Brief on How God Created the World

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God creates things out of nothing

"In the beginning, God created heaven and earth." (Gen. 1:1)

"Praise the name of the Lord. For he spoke and they were made; he commanded and they were created." (Ps. 148:5)

"I beseech thee, my son, look upon heaven and earth and all that is in them and consider that God made them out of nothing and mankind also:" (2 Mac. 7:28)

When only God existed, there was only God and thus not even space. Hence God created things out of nothing. For God to be God, he must be able to create things out of nothing, by a mere act of his will, by his mere word. For if God needed anything such as a tool or space to create things, then who created the tool or the space. Logic dictates that God creates out of nothing. But to understand how he does this requires an act of faith because creatures can never reasonably understand *how* God does this. For example, if God creates a full grown tree out of nothing in front of me, I can then know by empirical evidence that God creates things out of nothing. Yet I, as well as any creature, will never be able to reasonably understand *how* God does this. No scientist, no matter how smart he is, will be able to make something out of nothing.

The first thing God created was space

The first thing God created was space in which to place his creatures. The first space God created was the heaven of God's home (God's heaven), in which he then created the angels in that space.

The universes sits in a circular pool of water

Under God's heaven, God created a circular pool of water, which was encompassed by God's heaven. The universe is encased within this circular pool of water outside of which is God's home in heaven:

"The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of majesty hath thundered, the Lord is upon many waters." (Ps. 28:3)

"And in the sight of the throne [God's throne] was, as it were, a sea of glass like to crystal." (Apoc. 4:6)

Not only the earth but the whole universe is God's footstool:

"Thus saith the Lord: Heaven is my throne and the earth my footstool. (Isa. 66:1)

"Heaven is my throne and the earth my footstool." (Acts 7:49)

God sits above the waters that encompass the universe. It is similar to an infant who is conceived in his mother's womb and encompassed in water. Not until he is born does he exit the water. In the same way, not until men are born again and enter heaven do they exit the waters that encompass the universe and enter heaven. So if God ever allowed scientists to discover the end of the universe, they would find a barrier of which on the other side is water:

"Praise ye him, O sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars and light; praise him, ye heavens of heavens; and let all the waters that are above the heavens praise the name of the Lord. For he spoke, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created." (Ps. 148:3-5)

God created the world in literally six days

1st day: God sitting over the circular body of water that would contain the universe, created light over the waters and made day and night in the waters:

"In the beginning God created heaven and earth. And the earth was void and empty [did not yet exist], and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God moved over the waters. And God said: Be light made. And light was made. And God saw the light that it was good; and he divided the light from the darkness. And he called the light Day, and the darkness Night; and there was evening and morning one day." (Gen. 1:1-5)

2nd day: God made a circular firmament (space) which separated the waters above from the waters below. Hence the waters that were below, which were to become the earth, was in the circular shape, the shape of a globe. The firmament blocked the light from the waters above and thus the waters below were dark. And God called the firmament between the waters above and the waters below, heaven; that is, not God's heaven but outer space where God would place the planets and stars:

"And God said: Let there be a firmament made amidst the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made a firmament and divided the waters that were under the firmament from those that were above the firmament, and it was so. And God called the firmament, heaven; and the evening and morning were the second day." (Gen. 1:6-8)

3rd day: God gathered the waters under the firmament and made dry land with seas and oceans and thus the earth was created. The space that is above the earth but below the firmament (below the heaven of outer space) is earth's heaven. There are, then, three heavens, which St. Paul mentions:

"I know a man in Christ above fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I know not, or out of the body, I know not; God knoweth), such a one caught up to the third heaven." (2 Cor. 12:2)

The third heaven, then, is God's home. The second heaven is outer space. And the first heaven is the space (the sky) above earth and below outer space. After God created the earth, he made plants, fruit trees, and seed bearing things:

"God also said: Let the waters that are under the heaven be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear. And it was so done. And God called the dry

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¹ See RJMI article The Flat Earth Opinion Is Not an Allowable Opinion.

land, Earth; and the gathering together of the waters, he called seas. And God saw that it was good. And he said: Let the earth bring forth the green herb, and such as may seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, which may have seed in itself upon the earth. And it was so done. And the earth brought forth the green herb, and such as yieldeth seed according to its kind, and the tree that beareth fruit, having seed each one according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day." (Gen. 1:9-13)

