

# THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S

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## *"The Loss of Truth"*

**Review – It is impossible to believe the theory of evolution and believe what the Scripture teaches about creation.**

- 1. Evolution goes against the obvious meaning of the text of Genesis 1-2.**
- 2. Evolutionary theory goes against the clear teaching of the Scriptures elsewhere.**

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**Why is evolution acceptable to men?**

**Evolution gives unbelieving men a justification for their unbelief.**

**If evolution is true, there is no ultimate accountability to God.**

**If evolution is true, then God cannot be sovereign.**

**If evolution is true, then there is no ultimate meaning or purpose for creation.**

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**The Bible's account of creation is essential for knowledge and certainty.**

The Bible teaches that not only did God bring everything into existence, but He also *keeps and sustains* what He has created in existence (Col. 1:16-17).

Nothing in this world (including man) is autonomous (Acts 17:27-28).

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Not only does God hold all things in existence but since He created the world, He alone knows the creation exhaustively and comprehensively.

And because of this, He alone knows the ultimate meaning and purpose all things. He is the "Alpha and Omega" – the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, the "Definer" of all that exists.

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**The fact that the world was created by His Word tells us not only the means by which creation took place but the fact that all creation is an expression of His wisdom (Prov. 8:22-31).**

**Psalm 104:24 "O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions").**

**And we know that His wisdom is "unsearchable": Isaiah 40:28 "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable."**

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**No man can understand the world rightly unless God reveals the truth about it. If the Creator has not spoken to us, we cannot know anything for certain. There can be no certain knowledge.**

**Knowledge of the world and all things (wisdom) can only come from God alone (Proverbs 2:6 "For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding").**

**We cannot have knowledge apart from Him (Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.")**

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**Man is dependent upon God for all knowledge and understanding.**

*This is so not merely because man is fallen and sinful by nature.*

*But it is true primarily because Man is a finite creature.*

Knowledge and understanding and wisdom are gifts of God, the Creator.

**He is the only One able to impart certain knowledge of the world and all things. (Prov. 2:6 "For Yahweh gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding").**

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**Unless man knows everything exhaustively, he cannot know anything with certainty. We do not know everything exhaustively, but we do know the One who knows everything exhaustively.**

**Cornelius Van Til:**

*For the Christian system, knowledge consists in understanding the relation of any fact to God as revealed in Scripture. I know a fact truly to the extent that I understand the exact relation such a fact sustains to the plan of God. It is the plan of God that gives any fact meaning . . . The whole meaning of any fact is exhausted by its position in and relation to the plan of God. This implies that every fact is related to every other fact.*

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**God's Word is the only "interpretive" Word we have. The Bible is the only infallible rule of faith and life. Scripture is absolutely necessary for right thinking.**

**All men must give up their pretended autonomy and think in terms of God's Word if they to understand reality.**

Van Til,

**"The autonomous man of [Immanuel] Kant says *I am* and allows nothing more ultimate than itself. The Christian says *I am* in terms of Christ and God as the great *I am*."**

***(The Case for Calvinism, p. 116)***

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If God did not create all things then He cannot speak infallibly and authoritatively. **His word is not "The Word" but becomes only one "word" among many.**

The Bible is trustworthy *because* it is the Word of the Creator of *all things*. If we reject God's Word, all we have are man's fallible opinions and conjectures which, at best, are only conjectures and guesses – not reliable, certain, truth.

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**All men must walk by faith – there is no other alternative. Everyone lives by believing in some standard of truth. Either they make their own opinions or feelings or experiences, the standard, or they take the opinions or feelings or experiences of others for their standard.**

**If you reject the Bible as God's truth, absolute true – there is no infallible standard by which we may judge truth and error.**

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**If the Bible is not received as the infallible Word of the Lord, Education is ultimately impossible. Education becomes mere indoctrination instead of the impartation of truth and wisdom.**

**If the Bible is not received as the infallible Word of the Lord, Science is ultimately impossible. If evolution is consistently believed, scientific experimentation would be impossible.**

Mathematics and physics are possible only because God created and sustains and upholds the world in a predictable and steady state.

Scientists have to assume that evolution is false and that the biblical account of creation is true in order to do their work.

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**Genesis 1 stands in forthright and unapologetic opposition to this view.**

- The world does not exist by chance.
- All things have come into being by the powerful, mighty purpose of the infinite, eternal, and all wise God.
- There is purpose and meaning in the universe and in man himself because all that exists is the fruit of the infinite wisdom and perfection of God Himself.
- Thus, God's purpose, God's meaning, is that which governs man and to which man will be held accountable.
- Cosmic personalism is inescapable because all things are created by God.

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**This means that all men must believe in Jesus and follow God's Word.**

- His word is truth and thus, the standard for good and evil.
- You cannot live contrary to His word and prosper. It is impossible.
- You will either live as God commands you, believing His word, and walking in His ways, or you will perish. There is no third alternative.

This is God's world. You live *because* He created you and moment by moment sustains you. That is an inescapable reality.

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**Proverbs 8:32-36** “Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways. <sup>33</sup> Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it. <sup>34</sup> Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. <sup>35</sup> For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the Lord; <sup>36</sup> But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death.”

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**Paul explains how this happened in Romans 1:**

**1. All men know the truth (Rom. 1:18-20)**

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse”

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**2. All men are without excuse for their refusal to acknowledge their Creator (Romans 1:21-22)**

“because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools”

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**3. Their folly is shown in that by refusing to worship the Creator, they end up worshiping the creation (Romans 1:23)**

**“and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.”)**

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**4. Thus, they bring down upon themselves the terrible judgment of God (Romans 1:24-25)**

**"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."**

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**5. They are given over to even deeper perversion.**  
(Romans 1:26-27)

“For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. <sup>27</sup> Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.”

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**6. Then they are given over completely to darkness and destruction (Romans 1:28-31)**

**“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; <sup>29</sup> being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, <sup>30</sup> backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful”**

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**7. Finally, they are left in the depths of their own darkness and folly, applauding those who do those things that are worthy of death (Romans 1:32)**

**“who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.”**

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