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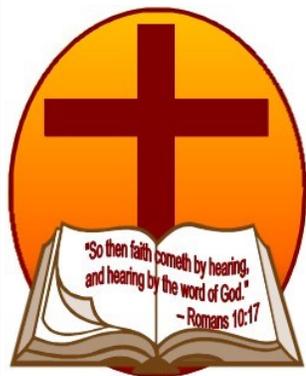
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Are We Alone?

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

The recent interest and disclosures about UFO's have brought up an old question again. The question is, "Are we alone in the Universe?" After all, the universe is a vast place with hundreds of billions of galaxies, each containing perhaps hundreds of billions of stars, many with multiple planets circling them. After all, out of the trillions and trillions of possible planets out there, surely, we are not the only living things that God created.

Or are we?

In the first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1, we read, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Before that, only God existed. As the eternal, infinite, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God, God alone existed and had always existed. Then, for reasons of His own choosing, God desired to create beings that He could commune with and have fellowship with. To do so, He created the heaven and the earth as a place within Himself for those beings to exist and live.

The heaven apparently is a spiritual realm created by God, in which He created spiritual beings that He could commune and fellowship with. These spiritual beings are what we call angels. They exist primarily in the spiritual realm and have intellect, emotion, and free will. The Bible refers to them as "the morning stars" and "the sons of God" in Job 38:4-7:

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"



Apparently, the angels were created just before the creation of the earth, on the first day of the Creation Week when God created the heaven. They would have, like Adam and Eve later, been created as fully aware and responsive beings. This is indicated by Job 38:4-7 where we read of "the morning stars" and "the sons of God" singing and shouting for joy as they watch God lay the foundations of the earth.

Consequently, by the end of the first day of the Creation Week we have the creation of the spiritual realm, heaven, populated with angelic beings created to have fellowship and communion with God, and the physical realm, consisting only of the earth, light, and darkness. All of these created by God, for God, and existing within the eternal, infinite being of God.

As I said before, the heaven created on Day 1 was the spiritual realm. However, we know from 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 that there are three heavens, the third heaven being the spiritual realm:

"I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

The other two heavens are the atmosphere of the earth, and the expanse of space. We can see the two differentiated in Genesis chapter one where birds are described as flying "above the earth in the open firmament of heaven" in Genesis 1:20 and the sun, moon, and stars are described as "lights in the firmament of the heaven" in Genesis 1:14-18.

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Coming Events at the BBC

July 2021

- 4 - Independence Day
- 27-31 - Summit County Fair Booth Outreach

August 2021

- 1 - Summit County Fair Booth Outreach
- 3 - 24th Anniversary of Pastor Davis at RBBC
- 20 - 15th Anniversary of Radio Outreach Ministry

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We Are Going to Heaven

[Sadly, there are Christians today who think that communism and Christianity can coexist peacefully. Some even believe that communism is more compatible with Christianity than capitalism. This true story from the early days of the communist takeover of China is illustrative of the real relationship between communism and Christianity.—The Editor]

The anticipated knock at the door came suddenly. The rumors were true. The Communists had arrived to arrest them.

John and Betty Stam had met each other in a prayer meeting for China. Their friendship grew into love, but their applications for mission work put them in different corners of the country. Believing God's work should come before human affection, they committed the matter to the Lord. Through a series of events, Betty ended up in Shanghai, the very place John had been stationed. Within two years, they were engaged, married, and had a newborn baby, beautiful little Helen.

On this particular day, a loud knock came at the door, signifying the Communists' arrival. Although they had been warned, it was too late for the Stams to flee. The Communists barged into their home, demanded all their money, bound John, and took him to their headquarters. They later came back for Betty and baby Helen.

In a letter which John was allowed to write to China Inland Mission, he said, "We were too late. The Lord bless and

guide you. As for us, may God be glorified, whether by life or by death."

Taken twelve miles on foot to Miashea, the location for their execution, the Stams spent the night in the home of a wealthy man who had fled to safety. John was chained that night, but Betty was given enough freedom to tend to the baby.



