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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" Psalm 118:8

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## Is Creation Relevant? - Part III

### The Importance of True Creationism to Individuals

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**Part I**, May-June, 2004, we gave a summary of the Biblical evidence that young-earth creationism is central to the entire Bible, thus central to Christianity. There may be some "Old-earth Christians" but there is no such thing as "Old-earth Christianity!" Nor is there any validity to the claim, in whatever form, that creation is not important to the Gospel.

**Part II**, July-August, 2004 discussed the importance to nations of True Creationism which honors the True Creator by being justified by his Messiah and sanctified by His Word. Justification and/or sanctification by the opinions or traditions of men inevitably results in national incompetence and barbarianism.

**Part III, The importance of true creationism to individuals** is based on concepts from the two previous parts. In fact, the division of the "Relevance" discussion into parts (Church, Nations, Individuals), like other classification systems is arbitrary and not, in many cases, connected with any true partition. Virtually everything in Parts I & II relating to the Church and nations has direct application to individuals. For example, the Church is to be salt and light, but individuals, not organizations, are the church. As compromise with opinion or tradition causes the Church (collective believers) to lose its ability to confront the world with Scriptural truth, so it is with individuals. The lost cannot be sanctified by human opinions.

Likewise, in this part, as we focus on the importance of True Creationism to individuals, the topics will apply to the Church and to nations as well. Even if you have read Parts I & II, I suggest reviewing them, especially the two illustrations in Part II.

We discussed the **Four Basic Questions in Life**:

- ◆ Where did I come from? (Origins)
- ◆ Why am I here? (Meaning and Purpose)
- ◆ Where am I going? (Destiny)
- ◆ How shall I conduct myself along the way? (Ethics, Morals)

We showed that the Christian answer is based on **Creation** by an intelligent living being who, like all creators we have studied, created with **purpose**. In the case of living things, since Man has never been able to cause life, then any **destiny** for man will be totally dependent on any purposes and plans for man held by whatever caused Man to exist. We can know that Man was created for the same reason we know that automobiles were created. Simply stated, we have seen the origin of billions of complex systems, every single one of them as complex as even a pocket comb required creation. Only someone competent to create life is competent to restore it after death. Therefore, Man's destiny is entirely in the hands of the creator of Man. Further, the creator's purpose for Man can be the only valid basis for right and wrong **conduct**. Therefore, if one exists, a "Manufacturers Handbook", or the manufacturer himself, can be the only possible sources for determining right conduct.



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Throughout history, virtually everyone **knew** that anything created belonged to its creator, not to just anyone who decided they wanted or needed it. The God of revelation makes clear He believes that as well:

*"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Psalms 24:1 KJV)*

*"Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is." (Deuteronomy 10:14 KJV)*

*"Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding? " (Isaiah 29:16 KJV)*

Furthermore, God plainly acknowledges the same property rights for humans that he claims for himself, with the caveat that, ultimately, He owns everything. The basis for God's Law acknowledges this, **"Thou shall not steal."** (Exodus 20:15 KJV)

Even after the Law was fulfilled by Jesus, the right of a creator to control his creation is firmly established, "Be not deceived: neither... thieves, nor covetous... nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 6:9,10 KJV) (Some omitted, because we are focusing here on property). If there were no property, then there could be no theft, coveting or extortion.

The rise of communism/socialism has made popular an old notion that everything belongs equally to all people. Communists claim to believe there is no God. To illustrate consummate inconsistency, even communists admit to property rights, else they would not have so many thieves in prison.

Also, every evolutionist book acknowledges something like, "*If there is no manufacturer of the Cosmos, then there is no owner, so there exists no basis for rules of human conduct. There is no right or wrong!*" Among all their nonsense, they are right about this! The owner's purpose of a thing is the only valid basis for determining the correct use of it. If random processes produced everything, then there can be no owner, or purpose, for the contents of the Cosmos since, by definition, random processes do not have purpose.

Therefore there is no basis for the communist view of property, or any other view about ethics or morality coming from communists, all are only opinion, nor is there a valid basis for sorting them by quality. But this fact applies equally to all atheists. When an atheist announces that "creationism is not only wrong, but probably evil;" "a woman should control her own body;" "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need;" he is blowing smoke. He has absolutely no basis for his view of "evil" or what humans ought to do. Everyone, who has thought about it, understands this about atheists (and communists, since they are atheists). What few fail to see is that it applies equally to deists, Buddhists, "liberal Christians," Muslims and many others. All these groups say, in essence, that the Scripture is either fairy tales, has been improved by a perverted prophet, merely contains some truth, or is one source of truth, not The Truth. This leaves them with no basis for truth. Their view on any subject is based solely on their own, or someone else's opinion. Consider two legislators who do not base their views on the Cause of human beings, and His purposes. When arguing over proposed laws to govern what people ought to do, their discourse is well described by Shakespeare, "Tis a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Humanists affirm the absence of right and wrong in their manifesto, saying "ethics are relative and situational" which really means right and wrong don't exist. But, illogically, they will then say Christianity is wrong because it is "exclusionary" or "intolerant." They think it is immoral to prevent a woman from killing her baby or to tell homosexuals that God doesn't approve of their activities. On what basis do they know these things? Unbelievers routinely declare there is no absolute right or wrong, then tell you that there should be a law against "hate speech," or that capital punishment for murder is wrong.

