## "Why I Believe In Creation"

Genesis 1:1-13

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On April 24, 1992, newspapers around the world heralded a break -through by an American research team. The discovery made front-page headlines of The London Times for five consecutive days. American TV networks gave the story as much as forty minutes of prime-time news coverage.

What was all the fuss about? A team of astrophysicists had reported the latest findings from the Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) satellite – stunning confirmation of the <u>hot big bang</u> <u>creation event</u>. Stephen Hawking, known for understatement said, "It is the discovery of the <u>century</u>, if not of <u>all time</u>."

George Smoot, University of California at Berkeley astronomer and project leader for the COBE satellite, declared, "What we have found is evidence for the <u>birth</u> of the universe." He added, "It is like looking at <u>God</u>."

#### I) Divine Creation Has <u>Proven</u> Itself To Be <u>Credible</u>:

- A) Divine Creation is called <u>creationism</u> and is stated in <u>Gen. 1:1</u>.
- B) W.A. Criswell points out, "In 1861, the French Academic of Science published a little brochure in which they stated <u>fifty-one scientific facts</u> that contradicted the Bible. Today, there is not a scientist in the world who believes a single <u>one</u> of those <u>fifty-one so-called facts</u> that in 1861 were published as contradicting the Bible. No, not one!"

# II) Divine Creation Required <u>Power</u> That Was <u>Incredible</u>:

- A) "What we have here in the <u>speech</u> of God is the flashing forth of His Will." A. McClaren
- B) The Big Bang model says the entire physical universe—all matter and energy, and 4 dimensions of space and time— burst forth from a point very much smaller than the <u>period</u> at the <u>end</u> of this <u>sentence</u>.

### III) Divine Creation Was <u>Perfect</u> And Had No <u>Incompleteness</u>:

- A) And the Sabbath rest with which the narrative closes symbolizes, not His need of rest, but His perfect accomplishment of His purpose. God <u>ceases</u> from the <u>work</u> because the work was <u>finished</u>.
- B) Every living thing was created after its own <u>kind</u> and multiplied after its own <u>kind</u>. This is an established fact in nature.

### IV) Divine Creation Shows <u>Design</u> And <u>Intentionality</u>:

- A) And the purpose of God in creating <u>man last</u> is so that man might enjoy all the rest of creation. The reason for this is that man was created in <u>God's image</u>.
- B) This intentional work on God's part answers the four basic questions of life:

Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?