

The 7th day - Creation or Evolution ?

This sermon was written and delivered by A.T. Jones, in the spring of 1899. The message was given to address the false doctrine of “evolution” which was growing in America, and which is a direct attack on the Truth of the Holy Scriptures. The religion of evolution was brought about by the great adversary for the determined purpose to undermine faith in the spoken and written Word of Almighty God. Over one hundred years later, the Spirit of Jehovah (Yehuwah) is still speaking to His people, through this testimony . . . May you be blessed and your faith strengthened as you read.

I am going to speak this afternoon on the subject of Evolution. I want you to pay close attention, and find out for yourselves whether or not you are an evolutionist. First of all, I will read to you what evolution is; then as we follow along, you can see whether or not you are an evolutionist. These statements are all copied from a treatise on evolution, written by one of the chief proponents of evolution; therefore they are all correct, so far as they go, as definitions: ----

“Evolution is the theory that represents the course of the world as a gradual transition from the indeterminate to the determinate, from the uniform to the varied, and which assumes the cause of these processes to be immanent in the world itself that is to be thus transformed.

Evolution is thus almost synonymous with progress. It is a transition from the lower to the higher, from the worse to the better. Thus progress points to an increased value in existence, as judged by our feelings.”

Now notice the particular points in these three sentences: evolution represents the course of the world as a gradual transition from lower to higher, from worse to better; and assumes that this process is immanent in the world itself thus to be transformed. That is to say, the thing gets better of and by itself; and that which causes it to get better is itself. And this progress marks “*an increased value in existence, as judged by your feelings.*” That is to say, you know you are better, because you feel better. You know there has been progress because you feel it. Your feelings regulate your standing. Your knowledge of your feelings regulates your progress from worse to better.

Now in this matter of progress from worse to better, **have your feelings anything to do with it ?** If they have, what are you? Everyone here this afternoon who measures his progress, the value of his experience, by his feelings, is an evolutionist: I care not if he has been a professing Christian for forty years, he is an evolutionist just the same. And all his Christianity, all his religion, is a mere profession without the fact, simply a form with-out the Power. Now I read what evolution is, in another way; so that you can see that it is infidelity. Then, if you find yourself an evolutionist, you know at once that you are an infidel:

Quote - “The hypothesis of evolution aims at answering a number of questions respecting the beginning, or genesis, of all things. It helps to restore the ancient sentiment toward nature as our parent, and the source of our life.”

One of the branches of this sort of science, that has done the most toward the establishment of **the doctrine of evolution**, is the new science of geology, which has instituted the conception of vast and unimaginable periods of time in the past history of our globe.

These vast and unimaginable periods, as another one of the chief writers on this subject --the author of it indeed --says, “**is the indispensable basis for understanding man's origin**” in the process of evolution. So that the progress that has been made, has been through countless ages. Yet this progress has not been steady and straight forward from its inception until its present condition. It has been through many ups and downs.

There have been many times of great beauty and symmetry; then there would come a cataclysm, or an eruption, and all would go to pieces, as it were. Again the process would start from that condition of things, and build up again. Many, many times this process has been gone through; and that is the process of evolution, --the transition from lower to a higher, from worse to better.

Now, what has been the process of your progress from worse to better? Has it been through “many ups and downs” ? Has your acquiring of the power to do good, the good works of God, been through a long process of ups and downs from the time of your first profession of Christianity until now? Has it appeared sometimes that you had apparently made great progress, that you were doing well, and that everything was nice and pleasant; and when, without a moment's warning there would come some cataclysm, or an eruption, and all be spoiled ?

Nevertheless, in spite of all the ups and downs, you start in for another effort: and so through this process, long-continued, you have come to where you are today; and in “looking back” over it all, you can mark some progress, you think, as judged by your feelings, ----**is this your experience?** Is that the way you have made progress ?

In other words, are you an evolutionist? Don't dodge the question; confess the honest truth; for I want to get you out of evolutionism this afternoon. There is a way to get out of it: and everyone who came into this house today an evolutionist, can go out a Christian. So if, when I am describing an evolutionist, so plainly that you see yourself, just say so, ----admit that to yourself, and then follow along the steps that God will give you, and that will bring you out of it all.

