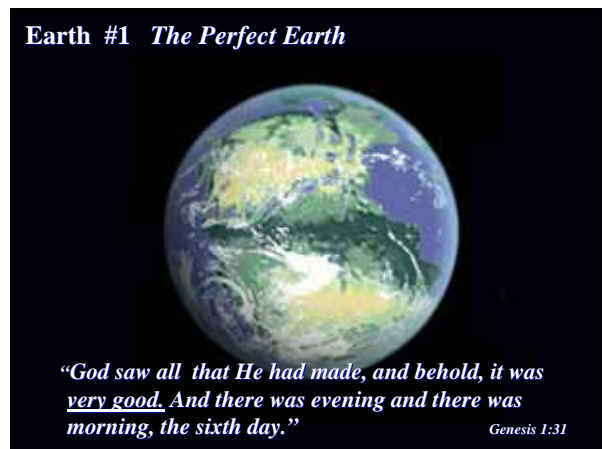
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"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation."

Acts 17:24-26

III. Destiny—where are we going?

A. Five Earth's of the Cosmos



Earth #1 *The Perfect Earth*



 *Untested holiness and fellowship*

Earth #2 *The Fallen Earth*



 *Creation is cursed*

Earth #3 *The Present Earth*



 *World of uniformitarianism*

Earth #3 *The Present Earth*



"The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant."

Genesis 9:2-3

Earth #3 *The Present Earth*



"He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters were standing above the mountains. At Your rebuke they fled, At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away. The mountains rose; the valleys sank down To the place which You established for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass over, So that they will not return to cover the earth."

Psalms 104:5-9

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"Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation. For when they maintain this..."

2 Peter 3:3-13

Earth #3 The Present Earth



NIV But they deliberately forget

KJV For this they willingly are ignorant of...

Earth #3 The Present Earth



“For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.”

2 Peter 3:3-13

Man is ignorant of two things:



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 *A Real Creation*

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 *A Real Creation*

 *A Real Worldwide Flood*

Earth #4 The Millennial Earth



Earth #4 *The Millennial Earth*



 *Presence of Christ, the absence of Satan*

Earth #4 *The Millennial Earth*



"No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be thought accursed. "They will build houses and inhabit them; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. "They will not build and another inhabit, They will not plant and another eat; For as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people, And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands.

Isaiah, 65:20

Earth #4 *The Millennial Earth*



"They will not labor in vain, Or bear children for calamity; For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants with them. "It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. "The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

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Earth #4 *The Millennial Earth*



"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea."

Habakkuk 2:14

Earth #4 *The Millennial Earth*



" But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

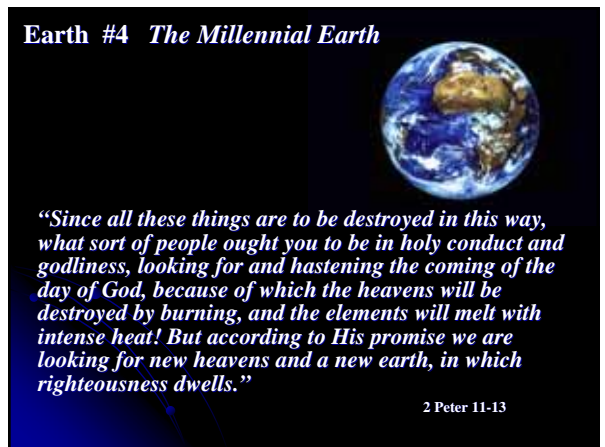
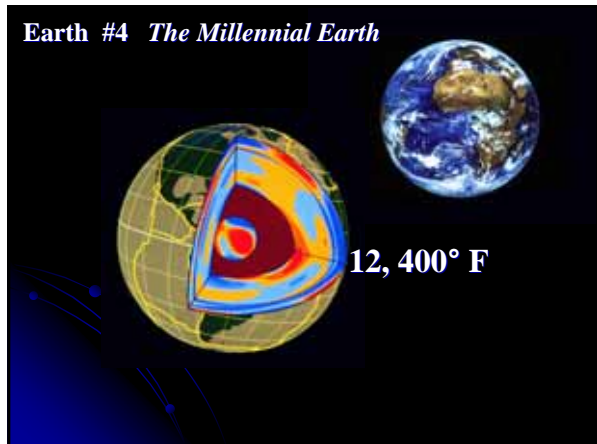
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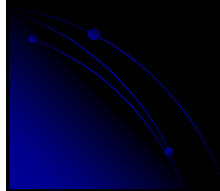
"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up."