Again, consider two legislators debating whether there should be laws against spanking children or teaching them that one "lifestyle" is better than another. One of them will inevitably scream something like, "You are just trying to push your crazy Christian morals down other people's throats." He fails to note that he has no basis for his views, and is pushing his baseless religion down other people's throats. The essence of his position is, "*Christianity is not a valid source of public policy, right and wrong are what I say they are.*". By what criterion can they claim that their collective opinions are better than any other? What they really mean is "*Right and Wrong as declared by God do not exist, rather, right and wrong are what I say they are.*"

God documented this whole mess 3000 years ago, "*In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*" (Judges 17:6 KJVA) Obviously then, Creation is relevant to nations and their politics in even more ways than we discussed in Part II.

Where does this leave us? If it is inappropriate to consider the opinion of God, the creator and owner of the Cosmos when we are choosing who or what to vote for, whose opinion do we apply? The answer should be obvious. Real Christians will ignore

the humanist rules and do their best to follow Truth as presented by God; non-Christians and pseudo-Christians will base their views squarely on the soggy sand of their own opinions, while screaming, "Christians are a bunch of morons."

This is why tales full of sound and fury are especially evident in an election year. Few people, including many claiming to be Christians, pay any attention to God's Word when declaring their views. And countless scream meaningless words like, "*I believe in faith, hope, and the American people.*" Faith in what? Hope, based on what? Why do you believe in the American people? Are they better than Sudanese people? Why?

### ***The Impact of Evolutionism and True Creationism on Individuals***

All this has seemed rather political... more related to nations than individuals, but I want you to fully realize that the delusion that produces boundless absurdity and disaster in politics, has the same effect on personal lives. Virtually every one of us who has been saved by the grace of God could testify to the near pathological thoughts, behavior and results of their former life. I would like, in this brief space, to summarize the effects that acceptance or rejection of Truth about Creation has on individuals in a way I hope can be memorable and useful.

As we have reflected above, once Man rejects (True) Creationism, he simultaneously rejects the Creator's Word. Having rejected His word, as the legislator had no basis for his views, the individual in the same boat has nothing of value for his wife, friends, children or himself. Now, some people may bristle at this, saying, "My dad taught me diligence... hard work... honesty... thrift... kindness, faith in the future, etc., and you Christians are for all these." His dad may truly have done so. But, by what standard does he know these are good? Only to the extent that he has adopted or plagiarized Christian teaching can he know which are good. Further, the main reason he uses the argument is because he knows that you think these things are good. Don't make the mistake of thinking he really believes the arguments. Inside, he cannot possibly *know* that these practices are good, because he *knows* that there is no valid standard of good. People use such arguments to win debates, not because they believe they are true.

Herein lies the importance of True Creationism to individuals. Without it, Man is without direction, goals, or even a rudder to make it to meaningless goals. He has no objective standard by which to measure his opinions, actions, arguments, life, decisions, politics... or their effects. He is, as God said he is...

#### **Lost... Blind... Walking in Darkness!**

Many, from "professional psychologist" to layman, fail to see that this lost condition can, and will, have other inputs like "bad family history," "poverty," "poor education" etc., which may actually, or appear to, cause Man's lostness to manifest itself in diverse ways. An army of "social experts" will apply theories and symptom remedies. Like a doctor giving aspirin for cancer, the "remedies" may alleviate "pain" but will not cure the condition.

"*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" (Jesus, Creator and True Physician, in John 8:31, 32 KJVA) Politics, aspirin, or psychologists may temporarily make Man feel better, but **only The Truth will cure him!** And, a key part of the Truth is that, only the Creator of life can redeem it. If you believe He is incompetent in his words about history, neither will you believe when He speaks of eternal things. (John 3:12)

**The importance of True Creationism to Individuals is that they may know the Truth, that they may be made free!**

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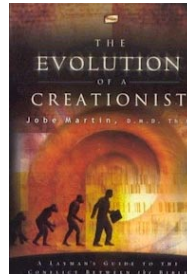
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