

# CSA News

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

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## Creation: Good Tidings for Mankind

by Tom Willis

When Jesus was born, the event was announced by an angel saying, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" Luke 2:10. "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" Luke 2:13-14.

The Latin word for "good news" is "Gospel." The men who wrote the life and message of Jesus are called "the writers of the Gospel" (the Good News or Good Tidings). What is this good news for all people? The angel answered the question: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." -Luke 2:11. But anyone who reads these gospels knows there remain some difficult questions:

1. Why is the birth of Jesus good news?

Some try to summarize it: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16

2. Many people correctly feel they have not had a very good life. Why would they want to continue it forever?

3. If the birth of Jesus is such good news, why are the bearers of this good news more despised, reviled and killed than any other people group in history?

### What is the Good News? Why is it Good News?

"The Good News" is a simple message, able to be understood by everyone, but it is not as simple as a blind recital of John 3:16. If it were, then it would not have required 1500+ pages to convey it and instructions like the following would not be required: "Study (or be diligent) to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" -2Timothy 2:15. One sentence hardly requires much study or diligence to "rightly divide."

From the very first sentence, "In the beginning, God created," to the closing thoughts, "Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen," -Revelation 22:20-21, the Bible painstakingly unfolds what "The Good News" is and why it is so good! Below is a simple outline of the facts of creation and why they are **good news**.

### The Good News - A Simple Outline

#### 1. God Created

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" Genesis 1:1.

"And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female" Matthew 19:4

#### • Good News: God Created, Life has Meaning and Purpose

By definition, random processes (e.g., evolution) have no purpose. Everything: pocket comb, go-cart or computer has a purpose that existed in the mind of its creator before it came into existence. Since Man created those things and Man is made in the image of God, it should not be surprising to learn that a key part of the "good news" is that God had purposes in creation, and he mentions them often:

Marriage: "Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth" Malachi 2:15. Salvation is God's key purpose: "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our

works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" -2Timothy 1:9

Nothing is capable of bringing itself into existence, therefore nothing is capable of defining its own purpose. Since God created everything in the cosmos, then he is owner of it all. He gave it purpose and only His purpose matters. Football games, good jobs, cars and houses, all are ultimately meaningless and worthless. The **good news** is that we will be judged not by our success in these endeavors, but by a loving and competent father who has a higher purpose than football games and careers.

#### 2. Both Satan and Man Chose to Oppose God's Purpose

God calls opposition to His purpose, "sin" (stumbling, falling away, offense, fault, guiltiness, harm, in the original language). Because of sin, or rejection of God's purpose, God redesigned the cosmos in what he called a "curse" (Genesis 3:17) or in the Greek, "the bondage to decay" (Romans 8:21 NIV). In physics, we rather immodestly call it the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics, which, as far as man is competent to do so, restates the curse as a universal decay from order to disorder, from life to death. This, curse or, "bondage to decay," is a universal fact. So far as we know, every physical and chemical transaction in history has dutifully obeyed the 2nd Law... which partially describes the curse.

#### • Good News - Decay is Artificial, Not Natural

Because decay is created, not part of "nature," Man didn't create decay and will not fix it. But, Good News, He who created decay said he did it with purpose, and said he would fix it.

#### 3. Decay and Death Are Universal, because Sin is Universal

"... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, -Romans 3:23.

**Good News**, Because decay, pain and death are Created Universal, then they are not a mystery, we can easily explain why some people have lives they would not like to continue. Any true solution to the universal decay and death, is, indeed, **Good News!**

#### 4. God plans to recreate the entire universe

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them... and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp... They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." -Isaiah 11:6-9

#### • Good News: God Created, He Is Competent to Recreate

If God did not create, then he is not owner, thus unqualified to judge. If He did not create the cosmos it is unlikely He is competent to restore it to perfection. Since He did create, we can be assured He is authorized to judge and competent to restore it.

