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Musing on God's Revelations of Himself - Part 2

Introduction

In the previous paper there was consideration given to the distinctive distinction between God and His creation, followed by the manifestation of God. That which is now considered is the “why” and “how” the universe was created.

Why was the cosmos created?

There are at least three great reasons why God created the cosmos.

- a) John writing about God in Revelation 4:11 states, “Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created”. Paul, when writing about the Lord Jesus, writes, “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist” (Col. 1:16-17).
- b) Another three truths are presented, two in the Psalms and one in Romans. “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork (Psa. 19:1); “The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory” (Psa. 97:6). Paul wrote, “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Rom 1:20).
 - i) Hugh Ross in his book *The Fingerprint of God* makes the following statement:
 1. The universe has a just-right gravitational force. If it were larger, the stars would be too hot and would burn up too quickly and too unevenly to support life. If it were smaller, the stars would remain so cool, nuclear fusion would never ignite, and there would be no heat and light.
 2. The universe has a just-right speed of light. If it were larger, stars would send out too much light. If it were smaller, stars would not send out enough light.
 3. The universe has a just-right average distance between the stars. If it were larger, the heavy element density would be too thin for rocky planets to form, and there would only be gaseous planets. If it were smaller, planetary orbits would become destabilized because of the gravitational pull from other stars.
 4. The universe has a just-right polarity of the water molecule. If it were greater, the heat of fusion and vaporization would be too great for life to exist. If it were smaller, the heat of fusion and vaporization would be too small for life's existence, liquid water would become too inferior a solvent for life chemistry to proceed, ice would not float, leading to a runaway freeze-up.
- c) Earth was created and placed for man to dwell on, “I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded” (Isa. 45:12).

How was cosmos created?

The great danger folks fall into is restricting God to our measurements and understanding. The Almighty is outside of our universe and the question of Job is still unanswerable by man, “Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?” (Job 11:7). A crude illustration is a fly flying around Presidents Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate and saying, “I do not see any evidence of the President.” It just would have no idea of its insignificance or tinniness of its thoughts. In the beginning God created. How did He create it?

- a) In wisdom and understanding: “The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens” (Prov. 3:19).
- b) By the preciseness of measurements: “Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?” (Isa. 40:12).

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- c) Without any external assistance: “Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself” (Isa. 44:24).
- d) By Power: “Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee” (Jer. 32:17)..
- e) For His pleasure that is the fulfilling of His purpose: “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Rev. 4:11).

Concluding thoughts

The shallowness of my spirituality is that I can know all this data, and yet not bow in worshipping astonishment for three things:

- a) The graciousness of His revelation of Himself to us who are but six foot of dust.
- b) In loving me to the extent of giving His beloved to the curse of the tree for me. (Jn. 3:16)
- c) In bringing me into the honoured place of calling Him Father. (Jn. 20:17)

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