But I say plainly to you that, if that which I have described has been your experience, if that has been the kind of progress you have made in your Christian life, then you are evolutionist, whether you admit it or not. The best way, however, is to admit it, then quit it and **be a Christian !**

Another phase of it: “Evolution, so far as it goes, looks upon matter as eternal.” And “by assuming” this, “the notion of creation is eliminated from those regions of existence to which it is applied.” Now **if you look to yourself for the principle** (the source of power) which would assure that progress that must be made in you as certainly as ever you reach the kingdom of God; if you suppose that that is immanent in yourself, and that **if you could get it rightly to work, it would come out alright**, ----if thus you have been expecting, watching, and marking your progress, *then* you are an evolutionist.

For I read further what evolution is: “It is clear that the doctrine of evolution is directly antagonistic to that of creation . . . The idea of evolution, as applied to the formation of the world as a whole, is opposed to that of a direct Creative volition (the act of will).”

“GOD . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed Heir of all things, by Whom also He made the worlds . . . All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made !” Hebrews 1:1-3 & John 1:1-3

“For by the Word of the LORD were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath (Spirit) of His mouth . . . for He spake and it was done; He commanded and it stands fast! . . . And of His Own will begat He us with the Word of Truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His Creation . . . !”

Psalm 33:6-9 & James 1:18-22

That evolution as defined by those who made it, ---- that the world came, and all there is of it, of and by itself; and that the principle that has brought it to the condition in which it is, is immanent (existing within) in itself, and is adequate to produce all that is. This being so, in the nature of things “evolution is directly

antagonistic to creation !”

Now as to the world and all there is of it, you do not believe that it all came of itself. You know that you are not an evolutionist as to that; because you believe that God created all things. Everyone of you here this after-noon would say that you believe that God created all things,----the world and all there is in it. Evolution does not admit that: it has no place for creation.

There is, however another phase of evolution that professedly is not absolutely antagonistic to creation. Those who made this evolution that I have read to you did not pretend to be **anything but infidels**, ----men without faith, ----for an infidel simply is a man without faith, Even though a person pretends to have faith, and does not actually have it, he is an infidel. Of course the word “infidel” is more narrowly confined than that nowadays. The men who made this evolution that I have read to you were all that kind of men; but when they spread that kind of doctrine abroad, there were a great number of people who professed to be Christians, who professed to be men of faith, who professed to believe **the Word of God**, which teaches creation.

These men, not knowing the Word of God for themselves, and not knowing it to be **The Word of the Almighty**, but their faith being a mere form of faith without the power, these men, I say, being charmed by this new thing that had sprung up, and wanting to be popular with the new science, and really not wanting to forsake altogether the Word of God and the ways of faith, were not ready to say that they could get along without God, and without creation somewhere, so they formed a sort of evolution with the Creator in it.

That phase of it is called “theistic evolution,” ---- that is, that God started the thing, whenever that was, but since then, it has been going on of itself. He started it, and after that it was able of itself to accomplish all that has been done.

This, however, is but a makeshift, a contrivance to save appearances, ----- And is plainly declared by the true evolutionist to be but “a phase of transition from the creational to the evolutionary hypothesis.” It is evolution yet still; because there is no half-way ground between creation and evolution.

Whether you are one of this kind or not, there are many of them, even among those professing Christ, who believe that **we must have God forgive our sins, and so start us** on the way alright; but after that, we work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Accordingly, they do fear and tremble, all the time; but they do not work out any Salvation, because they do not have God constantly working in them, “both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” Philippians 2:12-13

Now in Hebrews 11:3 it is recorded that it is through faith that we understand that the worlds were framed --- put together, arranged, and built ---- “**By the Word of God: so that things which we can see were made by things which are not seen.**” the earth which we have was not made by rocks; men were not made of monkeys, apes, and the “missing link;” and ape, monkeys, and the missing link was not made of tadpoles; and tadpoles were not made of protoplasm originally way back at the beginning. No ! “the worlds were framed by the **Word of God.**”

Now why is it that things which are seen were not made by things which do appear ? ----Simply because the things which made these things did not appear. And the reason those things did not appear is because they were not at all. They did not exist. The worlds were framed by the Word of God; and the Word of Almighty God is of that quality, it has that property about it, which, causes to exist the material out of which the thing is made, and of which the thing consists. You know also the other scripture, that “**by the Word of the LORD were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath (Spirit) of His mouth . . . for He spake, and it was done.**” Psalm 33:6-9

Upon this, I will ask you a question: **How long after He spoke, before the things were ?** How much time passed, after He spoke, before the thing was? a week? No! not a week.

No! not six long periods of time.

