

## APPRECIATING MARVELS OF GOD'S CREATION

### *Note to the speaker:*

Reason with the audience on how the marvels of creation reveal an intelligent Creator and his qualities. Help the audience to appreciate man's insignificance and how he can come to know the Creator's loving purpose

### **MARVELS OF CREATION—AN APPROPRIATE TOPIC FOR BIBLE TALK** (4 min.)

The evolution-creation controversy is still a vital issue

Many reject belief in God and act accordingly (Ps 10:4; 14:1)

Schoolbooks and popular magazines present evolution as fact

Bible writers and Bible characters commented on issue of creation, so this topic is appropriate one for Bible talk today

Creation's marvels reflect God's qualities (Ps 19:1)

The more we know of physical world, the more we are impressed

### **MARVELS OF CREATION REFLECT AN INTELLIGENT CREATOR** (15 min.)

Universe abounds with galaxies of awesome size, energy (*ce* 116-20)

Even though we may not be astronomers, know about galaxies

Organization of universe requires Organizer; laws require Lawmaker (*ce* 122-4; *sh* 336-9; Isa 40:26; 1Co 15:41)

In solar system, sun is a created wonder benefiting us all

Though 93 million miles away, it provides light, heat, energy

Sun is but a candle compared to other stars, yet is right for us

Truly wise persons seek to identify the universe's Creator and Organizer (Heb 3:4; Ge 1:1; Isa 42:5; *ce* 125-7)

The earth God created not only is "a rare, beautiful jewel in space" but is only planet where life is found, and that in abundance (Ps 104:24-27; *ce* 129-30)

Earth is central aspect of universe for us, and it clearly was designed for life by a Creator (*sh* 337)

It is right distance from sun, has interesting and beneficial seasons, vital water and atmosphere, soil that can produce tasty food (Eze 34:26, 27; *ce* 131-41)

"The more we explore the black expanses of space, the more we recognize that our own earth is an exceptional planet—the Garden of Eden of the solar system. There is no other piece of matter within a hundred billion miles that is so richly endowed with variety and beauty . . . A few decades ago the imagination of man endowed the planet Mars with intelligent beings . . . Now the truth is known. If any life exists there, it is microscopic . . . suddenly we are aware that the earth is a very special place. In some ways it may even be unique in the universe"—*The Blue Planet*, by Louise B. Young, (1983) pp. 3-4

Do we see such aspects as evidence of a Creator? (*ce* 151)

Are we moved to consider what the Creator's qualities are and what his will for us is?

### **CREATION AROUND US REFLECTS THE CREATOR'S QUALITIES** (15 min.)

We need to learn more from creation than facts that may awe us; we should learn what creation reveals about the Creator

His principal attributes are reflected in his works

Creation manifests his *power*—*Jeremiah 10:12*

This is apparent in fusion power of stars and our sun, which pour out heat and light because of Creator's dynamic energy (Isa 40:26)

Here on earth there is tremendous power manifested in hurricanes, earthquakes, roots of plants that can split rocks

Even creatures can manifest power, such as elephants and whales

Creation evidences *justice*—*Deuteronomy 32:4*

Most humans reflect a sense of justice; even many children do

Even forms of life not having true sense of justice may exchange useful services

Example: bee gets nectar from a flower but in return pollinates it (*ce* 145-6)

Around us we see manifestations of God's *wisdom*—*Proverbs 2:6*

Is dramatically reflected in creatures made "instinctively wise" (Pr 30:24; *ce* 160-7; illustrate with instinctive ways in migrations or nest building)

Wisdom evident, too, in our bodies, such as human brain (*ce* 168-78; illustrate brain's capacity and compare it with computers)

We have reason to laud our wise Creator

Beyond power, justice, and wisdom, creation attests to God's *love*—*1 John 4:8*

We can discern his love in the God-given instincts of animals and birds in rearing and protecting their young

The bird sits on its nest for weeks, and when the young hatch, both male and female work tirelessly to feed them

**CREATION CAN TEACH US IMPORTANT LESSONS** (6 min.)

Job pointed to creation as source of information (Job 12:7-10)

Jehovah used his creations to teach Job awareness of his limitations and need for humility (Job 38:1-42:6)

David saw from creation man's insignificance and his fear-inspiring design (Ps 8:3, 4; 139:13-16)

Bible provides other lessons that we can learn from creation

In ants Solomon saw a lesson of industriousness (Pr 6:6-11)

From Jehovah's care of birds and flowers we can learn to replace material anxieties with faith in God as provider (Mt 6:26-30)

The human body provides a lesson in the unity present among members of Christ's congregation (1Co 12:12-18)

Greatest lesson creation teaches us: God is all-powerful, all-wise, always just, always loving, one who gave us life (Ps 36:9)

Those who refuse to see this reflected in creation and gratefully worship him are inexcusable in his eyes (Ro 1:20, 21, 28)

**DO YOU SHOW APPRECIATION FOR JEHOVAH'S CREATION?** (5 min.)

If you appreciate God's creation, how will you show it? To whom will you express it?

Should be to Creator of universe (Ge 1:1; Re 4:11; 10:6)

If evolutionists feel any appreciation for these marvels, will they thank "chance" or "the god of Good Luck"? (Isa 65:11)

Jehovah's purpose in creating the earth and its marvels was for man to live on it, care for it, enjoy it, and appreciatively praise him for it (Ge 1:28; 2:15; Isa 45:18; Ps 100)

If the heavens, without speech, voice, or words, praise Him, how much more so should those who have tongues and powers of speech!

God provided lower creatures with instinctive wisdom to guide them, but he gave people the Bible as a primary guide

As free moral agents, we can meet God's requirements for eternal life or we can allow ourselves to be guided by Satan's deceptions, misled into a course resulting in unending death

So how long will you have the privilege of living so as to enjoy Jehovah's marvels of creation? The choice is yours (De 30:19, 20; Jos 24:15; Joh 17:3)

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