The next morning, they were led to the execution site. When asked by the postmaster where they were going, John replied, "I don't know where they are going, but we are going to heaven." They were both executed by beheading in front of a terrified crowd.

The Christians in the city fled to the mountains and stayed in hiding for two days. A Chinese evangelist, Mr. Lo, ventured back into town, but the people were too fearful to tell him who had been executed. After much effort, he discovered it was the very missionaries he had been working with and that their baby had been left behind.

Mr. Lo searched the house where the Stams had spent that last night. It had been ransacked, but during his search he heard a soft cry. Baby Helen had been left in a sleeping bag by her mother along with a few supplies and ten dollars. That money was used to finance the trip that carried her to safety. Helen was taken to a missionary in another city, and today she lives in the US with her husband and family.

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heavens, the atmosphere and space, are discussed in Genesis 1:6-21. I will not get into the specifics of their creation but suffice to say they and the earth itself make up the totality of the physical realm, which we call the universe. Also, please keep in mind that, although we have angels living in the spiritual realm on the first day, there are no forms of life of any kind in the physical realm until Day 3 when God creates plant life (Genesis 1:11-13) on the earth.

This brings up a problem for those who like to claim that life on earth was seeded from space. This idea, called panspermia, postulates that life forms, probably in the form of bacterial spores came to the early earth via comets and meteors. The problem with this theory, however, is that the Bible tells us that plant life was created on earth on Day 3 prior to the creation of the sun, moon, and stars on Day 4. If other forms of life were created in the material realm they could not have been created until Day 4, at the earliest, when the other planets would likely have been created along with the sun, moon, and stars. The Earth itself did not have other life forms other than plant life until after Day 4 when God created aquatic life and the fowls of the air (Day 5) and then the land animals (Day 6).

Also, it is not until Day 6 that we see God create man, the only other form of life that, like the angels, was created to have fellowship and communion with God. In fact, in the creation of Adam and Eve, we see that human beings were created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27) and given responsibility for and dominion over all other forms of life that God had created on the earth (Genesis 1:28-29).

Consequently, by the close of the Creation Week we see that God has created both a spiritual realm (the third heaven) and a physical realm (the universe). God populated both realms with intelligent, self-aware, and God-aware beings, beings that were created to have fellowship and communion with Him. Heaven was populated with angels and the earth, and by extension the universe, was populated with humans. Interestingly, while all the angels appear to have been created on Day 1 of the Creation Week, only two humans, Adam and Eve, were created on Day 6 but were given the command to "*Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish [i.e. fill] the earth...*" (Genesis 1:28). No mention is made of any other beings being created

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Words Worth Considering...



"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." —George Washington

"Now, more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them..."

—President James Garfield

"When Americans restore their spiritual foundation, we will have the courage and resolve to face our enemies."

—Roger Helle

"Religion, instead of being marginalized or ignored..., has been hijacked or commandeered by progressive activists posing as faith leaders, who use their clerical robes and pulpits to dispense leftist nostrums dressed up as religious dogma. In my community and elsewhere, conservative pastors stand by silently, conceding the culture war with barely a whimper."

—Mark Pulliam

"I have examined all religions, and the result is that the Bible is the best book in the world"

—President John Adams

"Our American heritage of human freedom is born of the belief that man is created in the image of God and therefore is capable of governing himself. We have created here a government dedicated to the dignity and the freedom of man. It is a government whose creed is derived from the word of God, and its roots are deep in our spiritual foundations...On these foundations we have established a creed of self-government more precious to us than life itself."

—President Harry Truman

"I prefer liberty with danger to peace with slavery."

—Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778)

"The most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent Being."

—Isaac Newton

"The standards of evidence supporting evolution seemed ridiculously trivial compared to the evidence on which engineers have to base their systems, and also compared to the tremendous evidences of the Bible (fulfilled prophecy, the resurrection of Christ, etc.)."

—Henry M. Morris



MINISTRY FOCUS



SUMMIT COUNTY FAIR OUTREACH BOOTH

The Summit County Fair is fast approaching! And with it, our annual Summit County Fair Outreach booth. The fair runs July 27 through August 1.