Evolution, even that which recognizes a Creator, holds that “indefinite countless ages, or six long, indefinite periods of time,” passed in the formation of the things which are seen today, after He spoke. But this is evolu-tion, not creation: evolution is a long process. **Creation is by the Word spoken !**

When God , by speaking the Word, had created the world . . . For this one He said, “**Let there be light !**” Now how much time passed between the Words spoken and the time when light came? I want you to understand the matter aright, so that you may know whether you are an evolutionist or a creationist.

Let me ask this again. Were there not six long periods of time between the time when the Word was spoken and the accomplished fact? **You say No.** Was it a week? ----No. Was it a day? -----No! Not a day. Not an hour? -----No ! Not a minute? ----No. Not a even second? -----No indeed. There was not even a second between the time when God said “**Let there be light,**” and the existence of light.

I go over it thus minutely, so as to get it firmly fixed in your mind, for fear that you will let it go presently, when I ask you something further. **Now is it settled** that when God (*Elohim*) said, “Let there be light,” there was not a second of time between the speaking, and the shining of the light? All right. Then the man who allows that any time at all passed between God's speaking and the appearing of that which is spoken, is an evolutionist. If he makes it countless ages upon ages, he is simply more of an evolutionist than the one who thinks that it took a day; he is the same thing, but more of it.

Next, God said, “Let there be a firmament.” **And what then?** -----**It was so.** Then from the time that God spoke, “Let there be a firmament . . . and let it divide the waters from the waters,” how long before a firmament was there? Was that done instantly? -----Yes !

Then the man who holds that there was an indefinite, a very long, period of time between the speaking of the Word and the existence of the fact, ---- **what is he?** ----- an evolutionist. If he allows that there was a day, or an hour, or a minute, between the speaking of the Word, and the existence of that which was spoken, that man does not recognize creation. He is an evolutionist.

When the LORD said, “**Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear;**” also when He said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit-tree yielding fruit . . . it was so.” Then God set two great lights in the heavens, and He made the stars also; and when He spoke the Word, it was so. He said, “Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, the fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament;” and it was so. When God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind cattle, and creeping thing, the beast of the earth after his kind,” it was so. **When He spoke, it was** always so. That is Creation !

You see then, it is perfectly logical, and reasonable enough, too, for the evolutionist to set aside the Word of God, and have no faith in it; for evolution itself is antagonistic to creation. When evolution is antagonistic to creation, and creation is by the Word of God, then evolution is antagonistic to the **Word of God.** Of course the genuine, or original, sound evolutionist did not have any place for that Word, nor for the half-and-half evolut-ionists, ----- those who bring in creation and the Word of God to start things. It takes so long a time, such indefinite and indeterminate ages, for evolution to accomplish anything, that it does away with creation.

* The genuine evolutionist recognizes that creation must be immediate; but he does not believe in immediate action, and therefore does not believe in creation.

Do not forget that creation is immediate, or else it is not creation: if not immediate, it is evolution. So touching again the creation at the beginning, *when God speaks, there is in His Word the creative energy to produce that which the Word pronounces.* This is Creation !

And that Word of God is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. It lives and abides forever: it has Everlasting Life within it. The Word of God is a living thing. The life that is in it is the life of God -Eternal Life. Therefore it is the Word of Eternal Life, as the Lord Jesus said; and in the nature of things it abides and remains forever. **Forever it is the Word of God**; and forever it has creative energy within it.

So when Jesus was here on earth, He said, “**The Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are Life.**” John 6:63 The Words that Jesus spoke are the very Words of Almighty God. They are imbued with the Life of God. They are Eternal Life, they abide forever; and in them is the same creative energy which spoke the worlds into existence !

This is illustrated by many incidents in the life of Christ, as narrated in the New Testament. I do not need to cite them all; but I will refer to one or two, so that you may get a hold of this principle. You remember that after the sermon on the mount, Jesus came down, and there met Him a centurion, saying, “My servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And, Jesus saith unto him, **I will come and heal him.**” The centurion said: “I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the Word only, and my servant shall be healed.” And Jesus turned to those standing about, and said, “I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.”

Israel had the Bible; they knew the Word of God. They boasted of being the people of the Book, the people of God They read it; they preached it in their synagogues, “**My Word . . . shall accomplish that which I please.**” Isaiah 55:10-11. They said, when they read that Word: That is all right (correct); the thing ought to be done. We see the necessity of it, and *we will do it*. We will accomplish what it says. Then they did their best to accomplish it. It took them a long while, so long indeed, that they never did it !

