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THOUGHTS ON CREATION

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I am a Creationist. Not in the sense of the most common usage of that term but in my own particular way of using the word. I believe that at the very moment of Creation all of the laws of physics and chemistry were created by God, even though at that moment they were not all ready to function. In Genesis 1:3, the Torah states *And God said 'Let there be light'*. This was not light as we presently know it. A more accurate word to describe that creation is energy.

This light/energy immediately began to convert/evolve into the smallest sub-atomic particles which, over time, coalesced by accretive steps until the first element, hydrogen, came in to being. This was the first step toward the creation of the larger elements. As the larger elements formed, God's physical laws were able to become operative. After all, you could not have water until oxygen came into being. Once it did, the formation of water could occur; both hydrogen and oxygen were now available to make water.

The light we see today is not the light/energy of Creation. Today's light came into being on the fourth day of Creation when, as recorded in Genesis 1:14 through 1:19, God made the both the greater and the lesser lights which today illuminate our world. Even though these lights did not exist on days one through three, their existence was evolved by God from all that went on before.

How this was done, we don't know. The technical aspects God used in the creative process is something we will very likely never know. All we can be sure of is that God's methodology was based on the same physical laws that God made at the moment of creation. Science tells us that life on earth was created in a particular order. If one studies Torah, one can see that the Biblical order of creation was done in much the same way.

The question that then arises is why God caused Creation? That Creation occurred is certainly not to be doubted, otherwise we wouldn't be here. *Un-Morris Rosman is a metallurgical engineer (IIT 1950) living in the suburban Chicago area who has spent the last 55 years of his adult working life in the steel construction industry. For over 21 years, he has been involved in Torah study classes at Temple Chai, Long Grove, Illinois.*

derstanding why and how it was done is an altogether different matter. There are other people, particularly the Atheists, who deride my belief. This brings me to offer them a question.

Where did everything come from? I have expressed my belief. Atheists can only have some other belief. Similar to mine they cannot prove theirs either. In each case we are both forced to make a leap of faith to support our position, which is an ironic thing for an Atheist to have to do.

My belief is not without a great many questions. What was the purpose of Creation? Since life has come in to being, what is its purpose? In what condition did God leave us the world? Following the idea of *Tikun Olam* it appears that God purposely left us with an incomplete Creation that by stages we are required to try to finish.

When people came in to being, they tried mimic God by trying to create new things as well. Being less than Godly, our attempts at invention/evolution have been slow and halting. We do not always understand God's laws sufficiently to allow us to be successful.



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