

# KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Hebrews 11:3

*You're Not Crazy if You Believe . . . that God Created the World*

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**By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.**

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I saw a political cartoon this week about Liberty University in Virginia. Liberty University is a Christian school founded by Jerry Falwell. They are very public about being Christian. In the cartoon, the sign in front of the school simply said, "Science classes canceled permanently." The message was clear; to be a Christian and to study science are not compatible. In other words, Christians don't believe in science.

That message is very common in our society and in our nation's schools. And it wears on us Christians to the point where we feel stupid and inferior. We may be embarrassed to admit we are Christians so that we don't have to endure ridicule from those who claim to "own" science.

Today I want to encourage you with God's Word. You are not crazy if you believe that God made the world. And not only are you not crazy, you are not unscientific. You can be a Christian and use science. The two are very compatible and are made for each other.

To begin, we have to admit the obvious fact that our text states: We *believe* God created the world; we cannot prove it. We don't have a video of God creating the world. Nor has he repeated it for us to watch and document in some scientific way. But we do have an eyewitness account. God inspired Moses to write about creation. God knows exactly how it happened; he was there.

Now, that's not a scientific way of explaining the origin of the universe. For those who don't believe in God, they have to come up with something else. Make no mistake, that is the root of evolution. It is intended to be a way of explaining the universe without having to give God any credit or even acknowledge that he exists. Its origins and goals alone should be enough to give a Christian cause for great

concern. Read about it; this is not my opinion as a pastor, but a commonly held opinion by those who advocate for and against evolution.

The problem that arises for Christians is that it is thought that one cannot believe in a God who created the world as recorded in the Bible and believe in science. It is thought that you can have only one or the other — religion or science.

I'm not a scientist and I'm not going to pretend to be one. But evolution is thrust on us as a fact, when the fact is that there are huge holes in the theory. Holes that make the theory fall apart.

Where did the first matter for a "Big Bang" come from? You cannot say it was from God, because he says he created the world as we know it, not started a bang that set in motion a process that leads us to today. Life — even in its simplest forms — is too complex to allow random chance to explain. To get the molecules of a DNA strand in line by luck just is impossible. The odds are compared to a tornado assembling a working 747 jet from a junk yard; or to billions of blind people all solving a Rubik's Cube at the same time. The transitional fossils are not only not found in adequate numbers to support evolution; they are there at all! Darwin's evolutionary tree that tries to explain how species evolved has been proved to be completely wrong. (Although it is still published in many textbooks as a fact.)

Yes, I realize that there are explanations offered for each and every hole in the theory of evolution. But make sure you notice that unproven theories are used to try and explain an unproven theory. At some point, proof must be offered or evolution requires more faith than it actually has science to support it.

Bible-believing Christians must admit that we *believe* that God created the world. Our text says so! But that doesn't mean that we have no use for science.

Science and Christianity are not at war. Not only have some of the greatest scientist in history been Christians, Christians can still engage in science in a very productive and God-pleasing way. We just start at a difference point than evolutionists.

We begin with the premise that the God of the Bible made the universe as he described in Genesis 1. From there we find explanation from the origin of life. We understand that humans are not just highly-evolved monkeys (if evolution is true, that is all you are!). We are the crown of God's creation. Sin has made us imperfect and separated us from God. But the love of God is so great that he redeemed his creation by sending us a Savior. In Christ, we see lengths God would go to save us!

Because we know God made the world, we see a master plan in the world in which we live and universe in which we exist. The location of the earth as we orbit the sun is beyond just lucky. Move us in or out just a bit and this planet wouldn't support life — too hot or too cold. Remove the giant planets or the moon that orbit us and we would be under bombardment from asteroids and comets. Some scientists suggest that in the universe, we are located in rare spot where we aren't quickly killed off by radiation or other solar events. In fact, as some scientists see how complex the universe is and how amazingly designed we are they conclude that someone designed the world. We just knew that already!

And as we see God's hand in our existence, we hear his command when he made the world and humans to ***"subdue the earth."*** We use science to learn about God's creation. We try to understand the atom and the energy it contains. We study the human body so we can improve the lives of people by healing diseases. We invent and we improve. And these activities are God-pleasing!

I'm sad to inform you that our culture has it backwards. They put science ahead of God and subject God to scientific proof. With that premise, they push God aside and mock those who don't join them. They think we are crazy for believing the Bible.

The truth is, the Bible and science were made for each other! God made a world for us to explore, understand, and use. We Christians are not anti-science. We never have been and never will be. We just admit it when the facts don't add up or the theory cannot be proved. And we'll even admit that what we believe isn't something we can prove; we believe God made the world. But we can quickly point out that science actually supports creation. If you take the time to read from sources beyond just the one-sided story that text books or *Jurassic Park* movies tell, you'll see that there are good, respected scientists who find evolution to be laughable. If you've wrestled with this, I'd urge you to find books to read that are written by Christians, or even by non-Christians who are skeptical of evolution because the science doesn't support it.

You're not crazy if you believe that God created the world. The world, lead by unbelief, may think so. But God doesn't think there's anything wrong with you. Wouldn't we have to admit that his evaluation means far more than our culture's?

Don't be ashamed of what God says is true. You don't have to fight with others or ridicule them like they ridicule us. And when you doubt, use the gifts that your Creator gave you. Study and learn. You'll find that not only is the Bible true because it says so, but there is plenty of good science that supports the truth of Bible. Your faith is based on the Bible, but that never means we have stopped liking science. Amen.

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