

## E2E: Pt. 6a—Creation

### Genesis 1:2

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1. Because God created you, the Creator has the right to declare who you are. It's common to forget our identity in Christ – You are who God declares you to be. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
2. God is self-existent. He did not derive His being from outside Himself & doesn't need fellowship. That same God wanted you. You are not an accident, and He wants good for you. (Psalm 90:2)
3. Either we evolved out of a primordial soup, or you have a loving God who created you in His image and pursues you. The issue is not just biological, it's spiritual & moral.
4. If God is not sovereign over all of creation, then He is not God. If there is no God, chance rules.
5. The record of your origin in Genesis does not serve to validate God. Genesis is His express desire to communicate & preserve our perspective of who we are. (2 Timothy 4:3-4, John 1:3, Isaiah 45:18)
6. Genesis is a declaration; 'I belong to God.'
7. Somewhere before the shaping of the created order on earth, there is rebellion in Heaven. Sin is older than the garden, & originated with Lucifer, not on earth. (Luke 10:18, Genesis 1:1-2)
8. When Adam & Eve yielded to temptation, they can not know that in their sin the whole human race will perish. But it is also their sin that brought about the wonder of God's salvation. (Romans 5:12)
9. The Creator of all, who dwells in unapproachable light continually wants good for you. He willingly surrendered His throne of glory because of His massive love for you. (Colossians 1:13)

# HEBREW WORDS

**Tohuw** (to'-hoo) to lie waste; a desolation, a worthless thing:- confusion, empty place, without form, (thing of) waste

**Bohuw** (bo'-hoo) to be empty; a vacuity, undistinguishable ruin :- void

**Hōshek** (kho-shek') (literal) *darkness*; figurative *misery, destruction*

## QUOTES

"There is no doubt that the biblical vision of man as God's creature whom He made in His own image has had the most powerful effect on human dignity, on liberty, on the expansion of the rights of the individual, on political systems, on the development of medicine, on every other area of culture..." ~**Dr. Douglas F. Kelley**

"How different from the humanistic viewpoint of man as merely an evolved creature, not made in God's image, because there is no God. Such a premise has enabled the Marxist totalitarian states conveniently to liquidate millions of their citizens because of the assumption that there is no transcendent person in whose image those citizens are created, no being to give those citizens a dignity and a right to exist beyond what the state determines." ~**Dr. Douglas F. Kelley**

"...according to Darwin, [we are] the product of blind chance and a blind struggle, and man a lonely intelligent mutation, scrambling with the brutes for his sustenance..." –"It was as if an umbilical cord had been cut and men found themselves part of a cold passionless universe. He is a lonely intelligent mutation produced out of chance."  
~ **J.W. Burrow - Introduction to The Origin of Species – 1966**

"Long before having arrived at this part of my work, a crowd of difficulties will have occurred to the reader. Some of them are so grave that to this day I can never reflect on them without being staggered, such simple instincts as bees making a beehive could be sufficient to overthrow my whole theory. And to suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could evolve by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree." ~**Charles Darwin – 1858**

"As God's image bearers, there's no need to have an identity crisis. Feelings of insignificance or superiority melt away in the light of God's image. Earthly achievements and human accomplishments do not determine the worth of ourselves and others. Our value and worth is based on the glorious privilege God gave us as earthly ambassadors of His image."  
~**Pastor Rich Bruce**

"In a realm beyond our grasp, a glorious creature chose to take a cosmic gamble that would backfire."  
~**Dr. Irwin Lutzer- Serpent of Paradise**

## RECOMMENDED READING

**The Case for a Creator** – Lee Strobel

**The Book of Genesis** – Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum

**Is Atheism Dead** – Eric Metaxas

**Signature in the Cell** – Dr. Stephen Meyer

**Winning the War in Your Mind** - Craig Groeschel

**Commentary on the Book of Genesis** - Umberto Cassuto

**Darwin's Black Box** – Dr. Michael J. Behe