

How Majestic is Your Name

This is my story, this is my song

Psalm 8 – a song of creation

- A How majestic is Yahweh’s name!
- B Heavens, moon, stars are works of his fingers
- C Creation of mankind
- C` Dominion of creation given to mankind
- B` Beasts, birds, fish are works of his hands
- A` How majestic is Yahweh’s name

Who Made Us?

LORD and Lord

LORD is Hebrew shorthand for Yahweh, the covenant name of Israel’s God

Lord is Hebrew “Adonai” that means lord, master or God

Yahweh alone is God, our creator, worthy of praise

What about evolution?

Evolution as a macro-theory (a theory that completely explains the existence of life) is a direct attack on the existence of God, his majestic name, and his worthiness of praise

Francis Collins is a Christian, and the leading scientist at the Human Genome Project. He wrote a book titled The Language of God. He writes, “If I’m walking down the riverbank, and a man is drowning, even if I don’t know how to swim very well, I feel this urge that the right thing to do is to try to save that person. Evolution would tell me exactly the opposite: preserve your DNA. Who cares about the guy who’s drowning?”

How Did He Make Us?

Psalm 139

Fearfully and wonderfully made, knitted together, intricately woven, formed our inward parts

Notes on the brain, senses, cartilage, immune system, and birth

Unbelievers who reject God still use words like “miracle” and “design”

“Thinking is our most vital and miraculous talent, yet in a profound physiological sense we don’t really know what thinking is” and “Red blood cells are exquisitely designed to do one job: deliver oxygen.”

-Bill Bryson, author of “The Body: A Guide for Occupants”

“The origin of life appears...to be almost a miracle, so many are the conditions which would have had to be satisfied to get it going.” – Francis Crick

Why Did He Make Us?

Who is “us?”

There is only one race, the human race. This is not to deny the existence of racism, but to undermine its rationale. Notes on the three places in ESV that use race: Ezra 9:2, Rom. 9:5, 1 Peter 2:9

Instead, the Bible speaks of ethnicities corresponding to nations, which share language, culture, and geography. These “ethnos” are all human people, fundamentally the same and not different in kind from one another. God loves all the “ethnos” and desires their salvation, and will accept their gifts (Rev 21:26).

Why?

For dominion. God is spirit, and we are his physical image to rule in his stead on earth.

Questions for Personal Study

1. Why is it important to believe that the world was created by God?
2. What is most amazing to you about the human body?
3. Do you think it indicates anything that unbelievers use words like miracle and design? Why or why not?
4. In what area do you have control that allows you to exercise dominion as God’s image bearer?