

Creation Old and New

Commentary for December 1, 2010 – Ongoing Creation

This month's article by Dr. Ernest L. Martin is titled "The Story of Creation" which presents his unique theory of creation as described in Genesis chapter 1. As always, read first the "[December 2010 Newsletter](#)" which has introductory information about this month's subject matter. Dr. Martin's theory is truly unique. It has not been put forth anywhere else. After his article I analyze his theory of creation, comparing it to other theories.

By reviewing various biblical theories of creation put forth by those that love the Holy Scriptures, we can analyze and check to see if they honestly relate all biblical accounts of creation. There are several accounts and they are consistent with one another. Dr. Martin put forth his idea in 1988 in his "Story of Creation," with the understanding of his earlier "[Temple Symbolism in Genesis](#)" which deals primarily with Adam and Eve in Eden.

Dr. Martin once said to me that God is in the creation business and He will not fail to accomplish what He has begun. That was a true statement. It is true in your life as a believer in Christ's resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1-8), and it will be true for all of creation through to the consummation of the eons (1 Corinthians 15:23-28). We know what God's will is regarding mankind (1 Timothy 2:4), and we know that He shall do all **"according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will"** (Ephesians 1:11).

God's Ongoing Creation

Dr. Martin's provocative article "[Creation of Life in Contemporary Times](#)" discusses physical creation going on in the past, the recent past, and even at the present time. In fact, I want to remind you of another dimension of contemporary creation: you are an ongoing "new" creation of God. Consider these statements of the apostle Paul:

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross [*stauros*, stake] of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature [Greek, 'creation']."

• **Galatians 6:14-15**

Physical things avail nothing, but a new creature, a new creation from Christ avails everything, even that we, like Paul, may glory in Christ's crucifixion. As I have written before Christ's act was for you personally. All creation was for you personally, in a sense, and you are the object of creation. You were created to be crucified with Christ. As Paul says above, **"the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."** Because you are now a new creation, as a child of God you should — indeed you are expected to — act accordingly with righteousness appropriate to your current status. Read the rest of Galatians chapter 6.

"Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more."

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [Greek, 'creation']: **old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God** [this includes spiritual as well as physical creation], **who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ."**

• **2 Corinthians 5:16–18**

Again Paul expresses that we are a new creation because of what Jesus Christ has done for us. So too, Paul deals with this subject in Colossians:

"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."

• **Colossians 3:10**

Paul is referring to you, that you should live and be **"renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."** The first **"Him"** is God, the second **"him"** is you and me, the new creation. We are being created in the image of God through Christ, which was God's original intent in Genesis 1:26. In Ephesians the apostle Paul again presents the same theme:

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

• **Ephesians 4:23–24**

The eons were created by the Son, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:2, where "worlds" in Greek is properly translated *eons*, which deals with time). The eons have a purpose. It was the apostle Paul's mission to teach the world the purpose of God through the eons and His creation:

"To me, less than the least of all saints, was granted this grace: to bring the evangel of the untraceable riches of Christ to the nations, and to enlighten all as to what is the administration of the secret, which has been concealed from the eons in God, Who creates all, that now may be made known to the sovereignties and the authorities among the celestials, through the ecclesia, the multifarious wisdom of God, in accord with the purpose of the eons, which He makes in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

• **Ephesians 3:8–11, Concordant Version**

Again, everything is done and will be done by God according to **"the purpose of the eons"** which were made by God the Father through His Son (Hebrews 1:2), and are being made **"in Christ Jesus"** (Ephesians 3:11). That creation is ongoing within you, with each breath you take and with each heartbeat you have.

Consider these things as you read Dr. Martin's article and my analysis of his and other theories of physical creation. You are part of the ongoing creation of God that began in Genesis and continues through the events of the Book of Revelation until:

"... all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

• **1 Corinthians 15:28**

God's purpose of the eons, God's purpose of all His creations will be fulfilled.

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