**Not by Chance: “Maker of Heaven and Earth”**

*Revelation 4:11*

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    to receive glory and honor and power,
for You created all things,
    and by Your will they existed and were created.”*

**1) This is a clash of competing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Evolution as a worldview leaves God \_\_\_.. Either He doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or He doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_*.

**2) The Christian worldview \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ upon the truth that God created all things.**

The biblical writers repeatedly ascribed all of creation to the work of God:

**“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”** (Genesis 1:1).

**“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”**(Hebrews 11:3).

First there was God’s creative word. He spoke, and …

it came into being.

**Psalm 33:6 (KJV) “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.”**

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*Creation comes \_\_\_\_\_\_, then redemption*.

The story of creation leads to the reality of the \_\_\_\_. Genesis 1-2 tells us where we came from. Genesis 3 explains how sin entered the human race and why we need a Savior.

Without creation there would be no redemption, no Christ dying on the cross, no forgiveness for our sins, no heaven, and no hope of eternal life.

But there is something else we should notice from Revelation 4:11. *God created all things by His own will*.

**3) You will never properly understand the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until you know the God who created it.**

If you leave God out, you’ve missed the fundamental \_\_\_\_\_ about the universe!

When we put God at the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of all things, then everything else finds its proper place. **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is insight”** (Proverbs 9:10).

There are three great questions of life:

***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did I come from?***

***\_\_\_ am I here?***

***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ am I going?***

Three words summarize the biblical teaching regarding where we come from: created, not evolved. God made me \_\_\_\_ the way I am, with all my quirks-and they are many.

You are here because God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you here.

He put a God-shaped vacuum inside your heart that only \_\_ can fill.  He made you, He loves you in spite of your sin, and He sent His Son to die on the cross and rise from the dead so that you could go to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has become your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. That’s how much God loves you.

Everything starts with the God who created us. Start anywhere else and you will be perpetually confused. You’ll never know who you are \_\_\_\_\_\_l you know who He is.

That’s why the Creed calls Him “God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.”

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