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SESSION 1: GOD THE ELECTRICIAN: LET THERE BE LIGHT!

WHAT WAS THE FIRST DAY OF CREATION...AND DOES IT MATTER?

- In almost every list of the days of creation it is said that God created *light* on the first day.
- When we look closely, a *normal reading* of the text shows that God created **the heaven and the earth** (v. 1) and then created **light** (v. 3). After this **God divided the light from the darkness** (v. 4). Only then did **the evening and the morning** (v. 5) become **the first day** (v. 5).
- Let's take a closer look at *what* God created:
 - The phrase **the heaven and the earth** (v. 1) is a summary term, for neither of these appear in any recognizable form on day one.
 - As seen in verse 2, the term **earth** is used because there is no better word to use. That which is **without form, and void** (v. 2) is not earth as we know it.
 - After the formation of **the heaven and the earth** (v. 1) God then gave the first *verbal* creation command, saying, **Let there be light** (v. 3).
 - Finally, **God divided the light from the darkness** (v. 4), thus enabling a mechanism by which to measure time.
- To build a Biblical worldview includes building a scientific understanding of the physical world in which we live. Therefore, knowing *what* God created first is important to knowing *how* our universe works.
 - If the world is held together by *natural laws*, then those laws must be evident from the foundations of the created order.
 - Since the world *is* held together by natural laws, then God's choice of the order of creation matters immensely.

THE FIRST DAY OF CREATION: GOD CREATES MATTER, AND ENERGIZED IT

- Let's begin with the assumption that **the heaven and the earth** (v. 1) is a summary statement meaning that, at the very beginning, God created *the elements*.
 - An element, according to the dictionary, is "One of the simple substances of which all material bodies are compounded."¹
 - There are currently 118 elements known and listed on a *Periodic Table of Elements*.
 - The very nature of an element is what we now know as the *atom* (albeit misnamed², as time has proven).
- The problem with this hypothesis is that atoms require three ingredients: *neutrons, protons, and electrons*. And protons and electrons must have *an electrical charge* to hold them together.
- God certainly could have "glued" matter together in many ways, but science has shown that atoms are glued together with corresponding protons and electrons, which make an electro-magnet.
- Does Genesis 1:1-5 explain how this *energy* was initially brought to life within the elements?

¹ "element, n." *OED Online*. Oxford University Press, September 2022. Web. 21 September 2022.

² The word *atom* is Greek for "indivisible."

- Certainly, God fashioned the atoms to be perfectly suited for sustaining life. This would include the balance of electrons and protons, along with the neutrons, each with their unique role. Does the text give clues to *how* God *energized* the protons and electrons?
- Why are we told that **the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters** (v. 2)?
 - The Hebrew translated word **moved** (#H7363) is rarely used, found only in Genesis 1:2, Deuteronomy 23:9, and Jeremiah 32:11. It is translated **moved**, **shake**, and **fluttered**, respectively.
 - It is a different word than found in Genesis 7:21, and many other passages.
 - Why is the **Spirit of God** moving/shaking/fluttering over this new “primordial soup?”
- After this *moving*, God next says **Let there be light** (v. 3).
 - Scientists still today have difficulty explaining light, in its various waves and properties (photons, etc.), but all would agree that *light is fundamental to sustaining life*.
- Let’s try this hypothesis:
 - God first created elements. Without a positive and negative electrical charge, those elements would have quickly disintegrated.
 - To overcome this quick disintegration, God’s Spirit **moved** (v. 2) over these **formless and void** (v. 2) elements. This movement of God (who is, among other things, the source of all energy) *created the positive and electrical charge which would hold all things together*.
 - God then created *light* which became the continual source of charge on matter. Therefore, the **the Spirit of God moved** (v. 2, note the past tense) but after this point the newly created *light* was used to energize atoms.
 - After this, all matter was held together by the balance of “push and pull” created by positive and negative elements within the atom.
- Next, **God divided the light from the darkness** (v. 4). There is no evidence of any *form* to creation at this point. Therefore, the darkness cannot be attributed to shadow.
 - We know this to be true because what we call “outer space” is dark, but not due to a shadow.
 - Could it be that when God *energized* creation, first by *moving* and then by *light*, that this caused an electro-magnetism that “clumped” the elements together. After this, matter (whether gas, liquid, or solid) was separated from *matterless space*. The *matter* reflected *light*, but the *space* did not, and thus there was a separation of **the light from the darkness** (v. 4) beginning on day one.

THIS MEANS THAT THERE IS A GOD-CREATED ENERGY ALL AROUND US, AND WE HAVE DOMINION

- In Genesis 1:26, the earth was given to man, giving him **dominion...over all the earth**.
- What we have been given is an earth that, at its very nature, is an endless supply of *energy* for all that man desires to do.

- As long as *matter* exists, mankind will have *all the energy they desire, with a multitude of means to harness that energy.*

WHAT IS ELECTRICITY?

- To this point we have discussed the “energy” inherent in creation. Now we should define the *energy as electricity...sort of!*
- Let’s define electricity as *the movement of electrons of an atom.* This movement is normally channeled for certain purposes, like light, heat, or creating electromagnetism to turn a motor.
- How fundamental is electricity to the world God created? *Every atom in the universe has electrons and protons, thus every atom in the universe is capable of performing some “electric” function.*

WHY STUDY ATOMS?

- If we understand *the power of atoms* we can begin to understand God.
- Romans 1:20 tells us that *we see the invisible things of God when we understand the things that are made.*
- Digging into the things that are made we see one thing is striking: **POWER.**
- What kind of power of God does the created order reveal? **Eternal power.**
- How can God’s **eternal power** be seen in **the things that are made** unless these things somehow display an *eternal power*?

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