

Let There Be Life! Resurrection Sunday

Stand Read Genesis 2:1-7 Pray

Here in Genesis, we read that God was the One Who created life. For the entirety of the history of mankind the question has been * where and when did life start. Oh, they have the say of how the universe and matter formed. The Big Bang don't you know! * All the matter of the universe was compacted into a round ball * the size of a pea and then bang! * It shot out and made the universe. Boy they were so sure that the universe is expanding out that they just recently took a little square inch of empty space and enlarged it with the new James Webb telescope. * This was their chance to see the beginning of creation. It was their moment to show their theory was correct and you can just throw out those old dusty bibles. * Guess what they found? * Millions of more stars than they could imagine! *

The Bible has told us all along that...

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

Psalm 147:4-5

He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

They need their theory to hold up for their theory of the origin of life. Some theories are that there was a primordial soup * that was created over millions of years and then a storm came and lightning hits this soup and a single cell creature was created that would slowly evolve over millions and millions of years. *

Sometimes the same theory is used with a crashing asteroid * with a distant life form on it. Only problem is, we have no way to prove that. Or, one of the newest theories that people like famous atheist, * Rickard Dawkins has suggested, Aliens! * Yes, that's right folks, little green men traveled to our planet and seeded it with the first life form.

But God * is the author of life and there is plenty of evidence for that. For us, we just take Him at His word.

Genesis 2:4-7

This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, 5 before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; 6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

We know from science * what makes up the human body...

The human body is approximately 99% comprised of just six elements: Oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, carbon, calcium, and phosphorus. Another five elements make up about 0.85% of the remaining mass: sulfur, potassium, sodium, chlorine, and magnesium. All of these 11 elements are essential elements.

Wow what do you know! * The Bible lines up with science! *

Let's keep reading the * rest of the story and learn a little more...

Genesis 2:8-25

8 The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good. Bdelium and the onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the

man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

18 And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." 19 Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

23 And Adam said:

"This is now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman,
Because she was taken out of Man."

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

In verse 22 we read that God made Woman. The Hebrew word is “Banah” which is literally “To Build”. It used all throughout the Old Testament to build an altar, a city and the temple. We are also told in another scripture...

Psalm 139:13

For You formed my inward parts; You covered (Wove) me in my mother’s womb.

Is this true? *Can we find science to back this up? The answer is a resounding yes! In the documentary * “Unlocking the Mysteries of Life” and available on HisChannel is “Where does the evidence lead”. Both of these movies show us that life in the single cell is more complex than anyone thought. A matter of fact a secular scientist named, Michael Behe came up with a term “Irreducible Complexity”. In the study of a single cell bacteria, we find a machine. * That’s right, a machine! A motor of sorts as you can see here. * With a shaft, rotor, a u-joint, even a system of spark gap technology. But that’s not all. In order to create the parts for this we discover all the way cells reproduce. * It is through a DNA code that unravels and sends out an RNA that’s creates messenger RNA that give instruction to tiny robots that, guess what? Weave and build the new cell. Just as God has said it. Long before microbiology. Long before the New Atheists, God had it right all along. And why? Because He is the Author of life!

Now, you are probably saying * “What’s this got to do with the Easter story?” Hold tight we are getting there.

In verse 17 we read...

Genesis 2:17

...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

This is interesting as it * literally says “Dying, you shall surely die” as this will be two-fold, they will die spiritually immediately but the process of dying would begin. * Let’s read on...

Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise,

she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

13 And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,
You are cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.
15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

As we see, as * God is the origin of life, man has become the origin of death. This why the idea that God used evolution can't fit into the history of Man because if death came before sin then God becomes the author of death and sin is not that big a deal.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

Now we see the problem. We see it's our fault! One of the problems with evolutionary teaching is that the way these micro machines are coded. They should be able to replicate over and over forever. When we study the passing down of genes in generations, we see that mutations are passed down and we are actually devolving, which again, lines up with the Bible. This is why man has to attack the Bible. We will come up with any other

answer, so we are not accountable to God. The point is from this moment in history Mankind was doomed and in a hopeless state.

This is why God * said in Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.

This is the first mention of the gospel and mentions “Her Seed” which we know is Christ. * This brings us to the important thing Why He had to die and rise again.

1 Corinthians 15:12-18

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

There has to be an answer to the death question or what's the point? * Since sin brought death, if the sin problem is dealt with, that will answer the death problem.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

That's why we celebrate this day. That's why we say, * "He is Risen!" (You are supposed to respond, "He is Risen, indeed!") All other Religions can't answer the death question. If they have an afterlife it takes works to do to get there. They all come up short. * Only Jesus rose from the grave.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*We will all live forever by the way and only in one of two places.

Jesus said...

John 5:24-29

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. 25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Jesus conquered death for all, but the most important thing is He took care of the sin problem that caused the death problem to begin with. * Because the death problem is solved everyone will live again, but by that time you need to make sure you have the sin problem dealt with in your life.

Revelation 20:4-6

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who

had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second [d]death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

*Christ is risen and has dealt with the sin problem. It is up to you whether you will receive it or not. You need to decide soon as He has also dealt with the death problem, and you will live forever in one of the two places.

Jesus says to you today...

John 11:25-26

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

The empty tomb is all the proof you need. All He is asking is for you to believe. Will you?

Stand Pray Song