4th day: God created light in the firmament (outer space) to shine upon the earth—the Sun and other stars and the Moon and other planets. This is irrefutable proof that the earth was literally created in six days, as the trees, plants, and herbs that were created on the 3rd day need the sun to live and survive. For example, if one day were one thousand years, then the trees, plaints, and herbs would not have the sun for one thousand years and thus would die:

"And God said: Let there be lights made in the firmament of heaven, to divide the day and the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years, to shine in the firmament of heaven [outer space], and to give light upon the earth. And it was so done. And God made two great lights: A greater light to rule the day and a lesser light to rule the night and the stars. And he set them in the firmament of heaven to shine upon the earth. And to rule the day and the night, and to divide the light and the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And the evening and morning were the fourth day." (Gen. 1:14-19)

5th day: God created fish and birds:

"God also said: Let the waters bring forth the creeping creature having life, and the fowl that may fly over the earth under the firmament of heaven. And God created the great whales, and every living and moving creature, which the waters brought forth, according to their kinds, and every winged fowl according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And he blessed them, saying: Increase and multiply, and fill the waters of the sea: and let the birds be multiplied upon the earth. And the evening and morning were the fifth day." (Gen. 1:20-23)

6th day: God created animals and other land creatures and then made man, Adam:

"And God said: Let the earth bring forth the living creature in its kind, cattle and creeping things, and beasts of the earth, according to their kinds. And it was so done. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds, and cattle, and every thing that creepeth on the earth after its kind. And God saw that it was good. And he said: Let us make man to our image and likeness, and let him have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and the beasts, and the whole earth, and every creeping creature that moveth upon the earth. And God created man to his own image, to the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, saying: Increase and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and all living creatures that move upon the earth. And God said: Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed upon the earth and all trees that have in themselves seed of their own kind to be your meat: And to all beasts of the earth, and to every fowl of the air and to all that move upon the earth and wherein there is life that they may have to feed upon. And it was so done. And God saw all the things that he had made, and they were very good. And the evening and morning were the sixth day." (Gen. 1:24-31)

7th day: God rested from his work of creation, as it was completed:

"So the heavens and the earth were finished and all the furniture of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made. And he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. And he blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." (Gen. 2:1-3)

"Thou thyself, O Lord alone, thou hast made heaven, and the heaven of heavens and all the host thereof; the earth and all things that are in it; the seas and all that are therein: and thou givest life to all these things, and the host of heaven adoreth thee." (2 Esd. 9:6)

God created the world old

One who believes God's word regarding creation knows the answer to the famous following question: "What came first the chicken or the egg? - The chicken and then the egg. Hence God created the world old. For example, God created Adam as an adult, probably of the age of a man who is around 30 years old. If a scientist or doctor examined Adam, he would say that he was 30 years old when in fact he was less than one minute old. Likewise, God created full grown trees that appeared to be many years old but were less than one minute old.

God created Adam's body from slime and Eve's body from the Adam's rib

God created Adam's body from the slime (the clay or dust) of the earth and then created his soul within his body:

"And the Lord God formed man of the slime of the earth and breathed into his face the breath of life, and man became a living soul." (Gen. 2:7)

Jesus hinted that the body of man was created from the slime of the earth when he used clay to heal a blind man. He also hinted that he is God because it was God who created Adam from the clay of the earth:

"When he had said these things, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle, and spread the clay upon his eyes, And said to him: Go, wash in the pool of Siloe, which is interpreted, Sent. He went therefore, and washed, and he came seeing." (Jn. 9:6-7)

After God created Adam, he created the body of Eve from the rib of Adam and then created her soul within her body:

"Then the Lord God cast a deep sleep upon Adam. And when he was fast asleep, he took one of his ribs and filled up flesh for it. And the Lord God built the rib which he took from Adam into a woman and brought her to Adam. And Adam said: This now is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man." (Gen. 2:21-23)

"Thou madest Adam of the slime of the earth, and gavest him Eve for a helper." (Tob. 8:8)

Pope Pelagius I, *Humani Generis*, 557: "For I confess that all men from Adam, even to the consummation of the world, having been born and having died with Adam himself and his wife, who were not born of other parents but were created, the one from the earth, the other, however, from the rib of the man (Gen. 2:7, 22), will then rise again and stand before the Judgment seat of Christ..."²

² From Fide Pelagii in the letter Humani Generis" to Childebert I, April, 557; MGh Epistles III (1892) 79; Jf 946; ML 69, 410 BC; D. 228a

"I myself also am a mortal man, like all others, and of the race of him that was first made of the earth, and in the womb of my mother I was fashioned to be flesh." (Wis. 7:1)

Some creatures are extinct and others are newly created

Some of God's creatures are extinct, such as dinosaurs that existed before the Great Flood.³ Although there may be evidence that some exist today. And since the creation of the world, God continues to create new creatures.

