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“The Great Importance of Genesis 1”

Genesis 1:1-31

I know of no passage of Scripture more important and at the same time ridiculed and hated by modern sinners than Genesis chapter 1. On a recent TV show in Britain the atheist spokesperson Richard Dawkins said, *“I’m very concerned about the religious indoctrination of children. I want to show how faith acts as a virus and attacks the young and infects generation after generation ...”*

We are rightly shocked today that homosexual marriages are legal and protected in some states. We dread the fact that the Bible and prayer are now gone from our public learning. If men like Richard Dawkins get their way, is it long before men make Christianity a crime, or count it a mental illness or virus?

I believe a right and confident understanding and proclamation of the truths of the Book of Genesis (especially about creation) would go a long way against Satan’s lies promoted by evolutionists like Dawkins.

I. What does Genesis 1 teach? (overview)

1. That God created the heavens and the earth – Genesis 1:1-2
2. That He made all things of nothing by His powerful Word – Genesis 1:3, 1:6; 1:9; 1:11; 1:14; 1:20; 1:24; 1:26; Hebrews 11:3
3. That He did all of this in six days – Genesis 1:31 & 2:1
4. That all He made was very good – Genesis 1:31
5. God created each living thing to reproduce according to its kind – Genesis 1:11-12; 1:21; & 1:24-25
6. That He created man in His own image, blessing him and giving him dominion over all His creation – Genesis 1:26-28

II. What makes Genesis 1 so important and controversial in our day?

1. The fact that He created us implies He has authority over us – Psalm 100:3
2. The fact that He created us implies He is due our worship and honor – Revelation 4:11
3. Sinful men do not want God’s authority over them – Romans 8:7; Psalm 2:1-3

III. The theory of evolution is one of sinful man’s many attempts to throw off the rule of God – (Evolution is not science) – Psalm 2:1-3; Romans 1:21-23; also 1:24-32

1. The Big Bang does not explain the origin of our universe
2. Missing links have never been found
3. Life has never been demonstrated to emerge from non-living matter
4. Dating of rocks does not prove or even show that the earth is millions or billions of years old
5. Many evolutionists (more honest ones) admit their theory is full of holes!
6. Evolutionists have no answer for the amazing beauty and complexity of life, which we find even in the smallest one celled organism!
7. Evolutionists have no explanation for the origin of DNA

Why do they stick to this theory, even tenaciously?

1. They want it, because it allows for abortion and so called “mercy killing” – big money makers for them! If God created us in His image than these are wrong, if we are not created in His image than we have no more intrinsic value than animals and ultimately we could be killed even for meat!
2. They want it, because it allows for homosexuality. The Bible says that God created us “male and female” and yet now we have people challenging even this seemingly obvious fact. In fact, we have people living in our country today who are fighting for what they call, “TransJustice” they want employment and tax forms to have more options than just male and female, and they want public bathrooms to acknowledge their unusual imagined new genders too!

In fact, a straying from Genesis means a straying from God and ultimately in that kind of world, ANYTHING GOES! Richard Dawkins in his arguments against Christianity pointed to the Old Testament and yelled, “Warning, warning!” How hypocritical! Look at *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* written by the atheist Friedrich Nietzsche, it inspired Hitler’s life work! Abortion in our country today is a product of atheist thinking!

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