

A Fault in Reality (as we know it)

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At some point in everyone's life, questions are asked regarding the purpose for our existence and what happens following death. There are many assertions and opinions that attempt to answer these important questions. However, the majority of these are theories based on "reality as we know it". In contrast, there is another reality that even scientists are grappling with today. According to the most current data, the physical universe should not exist at all. The following quote is from the Cosmos Magazine.

Physicists at CERN in Switzerland have made the most precise measurement ever of the magnetic moment of an anti-proton (a number that measures how a particle reacts to magnetic force) and found it to be exactly the same as that of the proton but with opposite sign.

Christian Smorra, who is a physicist at CERN's Baryon (anti-Baryon Symmetry Experiment [BASE] collaboration), said the following,

"All of our observations find a complete symmetry between matter and antimatter, which is why the universe should not actually exist." (<https://cosmosmagazine.com>>physics>univers e-shouldn-t-exist-cern-phy...).

So if scientists are wondering why the physical universe exists at all, who can truly be relied upon to provide definitive answers for mankind's questions about life and death? Thankfully, the "Creator of all things" provided a "User's/Operator's Manual" that offers basic answers to life's most complex questions. As with most "User's/Operator's Manuals", people don't actually read them unless there is an urgent

problem requiring immediate attention. Consequently, this study will attempt to extract portions from God's "User's/Operator's Manual", which is known as The Bible, in order to provide as simple an explanation as possible for mankind's existence and purpose. The first step in this process involves clarifying that God does not intend, at this time, to make His "reality" easily understood by everyone. Because of this, the majority of mankind operates under a temporary and false reality that is propagated by a spirit-being known by a number of different names.

So the great dragon was cast out (of heaven), that serpent of old, called the Devil and **Satan, who deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Rev. 12:9; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted, Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Ever since Adam and Eve rejected God's word, in favor of Satan's opinion of what "reality should be", mankind has functioned in spiritual darkness and cannot come to a correct understanding of God's "reality", which is His truth.

Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty? ⁸They are higher than heaven (Job. 11:7-8a).

For an empty-headed man will be wise (about God's reality) when a wild donkey's colt is born a man (Job 11:12).

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also he has put eternity in their hearts, except that **no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end** (Eccl. 3:11; emphasis added).

The wisest man, apart from Jesus Christ, sought to understand more about God's reality but was limited in what he could learn.

All this I have tested by wisdom. I said, "I will be wise"; but **it was far from me**. ²⁴As for that which is far off and exceedingly deep, **who can find it out?** (Eccl. 7:23-24; emphasis added).

Then I saw all the work of God, that a **man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun**. For **though a man labors to discover it, yet he will not find it; moreover, though a wise man attempts to know it, he will not be able to find it** (Eccl. 8:17; cf. Job 12:24-25; emphasis added).

This does not mean that Solomon found nothing during his search for God's reality.

Truly, this only I have found; that God made man upright (in the beginning of creation), but (since then) they have sought many schemes (Eccl. 7:29; **cf. Jer. 17:9**; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Jesus Christ confirmed that God's reality is hidden from the majority of mankind, even though most religious people deny this truth.

Now as he drew near, he saw the city (of Jerusalem) and wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But **now they are hidden from your eyes**" (Lk. 19:41-42; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

And the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but **to them it has not been given**" (Mt. 13:10-11; emphasis added).

Even though the majority of mankind has been functioning under a false reality, Almighty God decides who He is going to lead to repentance by teaching them about His reality. This process has been ongoing through man's history. Following are just some examples:

- And the Lord said, "**Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing**, ¹⁸since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹**For I have known him**, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, **to do righteousness and justice**, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him" (Gen. 18:17-19; cf. **Ps. 119:172b**; emphasis added).
- He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶And Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for **flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven**" (Mt. 16:15-17; cf. **Gal. 1:15-17**; emphasis added).
- No one can come to me (Christ) unless the Father who sent me draws him... (Jn. 6:44a; cf. 6:65; 1Cor. 12:1-3).

Although the majority of mankind has been allowed to continue in Satan's reality, Almighty God predetermined that he would progressively lead sinners to His reality and eventually everyone will have an opportunity to understand the difference.

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the first born among many brethren. ³⁰

Moreover whom he predestined, these he also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified (Rom. 8:29-30; cf. Eph. 1:5, 11; Col. 1:26-27; 1Jn. 3:1-2; 1Pet. 2:9-10).

For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall (eventually) be made alive. ²³But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at his coming (1st resurrection). ²⁴Then comes the end (including 2nd resurrection), when he (Christ) delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when he puts an end to all rule and authority and power (that is contrary to God) (1Cor. 15:21-24; Ed. notes in parentheses).