#### 5. It Didn't Take God Very Long to Create

"Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day..." -Exodus 20:9-11

The message is quite plain, Yahweh created the universe and its contents in six days and felt this was so important that he insisted that it be commemorated **every week!**

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### • Good News, It Wont Take Him Long To Fix It Either

If it took him millions of years to create, there is reason to doubt he can keep this promise: *"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."* 1Corinthians 15:52. Conversely, the **good news** is that *"in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is..."* Exodus 20:11. He is quite competent to do it again!

### 6. Time Since Creation Has Not Been Very Long

God's enemies love millions of years. While it seems God deliberately withheld the exact age of things, there is little doubt it is measured in thousands, not millions of years. A careful reading of Genesis 5 clearly indicates the intent to make it impossible to ignore the total elapsed time from creation to the flood, for he gave it in a form of double-entry bookkeeping in which a scribe must make two offsetting errors to avoid easy detection. After the flood, it is only a few generations to known historical times in Babylon. The New Testament confirms this short chronology a number of times (Luke 3:23-38, Jude 1-14, Galatians 3:17). There are **no** hints of an old creation!

### • Good News: It Will Not Be Long Until It Ends Either

If it has not been long since it began, it seems likely it will not be long until it is consummated. Too many bricks are in the wall. *"Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be"* Revelation 22:12. *"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus"* Revelation 22:20. Of course, many hate this idea. Even I used to argue with John on this, saying, "John, how can you be so calloused, millions will perish." I am still concerned about the millions, but not so much that I argue with John.

### 7. God is a **Just** Creator

*"A false balance is an abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight"* Proverbs 11:1. *"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"* -Hebrews 9:27. *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 6:23 *"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."* -2 Peter 3:10

### • Good News: Evil will be punished, Decay Will End

**Great news.** Destruction and replacement of the cursed cosmos will provide freedom from decay. Removal of those who hate God and reject his purposes, which God would rather not do (2 Peter 3:9), is not optional, but required to allow rest for those who love him.

### 8. The Creator Loves His Creation

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"* John 3:16

### • Good News: Our Creator's Love **Gave** Man Good Destiny

Unlike Man, God loves his creation in spite of the flaws that abound in it as a result of Man's choices. He still has good plans for it, at least for those who are committed to his purposes:

*"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"* Romans 8:28.

### • Even Better News: Man's Good Destiny is Absolutely Free

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9.

### 9. The Creator is Incredibly Competent

*"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."* Isaiah 55:9  
*"Ah Lord GOD! thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power... nothing is too difficult for thee"* Popular song based on Jeremiah 32:17.

When General Motors **creates** a car, they are **competent** to make available a manufacturer's handbook and service manuals, to guide us

in caring for the car. Many ignore, or are totally lost even with the books. Without them, even service people would be lost. If manufacturers could build self-replicating machines, as God has done with living "machines," owners would still need books to minimize costs and damage, and to maintain satisfaction with the machines.

### • Good News: That Means He is Competent to Recreate!

### • More Good News: He Provided a Manufacturer's Handbook!

The Bible is God's handbook on care for living "machines," our own and others as well. As with cars, God did not guarantee a trouble-free life, but He did advise us to *"grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ,"* and **He guaranteed a trouble-free destiny**, if we would follow His counsel. Men who make machinery do not, and cannot do this! Those rejecting God and his counsel wander aimlessly in a cesspool crowded with as many incompetent opinions as there are people in it.

### Why are those who spread good news hated and killed?

One question remains. Why did Jesus predict and history prove that his people would be hated and killed (over 50 million from 600-1900, over 100 million in the last 100)? First note that, regardless of what he calls himself, not everyone who sits in a garage becomes a car. Likewise, exactly as Jesus said, not everyone who sits in a religious facility is one of God's people. "Religious" people killed Jesus, and have been killing his followers before and since... by the millions. They haven't equaled non-religious people, but have certainly made a valiant effort.

Why are His followers killed? He explained that, actually, in many ways:

They prefer to do their own thing: *"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil."* John 3:19. *"Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."* John 3:20 They love man's opinion more than Gods: *"For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."* John 12:43 *"How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?"* John 5:44.

