

Created on Purpose

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[0 : 00] The Bible starts with Genesis 1 verse 1.

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. So at His word, God created order out of chaos, out of nothingness, out of the cosmos that came out of His mouth.

Virtually He spoke it into existence, didn't He? In Genesis 1 verse 27 it says, And so God created man in His own image. In the image of God created He Him.

Male and female created He them. Man was created in the image of God. Man was created. Created. You were created as His special creation.

Man did not evolve. And all of our abilities and capacities and capabilities have come from God.

There's many verses we could touch on. Isaiah 42.5 for example it says, Thus saith God the Lord, He that created the heavens and stretched them out, He that spread forth the earth and that which cometh out of it, He that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein.

[1 : 22] In the word of God it says that all three persons of the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, were all actively part of that creation time. And all of creation was designed with a purpose.

Isaiah 45 verse 18 it says, For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens, God Himself that formed the earth and made it, He hath established it, He created it not in vain.

He formed it to be inhabited. But it says there that creation was not in vain. That's Isaiah 45 verse 18. Was created with a purpose. Nothing exists by chance.

Chuck Smith said that the evolutionist would have you to believe that man evolved over a period of billions of years by the fortunate occurrences of natural, of accidental circumstances.

An evolutionist thinks that matter, acting on matter given sufficient time, would bring something into existence, even the most complicated machines. And you could really illustrate this by thinking, if this was so, then we should be able to go into a desert and see cars evolving out of the desert.

[2 : 34] That matter acting upon matter for a long period of time, as long as the earth has existed. And compared to the human body, a car is a very simple machine. Can you imagine a car that could repair itself?

You know, my son had a prang not long ago and his car got damaged. Can you imagine that it could just repair itself? Maybe if you gave it a few million years that that car could repair itself.

And yet the human body has got that capacity to repair itself for blood to clot and for our body to heal itself in many capacities. The body is an amazing machine, isn't it?

And yet you get a car, you dent a fender, you could wait weeks, years, but I know Brother Peter can testify this, but he's waiting for weeks as it is for the smash repair to fix his car, but it's not going to fix itself.

And yet the human body is a machine that is able to do that. Can you imagine a car that could take all sorts of fuel and convert it into energy? If you were to take your car and put meat, potatoes, carrot, milk into it, that could convert that into energy.

[3 : 40] And yet your body can. Your body, that machine that is your human body, can convert all those different kinds of fuel and operate your machine successfully. How about a car that could reproduce itself?

It's laughable, isn't it? And yet we could think how you could picture that evolutionists might be able to paint some picture of cars evolving over time, maybe from the primitive wheel and then the wagon wheel or the horse and cart until eventually becoming a machine that we drive today.

Over millions, hundreds of millions of years, it could gradually evolve from one wheel over a certain period of time to a four-wheeled machine and then ultimately to the 18-wheeler semis that now emerge from that evolutionary change over millions of years.

You could laugh at that. And yet that's what we're expected to believe about the human body. Just a one machine, let alone the countless different animals and plants and life forms that inhabit planet Earth.

It's laughable really to conceive of it that such a thing could happen. Back to the car example, that the engine could evolve and become more complex and at the same time that the braking system could evolve so it kept pace with the highest speeds of that vehicle.

[5 : 01] And yet man is so much more influentially complex. If you could imagine it's been sort of illustrated of this of how you could take a mousetrap as being a simple machine, a simple multifaceted kind of mechanism that you could take that machine that is a mousetrap.

Really a very simple machine, isn't it? And you could see that it's got that spring-loaded mechanism. It's got a spring in it. It's got the little part that the mouse bumps and sets it off. And then the little lever that holds that down gently while it's waiting for the mouse to come and come into the trap. And really it's amazing just to think that maybe even if you have all the parts of a mousetrap separately in a box or a huge box, maybe thousands of pieces of this mousetrap and different pieces of these mousetraps, the springs and the little bar and the little part that it touches and the wooden base, for example, and the little prongs that hold the pieces all into the wooden base.

