**R893 Rumination for Mar. 06, 2022**

The **T**heme: **God Created Heaven and Earth from Nothing** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext:*In the beginning God* ***created*** *the heaven and the earth.*  Gen. 1:1

The **T**hots:

1. **God Created Heaven and Earth from Nothing. Gen. 1:1**
2. The **W**ritten **W**ord in Genesis says, *In the beginning God* ***created*** *the heaven and the earth –*
3. *Created* is Heb. ***b****ārāʾ* ([<H1254>](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?strongs=H1254)). Strong
4. A word that **A**ppears some fifty-four times in the Old Testament.
5. And is used of God **A**lone. Watson
6. ***B****ārāʾ* speaks of **C**reating from nothing – the heaven and the earth were created from nothing!
7. The Spoken **W**ord– **God, the Father**, “***S****aid…*” and the Heaven and the **W**orld were created! Gen. 1:1, 3

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. …And God said…*

1. The Living **W**ord, **God the Son**, was also involved in creation: Jn. 1:1-3

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him;*

*and without Him was not anything made that was made.*

1. And so was **God the Spirit** – *And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.* Gen. 1:2

* Thus, God, the Father, the Son and the Spirit were there at the creation of the heaven and the earth.

1. The Living **W**orld: other creatures and nature were formed from what had been created. Thus,
2. *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground,* Gen. 2:7
3. *And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman…* Gen. 2:22
4. The LORD God planted a garden…in Eden; and there he put the man whom He had formed. Gen. 2:8
5. Consider other “*creation*” **W**ords Used when God Formed the things from Something. Isa. 45:18

*For thus saith the LORD that* ***created*** *the heavens; God Himself that* ***formed*** *the earth and* ***made*** *it; He hath* ***established*** *it, He created it not in vain, He* ***formed*** *it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.*

1. The **five highlighted English words** **above** Convey almost the same meaning; however, the Hebrew words are not only distinct but have their unique meaning.
2. Consider these words and their **D**istinct **D**ifferences as commented by J.D. Watson in his **D**evotional book – A Hebrew Word for the Day: Key Words from the Old Testament. Isa. 45:18
3. *For thus saith the LORD that created* *[****bārāʾ****] the heavens;* See #A1 above.
4. *God Himself that formed [****yāṣar****] the earth…He formed [yāṣar] it to be inhabited:*

The word *yāṣar* (<H3335>), for example, means "to form, fashion, or shape," as a potter makes a vessel (Isa. 29:16) and as God formed man from dust (Gen. 2:7).

1. *and made [****ʿāśāh****] it – ʿāśāh* (<H6213>) means "to do, to make, to accomplish," as in constructing something with existing materials (Gen. 13:4) *– Unto the place of the altar, which he had made [ʿāśāh]*
2. *he hath established [****kûn****] it, kûn* (<H3559>) means "to set up, to make firm, to establish," as in founding a city (Hab. 2:12) *– Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth [kûn] a city by iniquity!*

* Thus, *He created* *[bārāʾ] it not in vain, He formed [yāṣar] it to be inhabited:*

1. **God will Create the New Heaven and the New Earth from nothing one day.**
2. As **F**oretold by Isaiah: *Behold, I create*[bārāʾ] *new heavens and a new earth:*

*and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.* Isa. 65:17

1. To be **F**oretasted in the New Jerusalem. Isa. 65:18-22

*But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create*[bārāʾ]*: for, behold, I create* [bārāʾ]*: Jerusalem* (cf. Rev. 21:2) *a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.*

1. To be **F**ulfilled in **F**uture*:* Rev. 21:1-5
2. *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.*
3. *And I John saw the holy city,* ***new*** *Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband…for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things* ***new****. And He said unto me…* Rev. 21:1-5
4. **God Creates the New Man in Christ from Nothing!**
5. *For we are His workmanship,* ***C****reated* [Gk. Ktizō] *in* ***C****hrist Jesus unto good works,* Eph. 2:10
6. "*Created"* is *ktizō*, the word often used in the Septuagint to translate *bārāʾ*.

Cf**. *C****reate* [bārāʾ] *in me a* ***C****lean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.* Psa. 51:10

1. God created the believer from nothing. Before Christ came into our lives, each of us was a worthless lump of clay, dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1-3). But then God created us! And to what were we created? *"Unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them".* JD Watson
2. As we **R**emember the Lord, this Lord’s Day let us be **R**eminded of the Lord’s Proclamation:

* ***I am the LORD; and there is none else.***

*O Father, all creating, Whose wisdom, love, and power*

*First bound two lives together In Eden’s primal hour,*

*Today to these Thy children Thine earliest gifts renew,*

*A home by Thee made happy, A love by Thee kept true.* John Ellerton,

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK. R. 893**

1. Here is an article on the origin of life taken from “Science Daily” entitled,

“***A short jump from single-celled ancestors to animals***” –

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/10/161013155204.htm>

*Date: October 13, 2016*

*Source: Cell Press*

*Summary: The first animals evolved from their single-celled ancestors around 800 million years ago, but new evidence suggests that this leap to multi-celled organisms in the tree of life may not have been quite as dramatic as scientists once assumed. Researchers demonstrate that the single-celled ancestor of animals likely already had some of the mechanisms that animal cells use today to develop into different tissue types.*

*The researchers studied a* ***single-celled amoeba*** *called Capsaspora owczarzaki, which is a close relative of today's multi-celled animals. Capsaspora was originally discovered living inside a freshwater snail and has been used by Ruiz-Trillo's group to learn more about animal evolution. Ruiz-Trillo and his team sequenced the Capsaspora genome in an earlier project and discovered that the amoeba contained many genes that, in animals, are related to multicellular functions.*

*As a single-celled organism, Capsaspora can't have multiple different cell types at the same time like humans can. However, a single Capsaspora does change its cell type over time, transitioning from a lone* ***amoeba*** *to an aggregated colony of cells to a hardy cystic form during its life cycle. This new study explored whether Capsaspora uses the same mechanisms to control cell differentiation over time as animals use to control cell development across different tissues…*

Thus, in brief, are we to believe that Life originated from a single-celled **A**moeba, through an **A**ncestry of **A**pes, to become Man as we are today over a period of billions of years (as some theorise) or millions of years or 800 million years ago (as above).

**Contrast** this with the Biblical Account of Creation of the Universe, and Life on Earth and Man. The Bible declared in no uncertain terms that the Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent and Self-Existent ***God created* (Gk. *bārāʾ) heaven and earth* (the universe) from nothing**, and Nature and Man from substances He had created earlier **in six 24-hour days** and rested on the seventh day because He saw everything perfect and He was satisfied-

**Genesis 2:1-3 –** *Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*

*And* ***on the seventh day*** *God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.*

In the light of Man’s Theory on the Origin of Life, and the Biblical account as declared in Genesis which would you accept and act on? Why? **REFLECT**

1. Why did God create Man in the first place?

**Isaiah 43:7** states the **P**urpose:

*Even every one that is called by My name: for I have created him for My glory,*

*I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*

**Psalm 148:5-6***,* that we are for His **P**raise:

*Let them praise the name of the LORD: for He commanded, and they were created.*

*He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass.*

**Ephesians 2:10***,* and as **P**eople of His creation…

*We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

As the Lord’s People, how will you live up to His Purpose and expectations? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:**

**The Origin of Life**: Whom to Believe – What God ***S****aid* or What **M**an **S**ays!