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Proverbs 3:32b

When the power of Almighty God's Spirit begins working in people's lives, the process leading to repentance of sin begins. This is not a New Testament understanding.

Turn at my reproof; surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you (Prov. 1:23).

The process of repentance involves acknowledging that whatever took precedence over our relationship with Almighty God was tantamount to breaking the first commandment (Ex. 20:1-3), and we should be ashamed of this.

I will bring the (spiritually) blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them (cf. Prov. 6:23), and crooked places straight... (Isa. 42:16a; Ed. notes in parentheses).

They shall be turned back (repent), **they shall be greatly ashamed**, who trust in carved images, who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods' (Isa. 42:17; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Satan's false reality is progressively dismantled as Almighty God reveals more of His true reality to those who seek to obey Him.

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, those things **which are revealed belong to us** and to our children forever, **that we may do all the words of this law** (Dt. 29:29; emphasis added).

The secret of the Lord is with those who fear (deeply respect) Him, and He will show them His covenant (Ps. 25:14; Ed. note in parenthesis).

... His secret counsel is with the upright (Prov. 3:32b).

Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets (SHD 5030; spokespersons) (Amos 3:7; cf. Nu. 12:6; Ed. note in parenthesis).

No longer do I (Christ) call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for **all things that I heard from my Father I have made known to you** (Jn. 15:15; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

During their sojourn in the nation of Egypt, Jacob's extended family was living in a false reality; so Moses worked with them progressively to lead them to God's true reality. An essential aspect involved teaching God's law and commandments to them.

And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. ¹⁶When

they have a difficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and **I make known the statutes of God and His laws**" (Ex. 18:15-16; emphasis added).

Unfortunately, the ancient nation of Israel did not respect God and, as a consequence, they did not depart from their evil ways.

... And by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil (Prov. 16:6b).

This same trend permeates our society today, which is the primary reason mankind has been allowed to continue living in a false reality that does not teach the truth about why mankind was created. It was never God's intention that Adam and Eve commit sin and then die. Instead, they were meant to reproduce and care for the creation over which they were granted authority (Gen. 1:28). For this venture to be successful, they would need to apply the principles of God's law and commandments. However, by Satan introducing his false reality to them, they abandoned what God had taught them. Consequently, the majority of Adam's descendants continue to repeat the sins of previous generations that lead to unhappiness and death.

For the wages of sin is death... (Rom. 6:23a; cf. 1Jn. 3:4; Eze. 33:12-16; emphasis added).

It is only because Almighty God knew that someone would eventually sin by breaking His law and commandments that He predetermined it would be necessary to create a physical realm (1Jn. 3:4; 2Tim. 2:19; Rom. 3:23; 5:12). This is the same physical realm that scientists believe should not exist. It only exists as a means through which sin can be dealt with, and eventually eliminated forever. Once sin is permanently removed, the entire physical realm

will be dissolved because it will have fulfilled the purpose for which it was created.

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. ¹⁹**If you are willing and obedient...**" (Isa. 1:18-19a; cf. Ps. 103:12; emphasis added).



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When I choose the appointed time, I will judge uprightly. ³**The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved...** (Ps. 75:2-3a; emphasis added). Come near, you nations, to hear; and heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world and all things that come forth from it. ²For the indignation of the Lord is against all nations, and His fury against all their armies; he has utterly destroyed them, he has given them over to the slaughter. ³Also their slain shall be thrown out; their stench shall rise from their corpses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. ⁴**All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine,** and as fruit falling from a fig tree (Isa. 34:1-4; emphasis added).

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and **the elements will melt with fervent heat;** both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up (laid bare; exposed for their sinful deeds). ¹¹Therefore, since **all these things will be dissolved,** what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹²looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which **the heavens will be dissolved,**

being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells (2Pet. 3:10-13; cf. Rev. 20:14; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

One might argue that it wasn't necessary for God to create such a vast universe in order to deal with sin occurring on earth, but that is ignoring many scriptures that deal with the stars and other heavenly bodies. These serve important purposes and some will now be examined.

He (Almighty God) counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. ⁵Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; **His understanding is infinite** (Ps. 147:4-5; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Jewish tradition, preserved by the historian Josephus, states that Adam, Seth and Enoch had a good working knowledge of the stars and they may have known some of the names that God gave them. According to the Companion Bible, most of the names assigned to the stars and constellations have been lost; but over a hundred are preserved through the Arabic and Hebrew and are used by astronomers today; though their meaning is unknown. Many of them are mentioned in scripture; although the translations are somewhat speculative. For example in Job 9:9, the Hebrew word *'ash* is translated as Arcturus, R.V. the Bear. The Hebrew word *kesils* translated as A.V. Orion. The Hebrew word *kimah* is translated as Pleiades.

