

## *These Perilous Times*

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### **What Do God's People Believe? Part VI**

Looking closely at the beautiful things in nature, Christians may delight in knowing that there is a caring heavenly designer.

When God, through Jesus, created all things, <sup>1</sup> He had his earthly children in mind. When we look at the Eden account we see that our loving Father took six literal days to create a paradise on earth for the first human beings, <sup>2</sup> {Adam & Eve} to enjoy. He rested on the seventh day and made it Holy so we could honor Him, our Creator. <sup>3</sup>

“Everything God made, {created} was **very good**,” <sup>4</sup> {Emphasis supplied}.

### **Notice the words of David**

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<sup>1</sup> John 1:1-3, 10, 14; Hebrews 1:2

<sup>2</sup> Genesis 1:26-28

<sup>3</sup> Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11

<sup>4</sup> Genesis 1:31

“The heavens declare the Glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork.”

Psalms 19:1

“By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.” Psalms 33:6

**What does this mean for us?**

*Obvious Signs Do Tell the Season*

Unfortunately there are many Christians today who believe in the evolutionary process of man’s existence, which still cannot be proved by the world’s leading scientists.

Scientists are still looking for that mysterious “missing link” that “supposedly” connects our genealogy with primates-one of the beasts that we are commanded to have dominion over.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Genesis 1:26

The Bible states very clearly that we were created in God's image. <sup>6</sup>

I'm reminded of a very pivotal time in my life while attending "Lake Shore Elementary School." <sup>7</sup> I was eleven years old and in the fifth grade, the year was 1958. This, as I recall, is when the "Anne Arundel County School" system began introducing the evolution theory into their science curriculum.

I remember like it was yesterday, my fifth grade teacher Mrs. "H" stating very emphatically that we evolved from primates. Immediately I raised my hand.

"Do you have a question Mr. Harmon?" Mrs. "H" asked. "No ma'am," I said, "I just need to tell you that you are wrong, the Bible says we were created in God's image, and we didn't come from monkeys!" Of course that statement got me into big trouble with Mrs. "H."

No one else in the class of about 35 students took a stand with me on that memorable day but began laughing hysterically, {which brought me

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<sup>6</sup> Genesis 1:26-18

<sup>7</sup> Lake Shore Elementary School is located in Pasadena Maryland, and is a subsidiary of Anne Arundel County Public Schools in Maryland.

to tears} even though many of them attended their respective churches every Sunday.

I was attending the “Annapolis SDA Church” at that time. I began thinking to myself how could the other students {from my neighborhood} who attend church on a weekly basis accept such nonsense?

A letter was sent home to my parents, stating that I disrupted the entire class by disagreeing with Mrs. “H,” while she was teaching science.

My mom responded to Mrs. “H’s” letter by stating, “We are Christians, and we don’t believe in the evolution theory, but creation, as taught in the Bible.”

“My son “E” may have to go to your class and listen to the subjects you have been instructed to teach, but he does not have to believe the evolution theory.”

Mrs. “H” responded by saying, “Okay, but if he wants to pass, he does have to attend science class.”

Praise the Lord for Godly parents, who teach Bible truth!

## **Seventh-day Adventists Believe...**

### **6. Creation**

“God is Creator of all things and has revealed in Scripture the authentic account of His creative activity. In six days the Lord made ‘the heaven and the earth’ and all living things upon the earth and rested on the seventh day of that first week. Thus He established the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of His completed creative work.

The first man and woman were made in the image of God as the crowning work of creation, given dominion over the world, and charged with responsibility to care for it. When the world was finished it was **‘very good,’** declaring the glory of God,”<sup>8</sup> [Emphasis supplied] Gen. 1:2; Ex. 20:8-11; Ps. 19:1-6; 33:6, 9; 104; Heb. 11:3.



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<sup>8</sup> Seventh-day Adventists Believe, “A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Beliefs,” Boise ID, Pacific Press Pub, Assn., General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring Md.