

# MANNACHURCH SERMON NOTES

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The God Question

October 15, 2023

## **"Creation and Evolution"**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good...Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them Genesis 1:1a, 31; 2:1                      verses                      "You are star stuff" Carl Sagan

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God chose to open the Scripture with creation, and the Bible is full of creation-related verses in the Old and New Testaments. The blanks below can be filled by finding the books, chapters, and verses that are cited:

What is the repeated phrase found in Genesis 1:1,8,13,19,23, and 31 for each day of creation?

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Genesis 2:22 (b) [God] \_\_\_\_\_

Job 40:15 Behold \_\_\_\_\_;

Acts 17:24 (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 17:26 (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 17:27 (a) \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Peter 3:5 \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Still the Bottom Line**

... what may be known about God is plain to (us) because God has made it plain to (us). 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 people are without excuse. **Romans 1:19-20**



**October 15th**

- **God Questions Series**

**November**

- **4<sup>th</sup> Grief Share Workshop**
- **19<sup>th</sup> Water Baptism.**
- **Thanksgiving Outreach**

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### **Reflect and Respond**

1. Reflect and discuss the repeating phrase in Genesis 1 (see the front page). Is there any comparable way to express the boundaries of each of the six marked days of creation?
2. Genesis 2 places us in the scene as God unfolds what He does. He creates Adam with perfect communication and thinking abilities, and has him name significant animal kinds. But, God says that Adam needed a helper. This leads to God's forming the first woman, and he personally brings her back to him. What does this say to you about God's intention and desire for people to know his love? What does it say about his design for marriage, in particular?
3. In Job 40 and 41, God challenges Job to respond to him and ends his discussion with a description of two creatures (one on the land and one in the sea). They are extinct today but were apparently known by Job. So, what do you think of God's argument, as he points to his creation before Job finally responds in Chapter 42?

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### **At Manna Church,**

We believe the books that form the canon of the Old and New Testaments as originally given are plenary inspired and free from all error in the whole and in the part. These books constitute the written word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

We believe God sovereignly created the world out of nothing so that His creation, while wholly dependent upon Him, neither comprises part of God nor conditions His essential perfection.

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### **A Prayer based on the subject of this presentation:**

Lord Jesus, the Creator and Sustainer of all things (Hebrews 1:1-3), show me more of yourself as I consider what you have made. Thank you for knowing me, even before I had been formed in the womb (Psalm 139:16). Help me, Lord, to walk with you and know your ways.