

JEHOVAH—THE GRAND CREATOR

Note to the speaker:

Using the facts and figures that are cited concerning the magnitude and variety of Jehovah's creative works, highlight why he is indeed the Grand Creator. Show how we, as part of his creation, can praise him for his creative works and why we should do so

JEHOVAH ALONE IS THE CREATOR (6 min.)

No one else can compare to Jehovah (Read Psalm 97:9)

Described as the "Most High" 50 times in Bible

The great First Cause, he alone is uncreated, without beginning (Re 10:6)

He holds supreme and ultimate position in universe (Ps 113:4, 5)

None of the angels, not even firstborn Son, can be compared to him (Ps 89:6)

Jehovah holds unique position as the *only* Creator of all created things (Ne 9:6; Isa 40:28)

Word "create" from Hebrew verb *ba·ra*'—used only as to Jehovah (Ge 1:1, 21, 27; 2:4; *it-1* 526)

When God speaks to his "master worker" at Genesis 1:26, Hebrew verb '*a·sah*' used; this means "make" and could involve others

"Master worker" a fellow worker, not a cocreator (Pr 8:30; Col 1:15, 16)

Jesus himself credited God with the creation (Mt 19:4-6)

JEHOVAH FITTINGLY CALLED "GRAND CREATOR" (8 min.)

Jehovah also described as "your Grand Creator" at Ecclesiastes 12:1

When other translations only say "Creator," they fail to give complete meaning of original Hebrew text

Word used is in the plural, denoting excellence or grandeur (Job 35:10; Isa 54:5)

Expression "Grand Creator" helps convey Jehovah's incomparable position

Denotes unmatched majesty, dignity; his supremacy and awe-inspiring glory and power

Jehovah's grandness seen in opening statement of Bible (Ge 1:1)

What accomplishment envisioned here—creation of an awesome universe! (*ce* 115-27)

Jehovah has always existed, but matter and energy composing universe have not (Ps 90:2)

Otherwise, expression "beginning" not appropriate

How did "the heavens and the earth" come about by God's will?

Jehovah's "spirit," his active force, behind creation (Ps 33:6; Ge 1:2)

All of God's creations orderly, never chaotic or existing by chance (1Co 14:33; Job 38:1, 4-11, 31-33)

Everything Jehovah creates is perfect—simply grand! (De 32:4)

Do we so acknowledge and show him appreciation? (Ec 3:14; Ps 139:14)

THE MAGNIFICENCE OF JEHOVAH'S PRODUCTIONS (15 min.)

Jehovah's creations not limited to just a few things

Rightly called "Producer of heaven and earth" (Ge 14:19, 22)

First and foremost production was his "master worker"—his "only-begotten Son" (Pr 8:22, 23, 30; Joh 3:16; Re 3:14)

As "firstborn of all creation," he was used by Jehovah in creating all other things (Col 1:15-17; Joh 1:3)

Multitudes of heavenly angels individually produced next (Da 7:10)

Material heavens and earth and all elements then brought into existence (Ge 1:1; Job 38:4-7)

Planet Earth a unique production of Jehovah

Only planet where life is found—supports five million or more different species of plants and animals (*ce* 129; *g87* 7/8 30)

Earth filled with Jehovah's masterful productions

Genesis 1:11, 12—20,000 different kinds of trees; 300,000 species of plants (*w83* 11/15 7; *g89* 1/8 18; *ce* 147-9)

Genesis 1:20—30,000 varieties of fish; 9,000 species of birds; over 800,000 kinds of insects already classified (*ts* 145-6; *w83* 11/15 7; *it-1* 1201)

Genesis 1:24—14,000 kinds of land creatures (mammals, amphibians, and reptiles) (*g70* 10/8 16)

Man is still learning, discovering more species (*g90* 11/8 29)

The more that creation is examined, the more that intelligent design is seen

Grand Creator's works give evidence of his Godship and power (Ro 1:20)

Staggering power found in material universe (*w86* 1/15 16)

A reflection of Creator's dynamic energy (Isa 40:25, 26)

Truly, we can exclaim as did the psalmist (Ps 104:24, 25)

THE “NEW CREATION” OF JEHOVAH (6 min.)

God rested on seventh day only from earthly creative works in behalf of mankind (Ge 2:1-3)

Activity far removed from the realm of mankind continues (Joh 5:17)

God continues working out grand things in a spiritual way

“New creation” being formed (2Co 5:17)

Just as Jesus at his baptism became a ‘new creature,’ so at Pentecost, 33 C.E., the “new creation” was born

Each person present was baptized with God’s holy spirit as his spiritual son, became part of the “new creation” (1Pe 1:23)

Other followers of Christ were added, to a total of 144,000 (Re 14:1-5)

“New creation” commissioned to declare “magnificent things of God,” including good news of Kingdom (Ac 2:11)

Future purpose of 144,000: to be associate rulers with Christ Jesus, dispensing Kingdom blessings for mankind (Re 20:4-6)

Grandeur of purpose of “new creation” realized when Isaiah 11:9 fulfilled

How happy we shall be then to benefit from their rule!

Privileged now to share with them in spreading Kingdom good news

ALL THE CREATOR’S WORKS TO PRAISE HIM (10 min.)

Jehovah’s purpose is that all his “works” and “loyal ones” will praise him (Ps 145:10)

Inanimate creation gives silent credit to Jehovah as Creator and Designer (*ce* 115-28)

Intelligent creation has privilege to give deliberate credit and praise to God (Read Psalm 145:1-3)

Today, remnant of “new creation” praise Jehovah by singing ‘the song of Moses and of the Lamb’ (Read Revelation 15:2, 3)

As expressed in Moses’ songs, they extol Jehovah as ‘King to time indefinite’ and Avenger against his enemies (Ex 15:1-19; De 31:30-32:43)

Song gladdens hundreds of thousands of others who now acknowledge the One to whom salvation belongs (Re 7:9, 10)

Recognizing their Grand Creator, people of nations join in worshiping God and glorifying his name (Read Revelation 15:4)

As Creator of all things, Jehovah is worthy of all worship and honor (Re 4:9-11)

Will you be among those who join in acknowledging Jehovah as the Grand Creator?

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need be read)