

NOT BY CHANCE

Revelation 4:11

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INTRODUCTION

- A. We have been looking at one of the oldest Christian Creeds, "The Apostle's Creed".
 - 1. Creed in Latin means "I believe."
 - 2. It was not written by the Apostles, because its earliest date is the middle of the second century.
 - 3. It is Trinitarian in composition.
 - 4. It's not a comprehensive treatment of Christian doctrine, but its a good summary, nevertheless.
 - 5. Let's read it together now.
- B. The next statement in the Creed says, "I believe in God....Maker of heaven and earth."
 - 1. This declaration relates to what has been called "World View".
 - 2. It comes from the German word, "Weltanschauung".
 - 3. The dictionary defines it as, "The overall perspective from which one sees and interprets the world".
 - 4. There are essentially only two possible world views today.
 - a. One is a "Natural" or Secular World View, without the presence or belief in God.
 - b. The other is a "Supernatural" or Christian World View, built on the belief in God's existence.
 - 5. What's the difference between these two World Views?

I. A NATURAL WORLD VIEW LEAVES GOD OUT OF IT.

- A. A Natural or Secular World View either doesn't believe God exists or if he does, he doesn't matter.
 - 1. The former are obviously "atheists."
 - 2. The latter are "deists". Albert Einstein was a deist. He believed God created the universe but is totally uninvolved in it now.
 - 3. Evolution is a bedrock belief of this world view.
- B. There are Christians today who try to combine evolution and their belief in God (called "Theistic Evolution"), but this is still unacceptable to the Secular World View.
 - 1. Because Secular World Views by definition either do not believe in God or do not think he matters if he does exist.
 - 2. Although we may disagree with Christians who hold to "theistic evolution", we should do so in a Christian manner.

II. A SUPERNATURAL WORLD VIEW INCLUDES GOD IN IT.

- A. This World View is obviously the one supported by Scripture--Genesis 1:1 & Hebrews 11:3.
- B. Although the Bible does not give us details of how God created the universe, it does offer certain clues.
 - 1. Eight times in Genesis 1, the following phrase is repeated as a reminder of God's creative involvement in Creation--"And God said".
 - 2. The Bible strongly testifies to God's creative involvement throughout its pages.
Psalms 33:6; Psalms 33:9; Psalms 148:5; 2 Peter 3:5
- C. Revelation 4:11 is still another important passage dealing with God's creative activity.
 - 1. In Revelation 4, we see the 24 Elders worship God because he is our creator.
 - 2. In Revelation 5, we see these same 24 Elders worship Jesus because he is our redeemer.
 - 3. Both truths are mutually dependent. If we lose or deny one, we lose or deny the other. In other words, if God is not our creator then Jesus is not our redeemer either.
 - 4. We must start our Christian World View with God. This is why the "Apostle's Creed" also begins with God as the creator of heaven and earth. All other theology and truth hangs on this first truth.

CONCLUSION

- A. Which is your World View? Its an important question because it determines how you see and interpret the rest of the world.
 - 1. The Secular World View sees God no where.
 - 2. The Christian World View sees God everywhere. He is not only our creator, but our redeemer as well.
- B. I Believe.....Maker of Heaven and Earth.