Their real doing of the Word was so far away that the greatest of them was led to exclaim, “If but one person could only for one day keep the whole law, and not offend in one point, ---nay, if but one person could but keep that one point of the law which affected the due observance of the Sabbath, ---then the troubles of Israel would be ended, and the Messiah would come at last.” So, though they started in to do what the Word said, it took them so long that they never got to it. What were they? Evolutionists ?

There was the Word of God, which said, “It shall accomplish that which I please.” “*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . .*” John 1:14. It was thus spoken in the creative power of the Almighty. And though they professed to recognize the creative energy of the Word of God, **yet in their own lives** they left that all out, and said, **We will do it**. They looked to themselves for the process which would bring them to the point where the Word and themselves would agree. What were they? Are you afraid to say, for fear that you have been there yourself ?

Do not be afraid to say that **they were evolutionists**, for that is what they were, and that is what a good many of you are today. Their course was antagonistic to creation; there was no creation in it. They were not made new creatures, no **new life** was formed within them; the thing was not accomplished by **the power of God**; it was all of themselves; and so far were they from believing in creation that they rejected the Creator, and crucified Him out of this world. that is what evolution always does; for do not forget ever that evolution is directly antagonistic to creation.

Now these were the people upon whom Jesus looked when He made this statement about faith in Israel. Here was a man who was a Roman, who had grown up among the people who were Jews, and who set at naught the teachings of Jesus. That centurion had been around where Jesus was, had seen Him talking, had heard His Words and had seen the effect of them, until he himself said, **Whatever that Man speaks is so**: when He says a thing, **it is done!**

Now I am going to have the advantage of it. So he went to Jesus, and said what is written . . . “*For with the heart man believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto Salvation !*” Romans 10:8-10 . . . Jesus knew perfectly well that the man had his mind upon **the power of His Word** to do that thing; and He replied, Very well, I will come and heal your servant. O no, my Lord, you need not come. You see this man was testing the matter, to see whether or not there was any power in the Word. Therefore he said, “**Speak the Word only, and my servant shall be healed !**”

Jesus replied, “**As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed !**” When the Word went forth, “so be it done unto thee,” how long before the man was healed ? Twenty years ? ----No ! Didn't he have to go through many ups and downs before he was certainly healed ? Honest, now ? ----no, No ! When the Word was spoken, the Word did that thing which was spoken; and it did it **at once** . . . That is Creation.

Note: “*For the Word of God is Living, and full of power . . . and effectually worketh also in you that believe !*”

ref: Hebrews

4:12 & I Thessalonians 2:13

Another day Jesus was walking along, and a leper some distance from Him saw and recognized Him. He, too had got hold of the blessed Truth (Verity) of the creative energy of the Word of God. He said to Jesus, “**If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.**” Jesus stopped, and said, “**I will; be thou clean.** And as soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.” Mark 1:41-42.

“*Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless (praise) His holy name . . . Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases !*” “*And I will sanctify My great name . . . Then will I sprinkle clean Water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. And a new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit (mind) will I put within you . . .*

And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh . . . And I will save you from all your uncleannesses . . . !

Psalms

103:1-3 & Ezekiel 36:23-29

We are not allowed to put a moment of time between the speaking of the Word and the accomplished fact: “immediately” the leper was cleansed.

Now you see that **the Word of God** at the beginning of creation had in it the creative energy (Spirit) to produce that thing which the Word pronounced. You see that when Jesus came into the world to show men the way of Life, to save them from their sins, He demonstrated, over and over again, here and there and everywhere, to all people **and for all time**, that, that same Word of God has that same creative power within it yet, so that when that Word is spoken, the creative energy which was there in the beginning, is there today, to produce that which is spoken.

Now are you an evolutionist or are you a creationist ? **That Word speaks to you !** You have read it, you profess to believe it. You believe in creation, as against the other evolutionists; now will you believe in creation, as against yourself. Will you put yourself upon the platform today where you will allow nothing to come between you and that creative energy of that **Word** ---- No period of time whatsoever !

Jesus said to a certain person, “**Thy sins are forgiven.**” And how long before it was so ? ----There was no length of time whatsoever between the word “forgiven” and the thing spoken. That same Word, “**Thy sins are forgiven,**” is spoken to you today ! Why do you let any time pass between this Word, which is spoke to you, and the accomplishment of the fact ? You said a while ago, that anybody who let a minute, or even a

second, pass between the speaking of the Word of God and the producing of the thing spoken, is an evolutionist. Very good; that is so. Stick to it !