The Babylonian "Creation Tablets" refer to the Zodiac, though their primitive meaning had either been corrupted or lost. It is the same with Greek mythology which is a corruption of primitive truth. We have to remember that our written scriptures began with Moses approximately 1490 BCE, and before this time

God's plan of salvation was "written in the stars". In other words by studying the stars and their grouping, the ancients could understand truths that are now contained within God's written word. However, the original teaching gradually faded away and the pagans, out of the smattering they had heard by tradition, evolved their cosmogonies and mythologies. These corruptions of God's truth were being practiced by the ancient nation of Israel.

Then he (Josiah) removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places all around Jerusalem, and those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations (of the Zodiac), and to **all the host of heaven** (2Kgs. 23:5; cf. 2Kgs. 17:17; 21:3-5; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

The phrase "host of heaven" is important because it usually refers to angels, who are not to be worshiped because this practice breaks the first commandment (Ex. 20:3; Dt. 4:19; 17:2-5),

Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and **all the host of heaven** standing on His right hand and on His left" (2Chr. 18:18; cf. Ps. 103:21; emphasis added).

Even though angels are not to be worshiped, they are nonetheless important servants of Almighty God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Mankind is reminded of this fact when they view the skies above them at night because angels are often referred to as "stars" in God's use of figurative language.

And it (little horn representing an evil spirit-being) grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and **some of the stars** to the ground, and trampled them (Dan. 8:10; cf. Rev.

12:4, 7-9; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

To what were its (the earth's) foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷When **the morning stars sang together....** (Job 38:6-7a; cf. Rev. 22:16; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

The kings came and fought, then the kings of Canaan fought in Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo; they took no spoils of silver. ²⁰They fought from the heavens; **the stars from their courses fought against Sisera** (Jgs. 5:19-10; emphasis added).

.... The seven **stars are the angels** of the seven churches... (Rev. 1:20b; emphasis added).

Although physical stars and their grouping/configuration in the sky may have been a means to understand God's plan of salvation in ancient times, it is more important today to understand that loyal angels are sent by their "Commander" to teach God's truth to His faithful and obedient servants (Jos. 5:14-15).

What purpose then does the law (of animal sacrifice) serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed (Christ) should come to whom the promise was made; and **it was appointed through angels** by the hand of a mediator (Gal. 3:19; cf. Ps. 68:11; Ed. note in parentheses; emphasis added).

And I (Daniel) heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called and said, "**Gabriel, make this man understand the vision**" (Dan. 8:16; 9:21; cf. Lk. 1:19, 26; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Then I (Zechariah) said, "My lord, what are these?" So **the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what they are."**

(Zech. 1:9; cf. 1:14, 19; 2:3-4; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

"Stars" are also used to represent the sweeping plan of God to expand His family infinitely.

.... "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He (the Lord) said to him (Abram), "So shall your descendants be" (Gen. 15:5b; Ed. notes in parentheses).

So according to the latest scientific understanding, nothing physical should exist including all the stars in the universe. However,



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Revelation 1:20b; emphasis added

the real focus should be on the Biblical fact that stars often represent Almighty God's loyal angels who are involved with assisting those who seek to obey Him (Ps. 91:11). Because it is humanly impossible to count all the stars in the universe, which itself appears to be endless, God is showing mankind how limitless His plan for mankind and the angels really is. Therefore, God's "reality" represents His plan and truth, which currently eludes the majority of mankind; whereas mankind's "reality" embodies the deceptions and lies propagated by the god of this present evil age, which results in everlasting death (2Cor. 4:4; Rom. 6:23a). Hence, a "fault in reality" is the belief by the majority of people on earth that what they see around them somehow makes sense, even though it doesn't adequately answer questions such as why were we born and what happens after death.

This is a dilemma that the apostle Paul addressed. He pointed out that mankind needs to be more focused on what cannot be seen.

While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For **the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal** (2Cor. 4:18; emphasis added).

When God performs His mighty works, they are not recognized by carnal human nature which insists on rational explanations for everything that has been created (Rom.8: 5-11). This paradigm is an integral part of a "false reality" and until it is removed from mankind's thinking processes, no one will be able to understand God's reality (2Tim. 3:7; Isa. 29:16).

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