

An aerial photograph of a dense evergreen forest covered in a thick layer of snow. A two-lane road with white dashed lines winds through the center of the forest, curving from the bottom left towards the right. The trees are dark green and heavily laden with white snow, creating a high-contrast scene.

The Unity of the Bible

Understanding the arch of Scripture from beginning to end



Worldview

- 1) Origin - where did we come from?
- 2) Meaning - why are we here?
- 3) Morality - how do we define right & wrong?
- 4) Destiny - we do go after we die?



Why are we here?
Why did God create the world?



Were we created to fill some deficiency in God?



Were we created because he was lonely?

- 1) What does Genesis 1 tell you about the nature of God?
- 2) Why did God create the world?



why did God create the world?

- ❖ to manifest his goodness throughout the earth
- ❖ to be a blessing
- ❖ to fill the earth with his image
- ❖ because it pleased him
- ❖ to manifest his glory

What can be said about God's nature?

God's goodness is synonymous with his glory
and his name.

Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

Exodus 33:18-19 (ESV)

God made man in his image, both male and female, then
commanded them to multiply and fill the earth.

But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory
of the LORD,

Numbers 14:21 (ESV)

For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14 (ESV)

May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!

May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!

18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

Amen and Amen!

Psalms 72:17-19 (ESV)

Why did God not create the world?

... it was not because he was lonely.



Did God create us in order to bless us, so that we might bless others by magnifying his name, proclaiming his wondrous deeds, and filling the earth with his glory?



When you are good and are filled with goodness, it is wrong not to share it.

“And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.”

John 17:5 (ESV)

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

John 1:1 (ESV)

then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.

Proverbs 8:30-31 (ESV)

GOD'S FREEDOM IN CREATING

God was not obligated to create us and this world.