

Creation

This lesson is based on pages 300–301 in *Bible Doctrine and Practice*.

God has left the mark of truth upon the creation. This mark appeals to the inner consciousness of all men and leaves them without excuse regarding the fundamental truths of God.

Creation is the miraculous work of an omnipotent God who ordained the laws of nature. Although it is impossible to truly understand his methods with the limited view of the human mind, having observed the intricate design of the most minute particles or lifeforms on earth, one must believe that a masterful Designer created everything.

Scriptures

Colossians 1:16–17

Hebrews 11:3

Genesis 1:1–2

John 1:1–3

Revelation 4:11

Genesis 2:7

Romans 1:20

Questions

1. The creation story can be a point of conflict or confusion; how important is it to believe that the biblical account in Genesis happened exactly as it was translated from ancient scripts?
2. Do we sometimes limit ourselves from understanding the creation story more deeply because we fear being viewed as a doubter if we study it too much?
3. What is it in us that we love to grasp at anything that can be considered proof of creation or the Bible?
4. What is the appropriate balance between having dominion over the earth and being careful stewards of our land and natural resources?
5. Why did creation come up in the 2015 General Conference?
6. When a nonbeliever asks us about our belief in creation, we often point them to Genesis as our proof. Is this answer enough, or could it be viewed as a lack of conviction on the subject if we do not have a more complete answer?