2 Peter 3:7-10



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B. The Ultimate Destiny of Man



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"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Matthew 7:13

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The Everlasting Lake of Fire



III. Destiny—where are we going?

"And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Revelation 20:15

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**The New Heavens
The New Earth**



III. Destiny—where are we going?

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband."

Revelation 21:1-2

III. Destiny—where are we going?

"I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Revelation 21:22-27

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C. Application

"What sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God... Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction."

2 Peter 3:11-18

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"You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

2 Peter 3:11-18

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"The Scriptural proof for the doctrine of creation is not found in a single and limited portion of the Bible, but is found in every part of the Word of God. It does not consist of a few scattered passages of doubtful interpretation, but of a large number of clear and unequivocal statements, which speak of the creation of the world as a historical fact. God did not create first of all to receive glory, but to make His glory extant and manifest."

Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*

The Creation in Scripture

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:21 God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

Deuteronomy 4:32 "Indeed, ask now concerning the former days which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, a

Psalm 104:24-30 O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions. 25 There is the sea, great and broad, In which are swarms without number, Animals both small and great. Psalm 148:4-5 Praise Him, highest heavens, And the waters that are above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.

Isaiah 42:5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring,

Isaiah 45:8 Let the earth open up and salvation bear fruit, And righteousness spring up with it. I, the LORD, have created it.

Isaiah 45:12 "It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched out the heavens with My hands And I ordained all their host.

Matthew 19:4 "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

Mark 13:19 For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will.

1 Corinthians 11:9 For indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake.

Ephesians 3:9 To bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

Colossians 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

1 Timothy 2:13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.

Revelation 4:11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Revelation 10:5-6 Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT,

Isaiah 65:17-18 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. 18 "But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people for gladness.

Isaiah 45:7 The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.

Mark 10:6-8 "But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. 7 "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, 8 AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; so they are no longer two, but one flesh.

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Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

2 Peter 3:3-4 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth,

Psalms 95:3-5 For the LORD is a great God And a great King above all gods, 4 In whose hand are the depths of the earth, The peaks of the mountains are His also. 5 The sea is His, for it was He who made it, And His hands formed the dry land.

Psalms 121:2 My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 134:3 May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 136:5-7 To Him who made the heavens with skill, For His lovingkindness is everlasting; 6 To Him who spread out the earth above the waters, For His lovingkindness is everlasting; 7 To Him who made the great lights, For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

Psalms 146:5-6 How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, Whose hope is in the LORD his God, 6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;

Isaiah 45:12 "It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched out the heavens with My hands And I ordained all their host.

Isaiah 51:10 Who made the depths of the sea a pathway For the redeemed to cross over?

Jeremiah 10:12 It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.

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Amos 5:8 He who made the Pleiades and Orion And changes deep darkness into morning, Who also darkens day into night, Who calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the surface of the earth, The LORD is His name.

Jonah 1:9 "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD God of heaven who made the sea and the dry land."

Acts 4:24 "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

Acts 14:15 "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

Acts 17:24 The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

Revelation 14:7 "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

Job 35:10 "Where is God my Maker, Who gives songs in the night,

Psalms 95:6 Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

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Louis Berkhof, Systematic Theology

In Their Own Words

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All lies and jest, still a man he hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest ...

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Psalms 33:8-9

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