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WHY CHAOS?

Reading the newspaper or listening to the news, it doesn't take long to discover chaos in the world today. Countries are in conflict, terrorist groups are actively causing destruction, crime is rampant. Now, thousands of people are at our borders, demanding entry.

Looking at the personal lives of people in the world today, it also often doesn't take long to discover chaos. Relationships are troubled, families are fractured, and communities are in tension.

PICTURE OF CATHY

I am not a scientist, but I am aware of a scientific theory called *chaos theory*. Simply, chaos theory looks at things which appear random but have an underlying pattern. In other words, there are reasons for the disorder. Something has caused the disorder. What is the reason for all the disorder in the world and in our lives?

In the beginning, before creation, there was chaos. Genesis 1 states, "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters."

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"Let there be light." God created this world good. Yes, it became fallen when humanity chose to go their own way rather than following God's order, but God intended life to be good and joyful. God created order in the chaos, but people chose disorder.

"Let there be light" God also said in sending Jesus to the world to save us from our sin, and to bring us back to intention for life. John 1 states, "What has come into being in [Jesus] was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness [has] not overcome it." Some responded to Jesus, and his call to

salvation and God's way of life, of order, but there are many today who have not.

Chaos theory fits right into this. It seems like the world and personal lives are just randomly chaotic, but there is a reason. That reason is sin, not following God's way of life, which leads to disorder, and then not accepting God's way of life offered again in Jesus.

Are you interested in finding out about God's intended order for the world and for your life? Then read your Bible and attend a church which reads it.