

Driving through Dallas earlier this week I saw them again. Man those interchanges are high. If you've driven there you've seen the soaring flying highways that must rise six or seven stories off the ground at least. And crisscross, boy do they ever. Driving into those it's easy to look and say "Where does that one go?" or "Which one am I supposed to take?" It's a maze from the ground. Think of it from the sky. Zig-zagging, crisscrossing, those interchanges look like spaghetti on a plate. Still some planner made up the pathways and decided how they all interlock together. The interchanges are proof someone designed it.

We might think for Dallas interchanges the designer has to be proof God exists. But you can also get that just looking out the car window. Green grass growing along the road. Sunshine blasting through the front windshield at sunset over the Oklahoma prairie. Flowers in their various colors, sizes, and shapes. Creation was just out the window on the way this morning. It passed by and you saw proof. Did the rest of the world?

The unbelieving world sees the exact same creation you do, they see the flowers, grass, and sunset. They say, "So what. Doesn't prove anything." For them creation isn't proof of God, much less the true God of the Bible. But crack your Bibles only a little bit, to the first chapter of the first book and you'll find it all laid out. You'll find proof you can see and proof deeper than that. The first lesson talks about creation...

**Creation is proof of God
It's everywhere you look
It's deeper than you see**

Picture nothing. Hard to do isn't it? We know a world filled with sights, sounds, and everything from our lives. But there was a time when there was nothing. **"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."** There was nothing...but God. Without him we'd know nothing about this time. He's the only one we can trust to give us accurate eye witness testimony. That's something science, news reports, and fossils can't give. **"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."** Out of nonexistence God called existence. At first it was formless emptiness, building blocks. Like throwing out a Lego set and calling it an airplane. It will be, but it isn't quite yet. From that building material God formed and filled the earth for six 24 hour periods of time called days. He formed the light, sea, and sky separating things like light and dark, day and night, sea and dry land. In his wisdom he filled the earth with plants, trees, fish, birds, and animals. Everything found a place.

God the Father gets most credit for ordering the universe in wisdom. His almighty power made things happen just as he wanted. The Holy Spirit was also there. A second person, also called God. He hovered like a bird showing his power and desire to give form to that which had none. And as God spoke, as he let words fly, and things started being created another person was hinted at. God's word, the Word of God, was also involved in creation. Elsewhere in the Bible, in John's gospel, majestic words just like here in Genesis introduce a third person. **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."** Separate from the Father, but also God. This Word was integral in creation. Three persons, one God, the Trinity was the one who created the world.

Explanations from humans who weren't there would be laughable if they weren't dangerous. The Big Bang, random chance, evolution. Human beings basically deny what creation gives proof of. They see signs and proof there is no god. It's a world that looks out of control. And they'd rather deny the proof creation gives, that they're responsible to the Someone out there who is in control. And it's easier than you think to feel the same things. You might still talk about Mother Nature. Without thinking that can deny God's control and oversight of the earth. You might worry natural disasters are out of hand, too destructive, and unpredictable. Doesn't that worry deny God's control? God's wisdom can be denied by faith of another kind. Faith in the Darwin natural selection of the fittest. Faith that chaos evolves to non-chaos. Faith in the process of lesser species like monkeys and apes developing into greater species like human beings.

Maybe those denials aren't our problem. We've seen the proof and we're convinced. But it's not because we're smarter than the smartest scientist. Not because we examined the evidence and reasoned out the truth. The truth of creation can't be reasoned. Suspension of reason, that part always seeking visible proof, is what we need. We suspend our reason and hold it captive to the Word of God. The proof for God's existence is everywhere around you, but the Holy Spirit works faith and allows you to believe the creation account in God's Word. And he shows you God's hands everywhere in the love he showed towards the crown of his creation, us. **"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Ruler over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.' Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.'" The fact that humans enjoy the earth, live here, and manage it is proof of God's love and blessing. We have God's promise that he works through us to keep watch over the planet. This is our temporary home and God blesses us with rich variety, his control over storm, and his promise that what we see shows his love for us.**

To some what God did to Adam and Eve was like giving a child toys and then telling them not to play with one in particular. God gave them the trees, plants, animals, he gives them everything. The danger was that it was possible to misuse it. It was, but they didn't at first. Adam and Eve were perfect. They loved God because God loved them. One day sometime after the creation days they followed Satan's lies and sinned against God. They ruined God's perfect creation, they ruined themselves, and their relationship with God.

The world we see now still has God's wisdom stamped on it. God still controls things. The world runs and supports life because God allows. The oceans surge, but not further than God allows. The lightning strikes, but not outside of where God wants it to. The stars can't be counted by us but they can by God who put them there. Proof of God is still here. But deeper there's something more, something imperfect. It's in us and in the creation we live in. Deep inside each of us is the sin inherited from Adam and Eve. They sinned and we've been sinners since we were born. The things God called good like this planets resources and our bodies, we misuse them, we abuse them, and selfishly want to control them. Under the cover of darkness, even darkness which God considered good, our sinful deeds and desires are uncovered.

For reasons we don't fully understand God didn't destroy Adam and Eve when they sinned. He doesn't destroy us when we sin. The world still goes on. One reason we do have is deeper than we could ever see. It's deep inside God himself showed in creation. Once, **"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."** Human beings destroyed very good with their sins. God promised someone would come and put back really good. That promise you'll never find in the creation around you. Can't find it fishing on Sunday mornings. Can't find it sitting in your backyard watching the sunrise. Can't find it camping alone, watching movies, or checking Facebook. Deep inside God is the love that sent his own Son to redeem us and free us. Grace caused Jesus to see the perfection of creation and have such a strong desire to make us perfect again. To do that he had to come and see imperfection like us. He saw a world turn against him and kill him though he was innocent. He shed tears at the death of friends, suffered as he walked in the hot sun, and grew tired from his long days. He expressed his love. God's grace from deep inside God caused Jesus to sacrifice himself for us, giving his own life for you and me.

Now hidden in Christ in us is the perfection the world once had. You have the ability to let people see it. You can show by your life the trust you have in God to care for you and provide for you even in the face of drought or food shortages. You can show God's existence is real by showing his love for you to others in acts of service, in your family, in your community, in your church. In Christ you've been changed. You're restored in Christ to be the stewards of the earth God wants you to be. You're restored in Christ to be people who share the gospel message of Jesus with others like God wants you to.

Creation is where to start. Everyone lives on this planet. Use what people see to demonstrate proof that God exists. The human body, the interconnected water cycle, the intricacies of cells, everything proves something had to create it and set it in motion. The true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit did that. This planet proves God exists. But go further. Take people deeper to what they can't see. Go deeper to show God's love for them. In love, God created this world just for them. God wants them to see deeper, to see his true love in the Savior. God the Father rescued you and me through God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit brings you and me to faith in Christ. That's God's love in Jesus we can show to the world.