But if you had those pieces of that mousetrap even for millions of years, billions of years, that they could somehow find their way to get together and to form a working mousetrap. And of course we know that someone has to take those pieces and put it together.

And that's what God has done with us. He's put us together. And we are much, much more than a simple machine. We are specially designed and created for His glory and for His pleasure.

[6 : 41] And yet someone has to believe that you're just a fluke of nature, of happenstance, of random choice, random process and that you've just somehow come to be.

And you're just as significant as any other animal or life form, plant form that's on this planet. And so you may as well live like a dog because you're going to die like a dog.

There's no real incentive for trying to live a good life if that's as much as we are. And that's what our children are being trained to believe in many places. And so this is the world that we're living in and what the philosophy of our world is trying to engender.

Let's eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die and there's no point, there's no one to answer to, there's no accountability. And yet the Word of God paints a much different picture, doesn't it?

But in His likeness we're created for His glory, for His purposes. There's a divine purpose for your existence and mine.

[7 : 41] We're not a product, a blind chance of some fluke, of nature. You were designed by God. Every one of you is very precious in His sight.

As Ephesians 2.10 tells us, it says of us that we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Colossians 1.16 it tells us of how for by Him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth visible and invisible whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things were created by Him and for Him.

And just to flip to Revelation if you can, chapter 4 verse 11, just to spend a moment on this verse and I know I'm touching a few verses here. There's so much we could say and I was looking earlier today for, there was a great video that had a whole plethora of all the wonders of nature, all the beauties of bird life and aquatic life and land animals and pictures of fields and flowers and bees and forests and the wonder of the oceans and the majestic nature of it all and the universe, the skies, the stars, the planets, the solar systems, all working in such wonderful harmony and perfection and yet we are to believe that that just somehow came out of nothing by itself.

It's really an amazing belief system evolution, isn't it? It's an amazing idea, a religion that you could think that such a thing could be taught much less believed.

[9 : 33] and Revelation 4.11 it says, of the context here is of the Lord being honoured by the angels, the creatures there.

Revelation 4.11 it says, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power for Thou hast created all things and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

I'd like to leave this thought with you, just this one thought really, but much more than evolution versus creation, much more than the fact that you are created, that you have been made by Him, that you have been made, you have been created, as it says here, all things were created for Thy pleasure.

They are and were created. You have been created, every one of you human beings here today, you have been created for His pleasure. You have been made for His will, for His gracious design. You are a gift to the world, a divine work of art, signed by God, every one of you. We know that every one of us here today has got different fingerprints, there's different DNA, there's different characters and characteristics of every one of us here today.

[10 : 54] Every one of you has a worth, has a value that's very precious to our Saviour. The Creator of the universe, He just awaits every one of us to respond to Him, to pray to Him.

Life is not meaningless. That's what the evolutionist philosophy would really leave you as the bottom line, that it's just meaningless, it's accidental, there's no purpose, there's no meaning for life, but God's Word, the author of salvation and the author of our life, the author and finish of our faith, the one who's written His Word that He cannot lie in, He has told you that you have meaning, that you have value, you have worth and you've been created for His pleasure, for His will, and there is meaning for life because God is the giver of life as He breathed the breath into Adam and Eve, He breathed life into His creation, and we can say what the psalmist says in Psalm 139, 14, I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made, marvellous are Thy works and that my soul knoweth right well, I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made, every one of you can say that, you're an amazing creation, an amazing machine, let alone His son, His daughter, or one in prospect, if you're not yet, that He can come to know Him and have a relationship with Him, who has made the world and everything within it.

