

JESUS CHRIST: PRE-EMINENT IN CREATION (Part 2)

Life by Choice: A Spiritual Philosophy (Christian Theology of Creation)

- Science is not the only paradigm for truth/reality
 - ...materialism: the first word is chance and the last word is death
 - ...Christianity: the first word is choice and the last word is eternal life

The Bible Gives Us a Poetic and Powerful Story of the Mystery of Creation - Gen 1-3

- AN UNCREATED CREATOR IS THE SOURCE OF ALL CREATION - Is 44:24; Rev 4:11; Gen 1:1
 - ...The ultimate fact of the universe is a Personal Creator
 - ...He created all that is out of nothing - Jo 1:3; Co 1:16-17
 - ...He created all things by His word - Jo 1:1-3; Gen 1
- THERE IS CATEGORICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF GOD IN CREATION - Gen 1
 - ...He created self-propagating "kinds" in a systematic fashion - Gen 1:12,21,24; 5:3
 - ...There is nothing random about it; no room for chance in it anywhere
 - ...There is some room for freedom within limits as to "how" and "when"
- ADAM AND EVE ARE HELD TO BE HISTORICAL INDIVIDUALS - Gen 1:27; 2:21-22; Matt 19:4
 - ...Humans are beings made in "the image of God" - Gen 1:26-27
 - ...Endowed with spiritual, soulish, and physical capacities - I Thess 5:23
 - ...Their actual disobedience brought corruption and death to earth - Gen 2:17; 3:14-19; Ro 8:20-23
- AN ABSOLUTE CREATOR IS THE STANDARD FOR ABSOLUTE TRUTH/MORALITY
 - Ex 20:1-20; Jo 14:6; Col 3:17
 - ...The Nature of God is our standard for all valuation - Jo 14:6
 - ...There is a moral foundation and order, therefore, to creation - Ro 1:20-32
 - ...Science may be "progressive and self correcting", truth is not - Heb 13:8; Mal 3:6
- THERE IS IMMEDIATE PURPOSE AND ULTIMATE MEANING TO ALL OF LIFE
 - Eph 1:3-6; 3:8-12; Is 43:7; 45:18
 - ...Meaning is prior to matter - Gen 1:1
 - ...A Personal God with a personal plan to create beings in His image and to share His Personal Life with them for eternity - Jo 3:16; II Pet 3:9; Jo 10:10

We Are Created By Choice with a Choice

- Created to receive, contain, and express the Life of our Creator - Jo 1:12
- We are invited to kneel before our Maker (Ps 95:6)
 - ...and confess Him as our Creator and Re-Creator - II Co 5:17