



Read the full message of the first angel (Rev. 14:6-7).

How are all the elements related (the everlasting gospel, preaching, fearing and giving glory to God, the judgment, worship)?

Would this message be meaningful if our world were a result of chance and the survival of the fittest? Our world is a result of the loving act of our Creator. Worship your Creator!





- Who do we worship?
 - A companion in the tribulation
 - The Creator
 - The One who cares for us
- Creation or evolution?
 - Evolution vs. redemption
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WHO DO WE WORSHIP?

A COMPANION IN THE TRIBULATION

"I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." (Revelation 1:9)



John refused to worship Domitian, the Roman emperor. Therefore, he

was exiled to Patmos, a small Greek island.

John was treated as any other criminal there, but he was visited by the only One worthy of his worship, Jesus (Rev. 1:17-18).



He received visions of hope, warning, and encouragement. These visions explain how the hour of trial to come will take place (Rev. 3:10).

Worshipping our Creator is the true worship that will give us strength through the time of trouble.



THE CREATOR



"Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing." (Isaiah 40:26 NIV)

Our sun could have more than a million planets like ours. But it's only one of the one hundred billion suns (stars) in our galaxy. And this is one of the two trillion galaxies we can see from Earth. All of them are a creation of God!



Microscopic view of snow

Revelation encourages us to worship the Creator, to worship an amazing and limitless Being. We can see His mastery, His wisdom, and His originality even in the smallest things.

God is presented as the only Creator since the first verse of the Bible (Gn. 1:1; Is. 44:24).





THE ONE WHO CARES FOR US

"But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

Our Creator is not a distant God. He is near each one of us (Acts 17:27). He takes care of us (Ps. 3:5; Col. 1:17) and cares for everyone (1P. 5:7).

God, "the High and Lofty One" who lives "in the high and holy place," is also by the side of those "who have a contrite and humble spirit" (Isaiah 57:15).



Besides creating and sustaining us, He also makes us "new creatures" (2Co. 5:17). He wants to transform us and to mold us into His image. He longs to see us opening our hearts to Him so He can live there (Rev. 3:20).





CREATION OR EVOLUTION?

EVOLUTION VS. REDEMPTION

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." (Revelation 4:11)



Most people believe that this world came to exist through an evolutive process. A process that's based on death and the survival of the fittest. God couldn't be part of such process, let's see why.

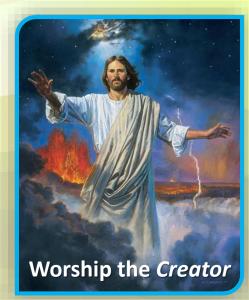
If death is necessary to bring new life, it should've been present long before Adam and Eve's sin (Ro. 5:12).

In that case, why did Jesus have to die if God was the one who created death to create the universe through evolution?



Evolution as God's creative process is a denial of the Bible teachings. It makes Jesus' sacrifice useless and removes all hope.

Therefore, this message is important today:



WORSHIP THE CREATOR AND REDEEMER

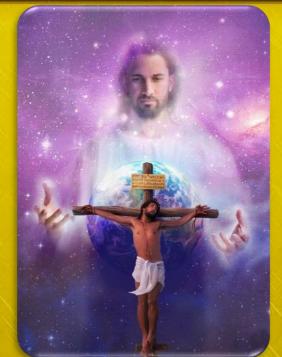


"Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: 'I am the Lord, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;" (Isaiah 44:24)

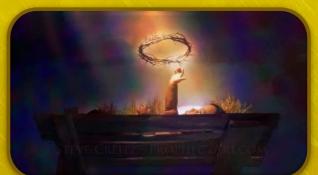


The Creator is also introduced as the Redeemer.

God didn't abandon His creatures after they rebelled against Him. On the contrary, He descended to our little planet and became a person like us. He took our sin on Him and died on the cross to redeem our sins (Is. 53:6; Tit. 2:13-14).



We've been called to worship the One who "made heaven and earth" and who "humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Philp. 2:8).



"Nature testifies that One infinite in power, great in goodness, mercy, and love, created the earth, and filled it with life and gladness. Even in their blighted state, all things reveal the handiwork of the great Master Artist. Wherever we turn, we may hear the voice of God, and see evidences of His goodness [...]

All things tell of His tender, fatherly care and of His desire to make His children happy."

E. G. W. (The Ministry of Healing, cp. 35, p. 411-412)