I know I was reading lately of how Ray Comfort's putting together a product, the origin of species, he's reproducing some elements of Charles Darwin's work as the 150th anniversary of the origin of species, and he's got some, I saw a chapter of it there, of some of the forward that he put in this book, obviously to counter, as a Christian, the falsehood of evolution, because really, when Charles Darwin was around, there wasn't some of the amazing discoveries of science of these recent, comparatively recent, times of the last few decades, of where man has unraveled some of the mystery of the DNA and the amazing complexity of all of these things in life that Darwin wouldn't have had any clue of.

And for Darwin, it was, as he's described it really, or as another author has described it, as like a black box. You know, when you see on your car sometimes, there's certain components and special circuitry and so much complexity packed into some little components of your car that they call it like a black box, don't they, where if that was to fail, you'd just chuck it out.

[13 : 50] You don't try to repair it because it's just too complex to try to mess around with. And yet, in a sense, the black box that is the creation, the DNA, the mysteries of the human body and of the cells and the nature of man and of creation is something that Darwin wouldn't have had any clue about.

And it's been said there's a scientist of late who's written a book called Darwin's Black Box and it says this, it's shaking up the scientific community because this man, this very highly trained scientist, is questioning now what Darwin based really his origin of species on, that he had really, Darwin really could only see the outside of this mysterious black box, so to speak, but he had no idea of how it worked.

Darwin stated, if it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous successive slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down.

But I can find no such case. That might have been the case in his time, but yet we know now with microscopes and with the wonders of scientific research and knowledge as it's been building up over the decades that what Darwin knew was just scratching the surface of the complexity that abounds in nature.

And this scientist, B here is his name, he claims that with the opening of the black box of the cell, through the last 40 years of research in molecular and cell biology, there's now numerous examples of complex molecular machines that absolutely break down the theory of natural selection as an all-encompassing explanation of living things.

[15 : 44] And as I talked about before, the mouse trap is called an irreducible complexity. So in other words, there's so many systems that are interlocking and interworking.

It's like, as we know, the human body, the nervous system, the circulatory system, the respiratory system, all of those different systems are complex in their own right.

And yet, evolution would have us believe that all of these different complex systems somehow manufacture themselves and came to be at the one and same time. And yet, if we are indeed the product of blind random chances, billions of fortunate accidental circumstances, then there is no real purpose of your existence.

And life is just by accident and by chance, and you'll depart from this life by accident. That's what philosophy of evolution would teach you. And of course, we know that how much more wonderful is it to think that you're a divine work of art, that you've been created by him, for him, for his pleasure, and you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Marvelous are thy works. You were created with an intention. So here tonight, leave this place knowing that you've been made for a reason, not just created, not just created in contrast to evolution, but you've been created with a purpose.

[17:03] You've been created for a reason, with an intention that's come from your maker. And as I was reading this Ray Comfort's little book, in one part, it kind of said tongue-in-cheek, talking about when Darwin died, he went to meet his maker.

I thought, yeah, that would have happened. He went to meet his maker. He may not have believed in a maker, or he believed in evolution as he understood it, and of course, evolution itself is evolving because they're having to rethink it and revise it because it just doesn't add up.

Every time they uncover something, they change however many millions of years or billions of years to try to make it all fit the evidence. But the evidence is really, this is the book, that there's no conflict with the evidence.

The fossil evidence adds up with what God's Word says. And every time someone designs something, they create it with an intention. When someone designed this pen here, they designed it so that it could write.

They designed it so that the ink would flow through the pen and onto the paper so it could be used to write something. You, likewise, you have been created with an intention.

[18:11] You have been created with a purpose. It says in the Word there that you have been made so that you can glorify Him.

It's for His pleasure you are and were created. It's like that old saying goes that man has been made to enjoy God, to know God and to enjoy Him forever, to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. And it's so true really, isn't it? And yet many people are going through life and missing the whole point of it. Really, it's the whole point that we might come to know Him and glorify Him and give Him pleasure.

He's created us to love Him, to worship Him and really it starts with Him, not with me, not with you. It's about Him, it's about His good pleasure, it's about what He wants. And sometimes through life we might question, well, maybe God's letting me go through some tough things here, but He knows the end from the beginning and He knows that good that He's bringing about.