"See now all the things which thou hast heard. But have you declared them? I have shewn thee new things from that time, and things are kept which thou knowest not. They are created now and not of old; and before the day when thou heardest them not, lest thou shouldst say: Behold I knew them." (Isa. 48:6-7)

For example, sometime after the creation of the world, God created fire breathing dragons which no longer exist. The Word of God says that this was a new animal and thus not created during the original creation of the world, as this is also evident because there was no need of fearful and dangerous creatures in the Garden of Paradise that Adam and Eve were created in. God created fire breathing dragons, no doubt, to punish and frighten men:

"For thy almighty hand which made the world of matter without form was not unable to send upon them a multitude of bears, or fierce lions, <u>or unknown beasts of a new kind</u>, full of rage, either breathing out a fiery vapour or sending forth a stinking smoke or shooting horrible sparks out of their eyes." (Wis. 11:18-19)

"And there was a great dragon in that place, and the Babylonians worshipped him. And the king said to Daniel: Behold thou canst not say now, that this is not a living god: adore him therefore. And Daniel said: I adore the Lord my God: for he is the living God: but that is no living god. But give me leave, O king, and I will kill this dragon without sword or club. And the king said: I give thee leave. Then Daniel took pitch, and fat, and hair, and boiled them together: and he made lumps, and put them into the dragon's mouth, and the dragon burst asunder. And he said: Behold him whom you worshipped." (Dan. 14:22-26)

Job, Chapter 41, describes a fire breathing dragon:

"His sneezing is like the shining of fire and his eyes like the eyelids of the morning. Out of his mouth go forth lamps like torches of lighted fire. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke like that of a pot heated and boiling. His breath kindleth coals, and a flame cometh forth out of his mouth." (Job 41:9-12)

³ Some hold the allowable opinion that dinosaurs never existed. I hold the allowable opinion that they did. It is not relevant to get into a debate regarding dinosaurs in this article. Two things are certain, some creatures are extinct, and God created new creatures after he created the world.

Fire breathing dragons still existed during the New Covenant era. A tradition of the Catholic Church teaches that St. Martha and St. George slew dragons. Even though The Golden Legend is an apocryphal book that contains heresies and other errors, it tells the truth in regard to saints slaying dragons. For example,

First Century: The Golden Legend, St. Martha: "There was that time upon the river of Rhone, in a certain wood between Aries and Avignon, a great dragon, half beast and half fish, greater than an ox, longer than an horse, having teeth sharp as a sword, and horned on either side, head like a lion, tail like a serpent, and defended him with two wings on either side, and could not be beaten with cast of stones ne with other armour, and was as strong as twelve lions or bears; which dragon lay hiding and lurking in the river, and perished them that passed by and drowned ships. He came thither by sea from Galicia, and was engendered of Leviathan, which is a serpent of the water and is much wood, and of a beast called Bonacho, that is engendered in Galicia. To whom Martha, at the prayer of the p eple, came into the wood, and found him eating a man. And she cast on him holy water, and showed to him the cross; which [dragon] anon was o/ercome, and standing still as a sheep, she bound him with her own girdle; and then was slain with spears and glaives of the people."



Third Century: *The Golden Legend*, St. George: "George, a native of Cappadocia, held the military rank of tribune. It happened that he once traveled to the city of Silena in the province of Lybia. Near this town there was a pond as large as a lake where a plague-bearing dragon lurked; and many times the dragon had put the populace to flight when they came out armed against him, for he used to come up to the city walls and poison everyone who came within reach of his breath. To appease the fury of this monster the townspeople fed him two sheep every day ... But George, mounting his horse and arming himself with the sign of the cross, set bravely upon the approaching dragon and, commending himself to God, brandished his lance, dealt the beast a grievous wound, and forced him to the ground."



Ouail was also new creature that God created to feed the Israelites in the desert:

"And at length, they saw <u>a new generation of birds</u>; when being led by their appetite, they asked for delicate meats. For to satisfy their desire, the <u>quail</u> came up to them from the sea." (Wis. 19:11-12)

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