

*How does God execute His
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a creation*

"God our Creator"
Genesis 1:1

Q. How did God create the Universe?

A1. "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." Hebrews 11:3

God makes all things out of nothing. When a man "creates" something, or builds something, he makes it out of existing materials - wood, bricks, cement, steel, plastic, paper, etc... Yet, God speaks things into existence. He says, "'Let there be light'; and there was light." Genesis 1:3 "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." Psalm 33:6

A2. "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished." Genesis 1:31-2:1

God makes things as quickly or as slowly as He wishes! This statement goes in direct contradiction to the theory of Evolution, which sees the world (or Universe) as we know it now, as the result of a very slow and steady development. And as we look around us it may seem this theory is right. Trees and/or Mountains, etc... don't pop up in a day, but they take time to grow. I know myself that even sermons, typing them out, etc... take time! Yet, if we just look at the world, and we start figuring this way, we are making one BIG mistake!!! We are placing the limitations of man, and of nature, upon God. Jesus fed over 5,000 people with five barley loaves and two small fish, and He did not do this by dividing these small portions into EXTREMELY SMALL pieces, no what He did was He created more fish and bread, IMMEDIATELY, and out of nearly nothing! God does what He wants, and makes what He wants, as fast or slow as He wants! (2 Peter 3:8) (see also John 2:1-11)

A3. "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good." Genesis 1:31a

~~What God made includes Satan, snakes, sharks, and sinners!??~~

Seemingly, and truly, not good, but evil things. How can this be? Well, the answer is sin. Where did sin come from?
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Ideas:

God made Lucifer "son of the morning" Isaiah 14:12 Yet, Lucifer's pride made him Satan (The adversary)

God made man. But Adam's fall made man a sinner!

Q. How did God create man?

A1. "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;" Genesis 1:27a

Man is created in God's image, not physically, but spiritually & morally. God is a Spirit and does not have a body to copy man off. A consideration of Colossians 3:10 & Ephesians 4:24 seems to me to give an indication of how man may have been created in the image of God.

"And have put on the new man, that is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him;" Colossians 3:10

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:24

Genesis 1:28 also seems to indicate another way in which man was created in the image of God:

"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing which moves on the earth.'" Genesis 1:28

A2. "male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27b

Discussion Questions:

~~1. In what ways are God's creative abilities superior to man's?~~
(List)

2. What aspects of the creation argue for the truth of an Intelligent Creator? (List)

3. In what other ways, if any, do you see the image of God expressed in man? How has the image of God in man been distorted by sin?