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The Doctrine of God

The Work of God

God created.

1. God created the _____.

Genesis 1:1 (AMP)

¹ IN THE beginning God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth.

Psalms 33:6 (NASB)

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

Nehemiah 9:6 (NASB)

⁶ "You alone are the LORD. You have made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them and the heavenly host bows down before You.

Psalms 148:1-6 (NASB)

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

² Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

³ Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light!

⁴ Praise Him, highest heavens, and the waters that are above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

⁶ He has also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree which will not pass away.

Acts 4:24 (NASB)

²⁴ And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

2. God is a God of detail when it comes to His _____.

Isaiah 40:12 – God has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and marked off the heavens by the span, and calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, and weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills in a pair of scales?

Isaiah 40:26 - Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.

Job 38:1-37

"Where were you when I (God) laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, Who (God) set its measurements? Since you know. Or who (God) stretched the line on it? "On what were its bases sunk? Or who (God) laid its cornerstone... "Have you ever in your life (God has) commanded the morning, and caused the dawn to know its place, "Have you (God) entered into the springs of the sea and walked in the recesses of the deep?..... "Have you (God has) entered the storehouses of the snow, or have you (God has) seen the storehouses of the hail . . . ?"

Matthew 10:30 (NASB)

³⁰ "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

3. God started _____ at creation.

Exodus 20:11 (NASB)

¹¹ "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath Day and made it holy.

Wayne Grudem

When God created the universe, he also created time. When God began to create the universe time began and there began to be a succession of moments and events one after another.

Job 36:26 (NASB)

²⁶ "Behold, God is exalted, and we do not know *Him*; the number of His years is unsearchable.

4. God created _____ out of something that had already been created.

Genesis 2:7 (NASB)

⁷ Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Thomas Watson

Did God make our bodies out of the dust, and that dust out of nothing? Let this keep down pride as God humbled Adam when he used the expression after he sinned, "out of the dust was thou taken (Gen. 3:19)."

Genesis 2:23 (NASB)

²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Ecclesiastes 7:29 (NASB)

²⁹ "Behold, I have found only this, that God made men upright."

God sustains the world.

1. God keeps _____ that has been created

_____.

Hebrews 1:3 (NASB)

....God upholds all things by the word of His power.

Colossians 1:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Job 34:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴ If he should set his heart to it and gather to himself his spirit and his breath,

¹⁵ all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.

Job 39:1-27 – ("Do you know) God knows the time the mountain goats give birth? (Do you observe) God observes the calving of the deer? (Can you count) God counts the months they fulfill, (Or do you know) God knows the time they give birth? "(Who sent) God sent out the wild donkey free? (And who) God loosed the bonds of the swift donkey, ("Will) the wild ox consent to serve God (you), (Can you) God bind the wild ox in a furrow with ropes, (or will) he harrow the valleys after you? Will you trust him because his strength is great and leave your labor to him. (Do you) God give the horse *his* might? (Do you) God clothe his neck with a mane? (Do you) God make him leap like the locust? "Is it by (your) God's understanding that the hawk soars, stretching his wings toward the south? (Is it at your) It is at God's command that the eagle mounts up and makes his nest on high?

Job 26:8 - "God wraps up the waters in His clouds, and the cloud does not burst under them.

Psalms 104:5 – He established the earth upon its foundations, so that it will not totter forever and ever.

2. God keeps everything that He has created, _____.

Job 37:6-13 (NASB)

⁶ "For to the snow He says, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the downpour and the rain, 'Be strong.'

⁷ "He seals the hand of every man, that all men may know His work.

⁸ "Then the beast goes into its lair and remains in its den.

⁹ "Out of the south comes the storm, and out of the north the cold.

¹⁰ "From the breath of God ice is made, and the expanse of the waters is frozen.

¹¹ "Also with moisture He loads the thick cloud; He disperses the cloud of His lightning.

¹² "It changes direction, turning around by His guidance, that it may do whatever He commands it on the face of the inhabited earth.

¹³ "Whether for correction, or for His world, or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen."

Job 9:5-10 -

"It is God who removes the mountains....

Who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble;

Who commands the sun not to shine, and sets a seal upon the stars;

Who alone stretches out the heavens and tramples down the waves of the sea;

Who does great things, unfathomable, And wondrous works without number.

Psalm 89:9 (NASB)

⁹ You rule the swelling of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

Psalm 135:7 (NASB)

⁷ He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; Who makes lightnings for the rain, Who brings forth the wind from His treasures.

3. God keeps the animals _____.

Job 38:41 (NASB)

⁴¹ "Who prepares for the raven its nourishment When its young cry to God And wander about without food?"

Psalm 104:14, 18, 21 (NASB)

¹⁴ He causes the grass to grow for the cattle... ¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats; The cliffs are a refuge for the shepherds.

²¹ The young lions roar after their prey And seek their food from God.

Psalm 104:10-13 (NASB)

¹⁰ He sends forth springs in the valleys; They flow between the mountains;

¹¹ They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹² Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; They lift up *their* voices among the branches.

¹³ He waters the mountains from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works.

Matthew 6:26 (NASB)

²⁶ "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Wayne Grudem

For any of these foregoing events (rain and snow, grass growing, sun and stars, the feeding of animals, or casting of lots), we could (at least in theory) give a completely satisfactory “natural” explanation.

A botanist can detail the factors that cause grass to grow, such as sun, moisture, temperature, nutrients in the soil, etc. Yet Scripture says that *God* causes the grass to grow.

A meteorologist can give a complete explanation of factors that cause rain (humidity, temperature, atmospheric pressure, etc.), and can even produce rain in a weather laboratory. Yet Scripture says that *God* causes the rain.

A physicist with accurate information on the force and direction a pair of dice was rolled could fully explain what caused the dice to give the result they did—yet Scripture says that *God* brings about the decision of the lot that is cast.

This shows us that it is incorrect for us to reason that if we know the “natural” cause of something in this world, then God did not cause it. Rather, if it rains we should thank Him. If crops grow we should thank Him.

Is God a God of detail?

Did God create the world so it will function without him?

Does every animal need to be taken care of if it is going to survive?

Is God bringing management the world?

Do my decisions determine my end result?