The fair is supposed to be back at full strength this year. Last year it was reduced in size and duration due to COVID fears and was, in fact, one of the only fairs held in Ohio last year. Consequently, the both attendance and the number of vendors was greatly reduced and a mask mandate was imposed on all visitors, vendors, and exhibitors. It proved challenging but, nevertheless, we were able to have our outreach booth (with lots of extra room around us!) and provide a gospel witness at the fair despite the challenges.

Please pray for us this year. We are looking forward to being back at the fair. We will feature our three-door challenge and conversation starter, "3 THINGS GOD CANNOT DO", a variety of gospel tracts and booklets, Christian videos, and more.

Look for us on the west side of the main entrance as you come into the fair. We are usually right next to Northeast Ohio Right to Life's booth.

See you at the fair! ✝



★ When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness...

—The United States Declaration of Independence

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to have fellowship and communion with Him in either the spiritual or the physical realm other than angelic beings and human beings.

But does the Bible preclude the existence of other intelligent, self-aware, God-aware beings being created to have fellowship and communion with God elsewhere in the vastness of the universe? And if so, assuming they also had a similar opportunity to obey or disobey God like Adam and Eve did with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, could they be involved in their own redemption stories? Of course, that creates its own set of problems.

One glaring problem is that the whole of creation appears to be earth-centric, meaning that the earth and what happens there appears to be central to the overall plan and purpose of the universe. After all, the earth was created first, the first life in the universe was created on the earth, and the sun, moon, and stars were created in space to *"divide the day from the night"* on earth, to *"be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years"* on earth, and to *"be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth"* (Genesis 1:14-15).

Another problem stems from God's command for Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply. Death was not in God's original plan. Consequently, Adam and Eve, as well as their offspring, would have continued being fruitful and multiplying with no one dying. Human beings would have soon filled the earth and would have had to either stop multiplying or eventually expand beyond the confines of the earth. However, when Adam disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit all that changed. Romans 5:12 tells us, *"Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."* Death and suffering are part of the curse God placed on the world (Genesis 3:14-19).

The curse of death and suffering placed on the world as a result of man's sin appear to have been universal and not unique to the earth. Otherwise, why would God tell us in 2 Peter 3:7 that, *"... the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."* This passage clearly says that the actions of *"ungodly men"* have affected the *"heavens and the earth"* to the degree that they are *"kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and per-*

dition of ungodly men."

2 Peter 3:10-13 makes it even clearer that the universe will one day be cleansed from the stench and stain of sin:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

In fact, it is not just the physical realm (the heavens – plural – and the earth) that will one day be cleansed. Revelation 21:1 tells us that both the spiritual realm (heaven – singular) and the physical realm (earth) will pass away and be renewed:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."

Obviously, then, any form of life that might exist somewhere out in the vastness of the universe will be destroyed when *"the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat"*. This would certainly be problematic for any other intelligent, self-aware, God-aware beings somewhere out there in the universe as their world would be destroyed along with the heavens and the earth.

No, it makes more sense to believe that God did exactly what the Bible says that He did. He created the spiritual realm and populated it with angelic beings to commune and have fellowship with Him. He also created the physical realm to be populated with human beings who would also be able to commune and have fellowship with Him.

Unfortunately, sin entered in and tarnished both realms. Lucifer and perhaps a third of the angels in heaven rebelled against God. Adam and Eve disobeyed God on earth. God's perfect creation, both spiritual and physical became contaminated with sin, necessitating its future destruction and complete renewal to restore it to its former state. Holy angels, the ones who did not fall into sin and rebellion against

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IRS Official Claims Bible & Prayer Support the Republican Party. So What Supports the Democrat Party...?

"Specifically, [Christians Engaged] educate Christians on what the Bible says in areas where they can be instrumental including the areas of sanctity of life, the definition of marriage, biblical justice, freedom of speech, defense, and borders and immigration, U.S. and Israel relations...The Bible teachings are typically affiliated with the [Republican Party] and candidates. This disqualifies you from exemption under IRC Section 501 (c)(3)."

