

This Is My Father's World

Q. How does God carry out His decrees?

A. God carries out His decrees in the creation and providence.

(Westminster Shorter Catechism #8)

“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

(Revelation 4:11)

Yesterday we began to see the massive collision between two competing sets of worldviews. On the one hand we have the secular (*modern*) worldview that tells us that this universe is nothing more than unguided and random matter in motion. Those who hold to the theory of Darwinian Evolution are left with a world that is devoid of any creator, design, plan, purpose or ultimate meaning. On the other hand, we have the Christian biblical worldview which tells us that *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”* (*Genesis 1:1*). The biblical worldview declares that we live in a designed, planned and orderly universe that was created BY God and FOR God's ultimate purpose and glory. But how do we know which worldview is correct? How do we know which worldview is true?

The Christian can have confidence in the biblical worldview, not only because God the Holy Spirit has revealed that it is true through His Word (*John 14:26; John 16:13-16*), but also because only the Christian biblical worldview can hold up under intense scrutiny. Christianity is a REASONABLE faith. Christianity is not a blind leap into the dark! You see, the secularist is left with a very difficult problem. Those who believe in Darwin's theory of Evolution are left asking the question, *“why is there something rather than nothing?”*. In other words, if (*as the secular worldview claims*) there is no God and no creator...where did the universe come from? How did everything come into existence?

When asked these types of questions, the Secularist is left scrambling to attempt to explain the origin of the universe. However, any attempt to explain the existence of the universe apart from a Creator God ultimately leads to absurdity. For example, some will say that God is not necessary in order for the universe to be created, because they claim that the universe simply created itself. Just think about that claim for a moment. Could the universe really have created itself? Of course not! That's a manifest impossibility. In order for the universe to create itself that means that it would have to be before it was. If that sounds ridiculous to you...that's because it is! For a person to believe in a self-creating universe it means that they

would need to break the universal law of non-contradiction: that something can't BE and NOT BE at the same time and in the same relationship.

Secularists will attempt to answer the question of "*why is there something rather than nothing*" in many different ways (*they might say that the universe was created by "chance" or that the cosmos came into being by means of a self-existent universe or "Big Bang"*), however each of these arguments falls apart and unravels at the seams when placed under real intellectual scrutiny. The only real answer to the question, "*why is there something rather than nothing*" is that in order for this universe to have come into existence, there needed to be an all-powerful, self-existent eternal being who planned, created, and carried out that design "*in the creation and providence*" as our catechism teaches us. And that is where the biblical Christian worldview offers the only reasonable answer to our ultimate questions regarding life, existence and the universe.

The Scriptures teach us that this universe had a beginning (*Genesis 1:1*), that God is an all-powerful (*Jeremiah 32:17*), self-existent (*1 Timothy 6:16*), eternal being (*Psalms 90:2*), who purposefully designed and created the Heavens and the Earth through the word of His speech (*John 1:1-3*). Take a moment to go outside today and look around at God's amazing creation! Take a walk and spend a moment gazing at the sky, the trees, the water and the people around you. Praise the Lord for creating such a beautiful universe for us and for His glory!

Dig Even Deeper into God's Word!

Isaiah 40:26

Psalms 148:8

Acts 4:24-28

Psalms 19:1-6