THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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

GOD'S CREATION By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma Heavenly Father, we thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord for Your Divine and Infinite Creation. Father, may we all continuously grow spiritually through Your Divine Words of Wisdom. Lord, keep us strong and steadfast in You while living in this dark and fallen world. Father, we ask that Your Loving Hand be upon us to guide us, and direct us through life's trials and tribulations. Lord I ask this in Jesus name......Amen.

I like to start out by saying I hope that everybody had a blessed Christmas. Also, I ask the Lord that this New Year be a time of spiritual enlightenment and an opportunity for all of us to better understand the Word of the Lord. This month's inspired message has to do with the unbelievable wonders about <u>God's Creation</u>. The simple statement that God created the heavens and the earth is one of the most challenging and understated concepts confronting the modern mind today.

The vast galaxy that we live in is spinning at the incredible speed of 490,000 miles an hour. But even at this breakneck speed, our galaxy still needs 200 million years to make one rotation. And there are over one billion other galaxies just like ours in the universe.

Some scientist, say, that the number of stars in creation is equal to all the grains of sand on all the beaches in the world. Yet this complex sea of spinning stars functions with remarkable order and efficiency.

To say that the universe "just happened" or "evolved "requires more faith than to believe that God is behind these amazing statistics. God truly did create a wonderful universe. **The world is not a product of blind chance and probability**; <u>God created it.</u>

The Bible does not discuss the subject of evolution, rather, it's worldview assumes God created the world. The biblical view of creation is not in conflict with science; rather, it is in conflict with any worldview that starts without a creator. The consensus of the world, believes in a creator! Equally and sincere Christians have struggled with the subject of beginnings and come to **differing conclusions.** This, of course, is to be expected because the evidence is very old, due to the ravages of ages, quite fragmented. Students of the Bible and science should avoid polarization and black/white thinking. Students of the Bible must be careful not to make the Bible say what it doesn't say, and students of science must not make science say what it doesn't say. The most important aspect of the continuing discussion is not the process of creation, but the origin of creation. The Bible not only tells us that the world was created by God; more importantly, it tells us who this God is. It reveals God's personality, His character and His plan for creation. It also reveals God's deepest desire: to relate to and fellowship with the people He created.

God did not need to create the universe; He chose to create it. Why? God is love, and love is best expressed toward something or someone else so God created people as an expression of His love. We should avoid reducing God's creation to merely scientific terms. Remember God created the universe because He loves us and longs to fellowship with us. Just how did God create the earth? This is still a subject of great debate. Some say that it was a sudden explosion, the universe appeared. Others say that God started the process, and the universe evolved over a billion years. Almost every ancient religion has it's own story to explain how the earth came to be. And almost every scientist has an opinion on the origin of the universe. But only the Bible shows one supreme God creating the earth out of His great love and giving all people a special place in it. We will never know the answers to how God did create it. That fact alone gives worth and dignity to all people.

In Geneses chapter 1, the creation story teaches us much about God and ourselves. First, we learn about God: (1) He is creative; (2) as the Creator He is distinct from His creation; (3) He is eternal and in control of the world. We also learn about ourselves: (1) since God chose to create us, we are valuable in His eyes; (2) we are more important than the animals. Who created God? To ask that question is to assume there was another creator before God. At some time, however, we are forced to stop asking that question and realize that there had to be something that always existed. God is that Infinite being who has always been and was created by no one. This is very difficult to understand because finite minds can not comprehend the Infinite! It's really simple when you look at is from God's perspective. Nothing forced God's decision to create. The decision was an expression of God's character: creative, relational, and loving. God created the world to say something about Himself, to extend His relational nature to embrace beings who bear His image, and to communicate with them.

In the book of Genesis teaches us that the universe sprang up from God's nature and will. The mechanics that God employed to give expression to His Will are the important domains of science (physics, chemistry, biology), which like other fields of study has sometimes, regrettably, forgotten about God. But each source—the Genesis account and science, plays a vital role in our understanding of God's creation.

In Acts 17: 24-25 it is written: <u>The God who made the world and</u> everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. God true reasoning for <u>His Creation</u> is in Acts 17:27-28 God did this so that men would seek Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. For in Him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, ' We are His offspring.' So my brothers and sisters in the Lord, instead of continually trying to figure out creation's origin and it's inscrutable mysteries, may we all have faith in Him that has created us and everything around us. Also, may we give Him thanks and praise always for His Unending Love for all of <u>His Creation!</u>



JESUS CALLING By Sarah Young

I Am King of kings and Lord of lords, dwelling in dazzling bright Light! I am also your Shepherd, Companion, and Friend—the One who never lets go of your hand. Worship Me in My Holy Majesty; come close to Me, and rest in My Presence. You need Me both as God and Man. Only My Incarnation on that first, long-ago Christmas could fulfill your neediness. Since I went to such extreme measures to save you from your sins, you can be assured that <u>I will graciously give you all that you need</u>. Nurture well your trust in Me as Savior, Lord and Friend. I have held back nothing in My provision for you. I have even deigned to live within you! Rejoice in all that I have done for you, and My Light will shine through you into the world.

PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS OF WISDOM FOR 2011

Proverbs 19:15: Laziness brings on deep sleep and the shiftless man goes hungry. **Proverbs 15:29:** The Lord is far from the wicked but He hears the prayer of the righteous. **Proverbs 14:11;** The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.



THE MINISTRIES DAILY PRAYER LIST

<u>Please pray daily with this ministry for;</u> Earnie Carbone, Joe Longo, Andria Arceneaux, Keith Regerio, Al Wilson, Janet Neil, Joy Valeri, Joe Lakes, Johanna Tyson, Mike Buettner, Dorthy Leary, Danny Turner, Greg Dubrois, The DeAngelo Family, Mom DeMatteo and Family, The Stein Family, and our troops in harms way.

<u>A prayer for all the</u>; the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, The weary souls, the lost souls, the hopeless, the godless, the lame, The persecuted, the brokenhearted, etc.

<u>Also let us pray for</u>; all the corruption, hatred, anger, violence, greed, wars, fornications, lying, stealing, jealousy, selfishness, etc, sins of the world. <u>*Furthermore*</u>; May we all ask God to restore the United States back to one Nation under God. Also, may we all repent for our selfish and sinful ways.

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord, I hope this month's inspired message will serve as a reminder of how much God loves each and every one of us. And may we try not to let this world of evil, bring us down to that level of madness. Let's try and make this New Year a year of spiritual growth and revival for the sake of our souls and the people all around us. May the light of our Savior Jesus Christ shine brightly in 2011, for all the world to see!

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