



Seven Truths the Creation Account Teaches Us



In every story, the beginning is essential. It is the beginning, the introduction of a story, that provides the foundation for everything that will follow. The same is true with the Bible. It is important to know the message of Genesis 1 to 3. This introduction serves as the foundation for the rest of the Bible. Let's review the crucial truths that Genesis is trying to communicate.

Truth #1: God Exists

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).¹ The first thing we discover when we read this text is that God exists. God is presented as the basis of existence itself. Everything exists solely because of Him. Thus, God's existence is the foundation for all of the biblical worldview. Many theologians have noticed that Genesis seeks to show not only that God exists, but that there is no God other than Him.

Truth #2: God Is the Creator

The repetition of the expression "and God said" in the Genesis account emphasizes this point. Absolutely everything has its origin in God. Therefore, creation is presented as distinct from its Creator. Creation isn't supernatural or divine. It shouldn't be worshiped, but offers us reasons to worship the Creator, who is distinct from all of creation.

Truth #3: Humans Were Made to Resemble God, Not Animals

Genesis 1:26 informs us that the human race was created according to the "image" and "likeness" of God. Expressions like "image" and "likeness," found in the Bible, "emphasize the nearness and relationship" between humans and their Creator.⁶ Our origin is found in a superior "Father," not in a common animal ancestor.

Truth #4: Humans Were Made for Relationships

In Genesis 2:18 we find that God created human beings to live in community. "It is not good for the man to be alone," He said. The fact that God blessed "male and female," commanding them to be fruitful and multiply (Gen 1:27, 28) provides us with biblical truth that itself counters both contemporary and traditional human practices.

Truth #5: Humans Should Use Nature Wisely

Genesis also informs us about God's command that humans not remain inactive but should rule over creation and take care of it. Genesis 1:26, 28 authorizes human beings to subdue the earth and rule over it. Through this divine command, we understand that human beings are allowed to use creation to meet their needs, so long as those needs are consistent with bringing glory to the Creator.

As bearers of the image of God, human beings should reflect His character in the treatment and care of creation. The resources created by God should be used wisely.

Truth #6: Sin (Disobeying God) Brings Death and Suffering

God is the objective source of all morality. He is the one who determines what is correct, just, and good. Therefore, disobedience to His will is considered breaking His standards. That is exactly what sin is. It is an attitude of rebellion against divine will.

Genesis helps us understand why our existence is characterized by so many flaws and problems.

Truth #7: God Has a Plan to Defeat Sin

The first chapters of Genesis help us understand the reason for the Old Testament sacrifices, the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, and the unfolding of the salvation plan. Genesis 2:17 makes it clear that the result of sin is death, and only through the death of the guilty one would divine justice be satisfied.

We conclude, therefore, that the creation account found in the first three chapters of the book of Genesis is crucial for the understanding of the rest of the biblical record, and of reality.

- *Glauber Araujo*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER

28 ATCU End of "The Olympics of Love" Program
28 Creation Sabbath
28 Baptism Sabbath



BIBLE CLASS

The South Bahamas Conference Bible Class resumes online and at the Maranatha Church on Sunday, October 29, 2023, under the theme, Focus on Revelation. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs or 803-9793.



INAGUA DISTRICT Funding for the Pastors Residence in Inagua

The membership of the New Life Church is small and transitory. Therefore, to grow the work we need a stationary person there which will require a residence. Thus, we are building a Pastor's residence. Brothers and sisters, New Life Church, is seeking

your assistance in the construction of this residence. Your help is desperately needed. Funds can be sent to the South Bahamas Conference by the online giving portal or to New Life Church's account at BOB # 1611350004323.

-Missionary Elder Winston Ash



HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Health Ministries Department and the Adventist Health Professionals Association will conduct a First Aid, AED, and CPR Course on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. The training will be held at Bahamas Academy, Marshall Road. These trainings are available to all interested persons. To register and for more information see your Health Ministries Leader or call 428-4251.

- Shandera Smith
Health Ministries Director



MUSIC MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENT:

There will be a choir workshop with Bishop Trent Davis. Thursday, November 9 to Sabbath, November 11, 2023, at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. To sign up please email annettedorsett@hotmail.com

- Annette Dorsett
Music Ministries Director



MEN'S MINISTRIES EVENTS

Save the date. SBC Men's Convention will be held on November 24 and 25, 2023. All men of SBC are asked to prepare themselves for this major event where we will gather and hear powerful presentations, dynamic preaching, and informative and interactive breakout equipping sessions. You don't want to miss it.

-Michael McCoy
SBC Men's Ministries Coordinator



MASS REUNION CHOIR Webinar

The Mass Reunion Choir will be hosting a webinar under the theme, Addictions – Real Talk with host Nathelyn LaCroix. The webinar will be held on Sunday, November 12th, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Zoom ID: 989 2537 1363
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ASI BAHAMAS

ASi Bahamas will host a general meeting to discuss the 2024 Convention and future yearend events, The meeting will also cover other events that will be held in 2024. The meeting will be held at Grant's Town church on November 4th, at 7 pm. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.



GENERAL MEETING

SAT. NOV. 4, 2023

7 p.m.

Grant's Town
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Wellington Street

Refreshments will be served



CREATION SABBATH WEEKEND

The Faith and Science weekend will conclude with a grand Sabbath Celebration today!

Sabbath Services' Schedule:

8 a.m.-Grant's Town S.D.A. Church

Topic: At Dawn, We Slept

9:45 a.m.-Hillview S.D.A. Church (Sabbath School)

Topic: Real Faith vs. Blind Faith

11:00 a.m.-Hillview S.D.A. Church (Divine Worship)

Topic: When the Impossible Has Been Eliminated

4:30 p.m.-Hillview S.D.A. Church

Topic: God Invented Science

The featured speaker will be Dr. Major Coleman.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Youth March Recap:

The Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture held its annual National Youth March on October 22nd, 2023, which was led by our dynamic Pathfinder band. The band has become a significant staple of the march having led out over 8 times. Behind the band were over 100 Pathfinder and Masterguide representatives from the various churches in New Providence.

Following the pathfinders were the students of the white dove organization which was founded by Randy Johnson a proud member of the Living Faith church.

The South Bahamas Conference's oldest living and serving Masterguide, Glorian Storr also participated in the march. She is the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Honouree for the Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture.



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SUNSETS

Saturday, November 4, 2023

@ 6:27 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!