—Letter from IRS Exempt Organizations Director Stephen Martin explaining the rejection of *Christians Engaged* tax exemption application.

Every Conversation on Morality in the Modern World

Secular Society: We want to do "X"
 The Church: You are free to do it
 Secular Society: But you think "X" is wrong
 The Church: Yes
 Secular Society: Because you want to control us
 The Church: No. You are free to do what you want
 Secular Society: But you think "X" is wrong
 The Church: Yes, but only because we want your ultimate good, which is the definition of love.
 Secular Society: But we want to do "X"
 The Church: You are free to do it
 Secular Society: But we want you to say that "X" is good
 The Church: We cannot say that
 Secular Society: Why do you hate us?

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God, will once more populate the new heaven. Redeemed humans, the saved of all the ages, will populate the new earth and the new heavens.

There will, however, be at least three major differences. First is the presence of the Lake of Fire where the angels that rebelled against God and unregenerate men and women will be for all eternity (Revelation 14:9-11; 20:10-15; 21:8). The Lake of Fire will stand as a stark reminder throughout all eternity future of the awfulness and consequences of sin. The second is the New Jerusalem described in Revelation chapter 21 which is the place prepared for the Believers during the age of grace, which occurs between the resurrection of Christ and the rapture of the Believers prior to the seven-year Tribulation period. It also appears to serve as a doorway or portal between the spiritual realm and the physical realm, allowing the passage of humans and angels back and forth between the two. And third, there is no more curse:

"And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads." (Revelation 22:3-4)

So, to answer our question, "Are we alone in the Universe?" Yes and no. Yes, in the sense that there are no other intelligent, self-aware, God-aware beings created to fellowship and commune with God in the physical universe. No, in the sense that God did create angels as intelligent, self-aware, God-aware beings to fellowship and commune with in the spiritual realm of heaven. And, for those of us who know Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour, we will be able to interact with other Believers, the holy angels, and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ throughout all eternity as we explore and enjoy the vastness of both the physical universe and the spiritual heaven.

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

(1 Corinthians 2:9)



"An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked."

(Proverbs 29:27)



As our nation celebrates its birthday, please be in prayer for those who are currently serving in our military. The United States military has long been an obstacle to the godless globalist agenda. Now, the globalists have established a beachhead within the U.S. military and are attempting to destroy from within the very force that has kept the enemies of freedom and liberty at bay for over 200 years. Truly we live in the latter hours of the last days.

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." (2 Thessalonians 2:7)

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

(Psalms 33:12)



Project Much?

Anthea Butler, associate professor of religious and Africana studies at the University of Pennsylvania and author of "White Evangelical Racism: The Politics of Morality in America," projects her own racist, intolerant, ignorant, anti-God agenda on evangelicals when she claims:

"If evangelicals don't change, they pose an existential crisis to us all ... their racism, their sexism, their homophobia, their lack of belief in science, lack of belief and common sense may end up killing us all"

"Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you." (1 John 3:13)

<p>GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO IS GOOD? "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10) • WHO HAS SINNED? "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) • WHERE DID SIN COME FROM? "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12) • WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR SIN? "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) • WHAT IS OUR HOPE? "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) • WHAT SHOULD WE DO? "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9) • "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) 	<p>SERVICES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School 10:00 AM • Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM • Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM • Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:00 PM • (Call for meeting location) • Friday Bible Study 7:00 PM <p>MINISTRIES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Studies & Expository Preaching • World Missions & Local Evangelism • Nursing Home Outreach • Internet Outreach: BBCRichfield.com • Radio Outreach Ministry on WHKW 1220 AM: • "Late Night Live with Pastor Al" — Sunday, 11:00 PM • "Live With Pastor Al" — Friday 1:30 PM <p>LOCATION OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible Baptist Church meets at the Richfield Holiday Inn Express, located at 5171 Brecksville Road, in Richfield, Ohio. • We are located on State Route 21 just off I-77 exit 146, north of the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) exit 173. The Richfield Holiday Inn Express is located next to the Pilot Truck Stop.
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