“For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in **the day of Salvation** have I succoured thee: Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, **Now is the day of Salvation !**”* II Corinthians 6:2 & Luke 4:18-19

*“Wherefore, as the Holy Spirit saith, **Today, if ye will hear His Voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness . . . !**”* Hebrews 3:7-19

Now I ask you, Why is it that when He speaks forgiveness to you, you let whole days pass before forgiveness gets to you, before it is True (verily so) in you ?

You said the other man is an evolutionist. Then what are you? I want to know? Are you going to stop being evolutionists and become creationists. **Believers in the Word of God ?**

This day will be one of special importance to many here, because it is a time when many will decide this question one way or the other. If you go out of this house an evolutionist, you are in danger. It is a matter of life or death just now. You said that evolution is infidelity, and that is so; therefore if you go out of this house an evolutionist, where do you stand? What is your choice? And if you go out of this house without the forgiveness of sins, you are an evolutionist, because you allow time to pass between the speaking of the Word and the accomplishment of the fact.

From what I have read from the Word of God, you see that whoever allows any time to pass between the Word spoken and the thing done, is an evolutionist. The Word of God to you is , **“Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.”** Woman “thy sins are forgiven thee.” Does it say thy sins shall be forgiven thee ?

No, Sir: **“are** forgiven thee,” ----- present tense, with emphasis,----- **“Thy sins are forgiven thee !”** ref: Matthew 9:2 & Luke 5:20. I thank God this is so, because the creative energy is in the Word **“Forgiven”** to take away all sin, and to create the man a new creature.

I believe in Creation. **Do you ?** Do you believe in the creative energy that is in the Word “Forgiven,” spoken to you by God ? Or are you an evolutionist, and do you say, I can not see how that can be, because I am so bad ? I have been **“trying”** to do right, but I have made many failures: I have had many ups and downs, and I have been down a good many more times than up. If that is what you say, you are an evolutionist; For that is evolution.

Many people have been longing and longing for a clean heart. They say: “I believe in the forgiveness of sin and all that, and I would take it all, if I was sure that I could hold out; but there is so much evil in my heart, and so many things to overcome, that I do not have the confidence.” But there stands the Word, **“Create in me a clean heart, O God.”** Psalm 51:10 . A clean heart comes by creation, and by no other means; and that creation is wrought by the Word of God.

For He says, **“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you !”**

Ezekiel 36:26 and Hebrews 8:10-12

Are you a creationist now, or are you an evolutionist ? Will you choose to go out of this house with an evil heart or a new heart, created by the Word of the Living God. And which has within It the creative power and energy to produce a new heart ? It speaks to you a new heart.

To everyone it speaks just that way; and if you allow a moment to pass between the speaking of the Word

and the new heart, you become an evolutionist. When you allow any time to pass between the Word spoken and the fulfillment of that thing in your experience, then you are an evolutionist.

There are those in this house who have said: Yes, I want it, I am going to have it, I believe the Word will accomplish it; but they have lengthened out the time until the next meeting, and on and on, passing over years; and so they are just this much evolutionists. “While so many wavier, hovering about the mystery of **Faith** and **godliness**, they could have solved the matter by proclaiming (speaking out loud, telling others), ‘I know that Jesus Christ is my portion forever !’
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And the power to produce this is in the Word of God; when this is accepted (appropriated by faith), the creative energy within the Word of God is there producing the thing which is spoken. So settle the whole matter in your hearts and minds, of the mystery of faith and godliness by proclaiming that you **know that Christ is your portion** (inheritance) **forever !**
ref: Psalm 73:26

*“But the Righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise . . . **But what saith it?**
The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is the Word of faith which we preach. That if thou **shalt confess** (profess, speak aloud) with thy mouth the Lord Jesus (that Jesus is the Sovereign, King), and shalt believe in thine heart that **GOD hath raised Him from the dead**, thou shalt be Saved !”*

Romans 10:6-12

There is a mystery in how God can be manifest in such sinful flesh as ours. But keep in mind, the question is not now about the mystery; But, **Is there such a thing as creation?** Is there such a thing as the Creator, Who can create in us a clean heart? or is the whole thing simply evolution? Just now, and among many professed Christians, the question from this day until the end of the world must be, Do you believe in the Creator? And when you believe in the Creator, how is it that He creates ?