And God is the start of our real joy, of our real fulfilment. Isaiah 43, 7, it says, So God, Isaiah 43, 7, it says, you've been made for His glory, to give Him glory, to give Him honour, to bless Him, and you're meaningful for and to and in God.

[19:42] A perfect loving God created you and reaches out to you. It's like Paul talked to some people in Acts 17 when he was entering the city and there's all kinds of monuments and idols about and he saw an inscription on a tomb, on a stone, and it said, to the unknown God.

There was a sense where they had some religious bent there in Acts 17 and Paul spoke to them and he says that the Lord doesn't dwell in temples made with hands.

He's not worshipped with men's hands. He gives all life and breath and all things. And it says in Acts 17, 27, he says that really, God's wanting that they should seek Him, if happily they might feel after Him and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us, for in Him we live and move and have our being.

As it says where we live and move and have our being in Him. That's our fulfilment, that's our joy, that's our foundation for living. And some men are so blind today that they may deny the existence of the sun in the sky.

But that does not alter the fact that the sun exists. A blind man might deny that there's a sun, but it doesn't deny that it exists. It's a fact that it exists, that it rises and sets each day.

[21:06] None are so blind as those who refuse to see. The honest man will find that the inner still small voice says that God exists and is alive today. Within every one of us there's that sense there's something, something more, there's something above and beyond what we can see and take notice

of with the eye and with the mind.

There's something that's spiritual, there's something that's soulish, there's something that's beyond our own thinking and reasoning. And yet atheism is one of the devil's tools today that would put men to sleep without accepting salvation.

Evolution, the theory of evolution is really a smoke screen to try to give people an excuse for not having faith in Christ, for not believing in God. And really there is, it's the fool who says there is no God as the word tells us.

And people tonight, I just want to leave you with this thought that he deserves to be praised. He deserves your attention, he deserves your love. He's designed you, he's created you, he's made you with a purpose, with an intention for you to do his good pleasure, for you to give him glory. And for everyone we can ask the question, what is his good pleasure? What is the pleasure of God? What is the will of God? What is it that God would be pleased with and blessed with of my life?

[22 : 33] And Hebrews 11, 6 really kind of wraps it up in a sense where it says that first thing is that we are to believe him, believe in him.

It says in Hebrews 11, 6, for without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that comes to him must first believe that he is and believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Believe him, believe that he is, believe that he is a rewarder of them that will diligently seek him. He wants your fellowship today, he wants your life, he wants your commitment.

We've seen, illustrated the wonders of creation, just the amazing sense of the human body of its own. And much, much more than you being just a creation, you've been created for a purpose. You've been created that you might find him, that you might search for him, that you might trust him. And we know that it says that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

[23 : 35] This God that we trust that was our maker, it says that he stepped down from heaven's glory, he stepped down from that majesty, from that perfection of heaven to come and dwell on earth for a season in human flesh to bear our skin and bear our sin and to be our substitute, to be that one who can only, that only one, the only hope that we have.

He had to step down from his eternal throne to an earthly life, to an earthly home, to bear our very sin, our very punishment he took in full for us.

And yet, it is by faith we must trust him for that. It is by our trusting, by our reception of his gift that we can know it personally today and we can come to know that meaningful fellowship.

Why he's created you is why he's created you to come to know him, to come to experience him, to come to worship and honor and receive him as truly Savior and Lord, Master, as he deserves to be of your life.

And yet, so many miss that. Don't miss that tonight. Please, I pray you people tonight that you would see beyond the smoke screen of evolution and really, it just doesn't stack up as you can see.

[24 : 55] It's common sense really. It should show us that there's no way this wonder of creation happened of its own. That when you see the stars and you behold the heavens, that you can see the glory of it all just points to a maker and your maker and mine and your master, if you'll let him be, you've been created for a purpose, you've been created that you might find him, that you might search for him, that you might trust him.