Man invents countless "traditions," often just to avoid God's direct command: *"And he said to them: 'You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!'"* Mark 7:9. *"Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that"* Mark 7:13.

Those who reject God's offer of forgiveness, regardless of the "reasons" for doing so, tend to **hate** those who have made a different decision. Why? *"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you"* John 15:18-19 *"I have given them your word [God's] and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world"* John 17:14. They also hate because they know they could make the same choice, but refused!

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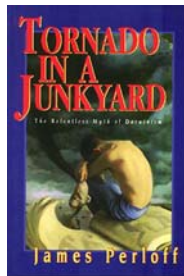
**How can hatred be "Good News."** If you read the four Gospels and leave out the predictions of hatred, the interactions with the Pharisees and Sadducees, etc., you wonder "Why would anyone hate a person who healed thousands of people, told everyone to live peaceably, love their neighbor and even their enemies, and pay their taxes?" But, He also said to "*consider yourself blessed when men revile you, persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you*" because of your commitment to him (Matt 5:11). In my own life it has been a great blessing, simply because I would never have believed it, or understood why it happened unless He had told me. Now, as I watch the arrogant ignorance and asinine behavior of those who oppose us, I can see with utmost certainty that Jesus clearly knew them well, two thousand years before they lived. The **Good News** is that Jesus was right about everything! Therefore, I can feel secure in my commitment to Him and not be deterred by the raving of angry fools.

This then is a summary of **The Gospel - The Good News**, a summary of the entire history and destiny of the cosmos, not just a couple sentences. **The Gospel is not a big sugar pill!** A better analogy would be a giant ball (or nut) containing the family of God seated at a large banquet of the purest honey, wine, crystal clear water, and the finest foods imaginable, but all encased in a rock-hard, bitter shell. Only those who persevere will penetrate the shell and enjoy the banquet.

**More Good News, Evolutionism Further Confirms the Bible:**

Extensive political power vested in a herd of obnoxious, loud people who believe they are descended from hydrogen via pond scum and apes, the result of millions of years of copying errors, can only be explained by **DELUSION (2 Thessalonians 2:10,11)!!** When one considers the cosmic and eternal scale of the issues, evolutionism is just one more unavoidable nuisance on the way to a reunion with Jesus' family. Like Paul, I intend to keep chipping away at the nut. If I were still a betting man I'd bet banquet guests include far more evolutionists than members of the National Academy of Science, the AAAS, and the American Association of Biology Teachers combined. Most members of these latter groups will still be weeping and gnashing teeth, probably still blaming their problems on "Extreme Biblical Literalists and Fundamentalists who use bad science."

If we focus on them, we'll be stuck with the immortal word of Charlie Brown, "*Sigh.*" It is better to focus on the fact that **Creation, Fall, Redemption, Growth, Resurrection, and Restoration are all facts of history and destiny; and are all caused by, or resolved by, Jesus the Messiah! And that is Good News!!**



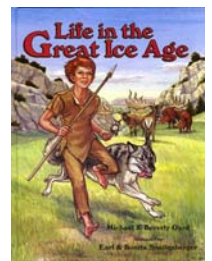
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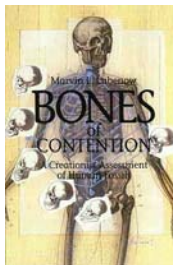
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**Christianity and Origins**

*"Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth"*

by: Tom Willis

Where should Christians draw the line? Not the line of what they will fight over, the line that says "I don't go there because God doesn't." "Is there really any conflict between Christianity and science?" "Just what does God say about origins in the Bible?" "Can a Christian believe in an old earth?" "Couldn't God have used evolution?" "Couldn't the days of creation have been long?" "Aren't there gaps in the chronologies?" "Perhaps the origins narratives are mostly symbolic." Our goal is to "rightly divide the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15) on these key issues. The Bible gives rather complete answers on all these which are 100% compatible with true science. There is, and will remain, conflict between the Bible and false science.

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**Is Evolution Science?**

by: Tom Willis

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