

## PATHWAY TO PEACE: BIBLE STUDY GUIDE – LESSON 2

### **Lesson 2: Source and Purpose of Life: Part 1**

Have you ever asked yourself, “why I am here?” “What is my purpose in life?” Do you know that most people really don't understand their purpose in life. If you ask someone, “what is your purpose?” you would either get, “I don't know” or they will begin to talk to you about their career or career of choice. Would like to know and understand God's purpose in your life? In order to understand you purpose you first must knew the source of your purpose.

It is essential for all human beings, Christians and non-Christians alike, to understand that like a car, we too have a source in which there is a designer and creator. We are not a result of a cosmic accident or explosion. That sounds ridiculous doesn't it? It sounds ridiculous to say that a collision produces order. Is dynamite used to create order? No, they are used to destroy order, right? So let's closely study something that makes perfect sense.

In our previous lesson we studied that the Holy Bible answers life's most complex questions and that it is a unified Divine book for all mankind to study in order to understand their existence and purpose in life. We learned that we can totally build and plant our faith totally in the Bible. When you clearly study and understand the designer, creator, and life source of your existence, you will have deeper appreciation for the Life giver and Sustainer. We are also going to get a clear understanding of why we were created? We all have a purpose and we will find out what that purpose is today.

*Look up Bible texts and complete the worksheet below.*

#### **1. Who is the source of all life, our universe, and every living thing?**

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 45:18

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God is the Source of all life. He and He only is responsible for your existence. He is responsible for creating the most complex systems with trillions of atoms and molecules known to man that can not be duplicated by man. Not a big bang! Evolution says in the beginning there was a big bang and things began evolving. Nothing known to science or physic has proven that something can be created in perfect order by colliding two pieces of mass. If two cars collide together you don't call it “evolution” you call it an “accident”! Evolution says that you are an “accident.” Creation says you are specially made for a purpose from the hand of a loving Creator, God. Evolution defies all logical thinking in which it says that there is no real source of life, it just happened. Creation on the other hand is very logical, it clearly reveals the source of everything created - God. Where would you want to put your faith, evolution or creation?

#### **2. A. How long did it take God to create the heavens and the earth? B. When does a “day” technically begin, evening or morning? C. What did God do at the end of creation?**

We can not take this question lightly because if millions of people just understood the Biblical concept of this question, there would be no confusion of who our Creator is and nor would they be confusion on other Bible doctrine. Did it take God millions of years to create this world? What does the Bible say?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Exodus 20:11; Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31; Genesis 2: 2

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The Bible says it only took God six days to create everything and on the seventh day He rested and blessed it. Now are these days literal days or millions of years? Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31 gives us the definition and measurement of a literal day. After each day that God created it says verse 5 “the evening and the morning was the first day, verse 8, the evening and morning was the second day; verse 13, the evening and the morning was the third day and so to verse 31.” An evening begins when the sun sets. The morning begins when the sun rises. So a new day actually begins every evening. In other words, the “evening and the morning” defines the day as a literal 24 hour cycle. According to the Bible a day does not officially end at 11:59pm and begin at 12:00am. That is only according to the time that man created. God’s way of knowing one day from another is more logical. Even if you did not have a watch or know how to tell time from the positioning of the sun or stars you would clearly know when a day begins and a day ends. So again it is very clear that God created the earth and everything in it and around in six literal 24 hour days and not millions of years.

After God made all the beautiful things in His creation in six literal days, on the seventh day He stopped His creative work and blessed the seventh day as a Holy day. He set it apart. The seventh day was a perfect end to a perfect creation. The seventh day made the creation week complete, a day to constantly remind us that God is our source and creator of all things.

### **3. What does creation reveal about the power and creative Word of God?**

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Psalm 33:6; Hebrews 11:3; Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24; Jeremiah 32:17; Isaiah 55:11

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God made the light, the waters, trees, plants, sun, moon, and stars, etc, by His Word. Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24 reveals and introduces us to the dynamic power and divinity of God’s spoken word, “**And God said**”, which was responsible for the transforming of nothingness into beautiful and perfect places. It all started with “**And God said**, Let there be light: and there was light” God’s creative word is not dependent upon pre-existing matter. Only God can make something out of nothing. God’s Word has the power to do exactly what is commanded to do. God’s word does not come back to Him with empty results. Now, God’s creative word is not only involved in creation, but it is intricately involved in the redemption and restoration of our lives today. We see more evidences of this when we study God’s plan of salvation.

### **4. Now who is the Creator God and the active Agent in Creation?**

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Genesis 1:2, 26 (first part); John 1:1 – 3; John 1:14; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:2; Colossians 1:14 - 17

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The Bible reveals that all members of the Godhead were involved in creation, God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit. They are a unity of three co-eternal Persons. According to the Bible the active agent, the Creator God, was the Son of God, the pre-existing Saviour Jesus Christ. When we get a clear understanding of the plan of salvation we will see that the most amazing and beautiful things that our Creator did for us even though man disobeyed God and sin entered this earth, is that He became our Saviour in the form of Jesus Christ. So our Creator became our Savior.