Of course you say, it is **by the Word of God**. Very good. Now, does He create things for you by His Word ?

Are you a creationist for the other evolutionist, and then an evolutionist for the other creationists? How is it? Another thing. The Word of God says, “Be ye clean,” He said, back yonder, “Let there be light: and there was light.” He said to the leper, “**Be thou clean;**” and “immediately” he was clean.

He says now to you, “Be ye clean,” and what now? Every one of you ---what should you say? “**It is so !**”

Then for your soul's sake put yourself upon the creative Word of God. Recognize the power and creative energy in the Word of God which comes to you in the Bible; For this Word of God in the Bible is the same here to you today, that it was when it spoke the worlds into existence. When it **brought light out of darkness**, when it cleansed the leper, and when it **raised the dead to life!**

That Word spoken to you today, if received, creates you new and whole in Christ Jesus; that Word, spoken into the dark waste and void space of your heart, if received, produces there the light of God; that Word spoken today to you, afflicted with the leprosy of sin, if received, immediately cleanses you, Let it. **Let it !**

And thousands ask, **How shall I be clean ?** -----By the very creative energy of that Word, “Be ye clean.”

Therefore it is written, “**Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you.**”

John15:3

Are you? Will you from this moment be a creationist? Or will you go on being an evolutionist ?

See what a blessed Truth this is. When you read the **Word of God**, receive the Word, and think upon the Word. What is it to you, all of the time? Praise God, it is creation!

The creative energy is in you producing those things which the Word speaks; and you are living in the very presence of the power of creation. Creation, the power of the Living God is taking place in your life every day. God is creating in you, righteousness, holiness, Truth, purity, faithfulness, and every good thing.

And when this is so, your Sabbath-keeping will amount to something, because **the Sabbath** is a memorial of creation. It is the sign, that he who observes this holy day, personally knows the Creator, and is acquainted with the process of creation.

*“Verily **My Sabbaths** ye shall keep: for **it is a sign** between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know **that I Am the LORD** (Jehovah, Yehuwah) that doth sanctify you! . . . Wherefore the children of Israel . . . they which are of faith . . . shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generat-ions, for a perpetual Covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the 7th day He rested, and was refreshed !”*

Exodus 31:12-17

ref: Galatians 3:7, Daniel 8:11-13, 11:31, 12:11, Ezekiel 20:12-20, Revelation 14:6-7, Hebrews 3:7-19 & 4:1-10

But as certainly as you are an evolutionist, your Sabbath-keeping is a fraud. Unless you recognize the Word of God, day by day as the creative power in your life, your Christianity is a fraud; because the Sabbath is the memorial of Creation. It is “**a sign** between Me and you, that ye may know that I Am the LORD your God, which sanctifies and makes you holy.” Leviticus 21:8 “*For this is Life eternal, that they might know Thee, the Only True God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent !*” John 17:3

In the second chapter of Ephesians, verse 8-10, we read: “For by Grace* (G5485) are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workm-anship (creation), created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

You need not expect to get any good works out of yourself. You have been trying. The evolutionist tries, and is always trying, without accomplishing any good thing. Why then go about trying to do good. Listen: There will never be any good thing in you, of any kind whatever, from now till the world's end, except it is created there by the Creator Himself, by His Word, which dwells within you.

Do not ever forget that ! Do you want to walk in good works when you go out of this house? It can be done only by being created anew in Christ Jesus unto those good works. Stop “trying.” Look to the Creator, and receive His creative Word. “**Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.**” Colossians 3:16

Then those good works will appear; then you will Be a Christian, and not a sinner trying desperately to act like a Christian. Then, because you live with the Creator, and are in the presence of His creative energy, you will have that pleasant, quiet peace, and genuine strength and building up, that belong to a true Christian.

For “*herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because **as He Is,***

so are we in this world !”

I John 4:17-18

When He tells you that “we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” Ephesians 2:10, then recognize the Creator . . .

Recognize only the good works which **are created in you**, paying no attention whatever to any work that is not created there, because there is nothing good, that was not created by the Lord.

Now you are created anew in Christ Jesus. He says so. Thank Him that it is so. What! will you chose to be an evolutionist on that verse? Read it again. That is present tense, “We are His workmanship,” we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Are you? **The Word is spoken !** It is the creative Word of God. How much time are you going to allow between that Word of God, and you being created anew ?

Of the creation in the beginning, you said that any man who allows even a minute to pass between the Word and that which was spoken, is an evolutionist. What are you now as to this Word of God, which creates men in Christ Jesus unto good works?

*“For the Word of God (Theos - divinity) is Living, and full of power, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and the joints and marrow. And is a discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart.” “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and **precious** (blood bought) **Promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through carnal desire !”***

Hebrew 4:12 & II Peter 1:4

Are you an evolutionist here? On this verse ?

Do you not see that in this way it will not require a long, tedious, wearing process to be ready to meet the Lord in glory? So many people are looking to themselves. They know that, in the nature of things it must take them an exceedingly long time to get fully ready to meet Him. If it is done by evolution, it will never be done ! But when it is accomplished by the creative power of the **Word of God**, it will be done surely and quickly. That Word I have before referred to is the Word which everyone here may take to himself.

And, while so many are hovering about the mystery of faith and godliness, they could solve the matter by proclaiming out loud, that “**Jesus Christ is my portion forever.**” “*And this is the name whereby He shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS !**”* Jeremiah 23:6. Do you now see how much we have been evolutionist? Shall we quit ? Come now, let us be creationists, and be done with it.

Let us be Sabbath-keepers truly. Let us believe the Lord. He speaks forgiveness. He speaks a clean heart. He speaks holiness, He creates it. Let Him create it in you. Stop being an evolutionist, and **let that Living Word dwell in you!** Let that creative power work in you, that which the Word pronounces, “*working in you both to will and to do His good pleasure !*” Philippians 2:13. And before you leave this house today, God can get you ready to meet Him. And when you have thus met Him, and do meet Him every day, are you not then ready to meet Him ?

Do you believe that ? You believe He made the worlds, when He spoke, you believe the light came when He spoke, and that the leper was immediately cleansed when He spoke; but with yourself you think consider-able time must elapse between the time when the Word is spoken and the fact is accomplished. Oh, why will you be an evolutionist? Why will you believe the lie?

You and I are to call people to the great supper; we are to say to all people, “**Come; for all things are now ready!**” How can I call to a man that all things are now ready, when I myself am not ready? It is a

falsehood to start with. My words will not reach him: they are but an empty sound. *A mere letter of the law, without the Spirit which gives Life. A form of godliness, but one that denies It ' s true power !*

But, when there is in that call, the creative energy (Spirit) and **power** of the Word that has made us ready, and that has cleansed us from sin, that has created us unto good works, that holds us as the sun itself is held in it's course which God has marked out, *which keeps us from falling, and presents us in Christ, faultless before the throne of His glory !* Jude 1:24 ----- then when we go forth, and say to the world lying in wickedness, “Come; for all things are now ready,” they will hear.

They will hear in the call the tones of the Voice of the Good Shepherd, “*for it is Christ in you the hope of glory !*” Colossians 1:27, and will be cheered to come to Him for the power of a new life themselves, to make them new creatures, and to prepare them for the supper to which they have been called.

This is where we are today in this world's history. **God's seal** is being set upon the people. But remember, He will never set His mark (signature) upon one who has not been cleansed from every defilement. God will not set His seal to something that is not true, that is not good. Would you ask Him to set His seal to righteousness that is altogether unrighteousness ?

You would not have the face to do that. You know that He is too righteous to do such a thing. Then He must cleanse you, so that He can put His seal to His own work. He cannot put His seal to your work. His seal belongs only to a document which He Himself has approved. Let Him write His character upon your heart, and then He can set His Seal there; He can write His name upon your heart and upon your mind. Only when His creative Word has accomplished it's work in your heart.

You can see in what a Presence we are; you can see in a measure how long it would take to exhaust such a subject as this. But brethren, when we do stop, let us stop in the Presence of creation. Let us never again be evolutionists. **Let not a moment of time pass between the Word of God which is spoken to you, and the accomplishment of that which is spoken !**

Thus living, in the presence of creation, walking with the Creator, upheld by that creative power, inspired by that Holy Breath of God, ----- Why, with a people such as that, God can move the world in a very short time.

If at the beginning you thought this a strange subject for such an occasion as today, you can see now that this is present Truth. There are only two ways. There is no halfway ground. Every man, and woman in the world is either a creationist or an evolutionist. Evolution is infidelity, it is death. Creation is Christianity, it is life. **Choose life that ye may live, and live forever.**
And let all the people say Amen !

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