


1  **“The New Creation”**2 

- **Two Creation Models**
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3  **Two Creation Models**


- Two passages which speak of a **“New Creation,”** which stands in contrast with an earlier creation
 - II Cor. 5:17 - Individuals who have, in some sense, become “a new creation.”
 - II Pet. 3:10-13 - **“new heavens and a new earth.”**

4  **Each of these creation models [the old and the new] are tied [i.e. “bound”] to their “federal head”**


- The ‘federal head’ of the old creation is **Adam**, and the head of the new creation is **Christ**
- I Cor. 15:21-22 - **Note the ‘contrast’ between Christ and Adam!**
- I Cor. 15:45 - To demonstrate the ‘contrast’ between the old creation and the new, Paul refers to Christ as “the last Adam.”
- Eph. 2:1-10 - We Christians occupy this position as a part of the new creation based purely on the sovereign grace of God!

5  **Two Conscious Mindsets**


-Three comparisons-

6  **“Scoffers”– Who defiantly challenge the truthfulness of God’s promises and other truths in the Bible**

- The **second coming of Christ**
- **Creation**
- the **Resurrection**

7  Their skepticism and their defiance is **based on the so called “law of uniformity”**

- II Peter 3:4 - **“Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”**
- **The Law of Uniformity:** The idea that all of reality is limited to observable and measurable phenomena previously observed and documented by mankind.
- [... i.e. - if it hasn’t been observed and documented before, and if it doesn’t fit into our commonly observed experience, it cannot be real and actual; i.e. there is no truth or reality outside the box which defines what we know and can understand and control!].

8  **For example, the argument of atheistic scientists [men like Francis Crick & Richard Dawkins] regarding**

the **“Intelligent Design Theory”**


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- The question is, did Francis Crick come to this conclusion? The answer is, **yes**, in a sense! He proposed the “Directed Panspermia theory.” This theory proposes that some advanced species somewhere in the galaxy planted the sperm here on earth which was responsible for life [i.e. creatures from outer space].

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- **Richard Dawkins** [Atheist author of “The God Delusion”] and other atheistic scientists argue that it is simply unacceptable to say “God did it!

- And yet, in Ben Stein's new movie, "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed," Richard Dawkins actually acknowledges himself that life on earth may actually have been somehow placed here by some superior intelligence somewhere else in the universe, but that this being would likely have 'evolved' in some sort of Darwinian fashion.
- i.e. "little green creatures from outer space" = ok! But, God = not ok! _

11  **Ben Stein:** There exists a **full-blown conspiracy** against the Intelligent Design Theory!


- **This stubbornness** on the part of atheistic scientists to not even allow the possibility of an "intelligent design" to be discussed as a possible option in the academic community is so extreme, it has resulted in scientists losing their jobs, their teaching tenure, being denied financial grants, and being "black-balled" when they seek further employment in the academic arena of American universities.

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- ***"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."*** - Romans 1:18-20

13  **Two Covenant Mandates**


- One, [the Old Testament Covenant, the Law of Moses] is a covenant of works, dependant upon the will of man! [Fosters pride, insists upon one's own righteousness and ability!]
- The other, [the New Covenant] is completely "by grace," dependent upon the sovereign mercy and grace of God! [cf. again Eph. 2:1-10]

14  **What does all this suggest about the New Creation [i.e. The future New Heavens and New Earth??**


- All of those who have been made "new creatures in Christ" [II Cor. 5:17] will be God's trophy, put on display for the entire creation as a perpetual reminder that the only basis for the favorable standing of all intelligent creatures before the Almighty God of creation is God's sustaining mercy and grace!!!
- Eph. 2:7-9 – "... in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast."

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- *"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Ephesians 3:10-11

16  **What makes the difference between those who are a part of the future new Creation and those who are not?**

- I Cor. 4:7 - ***"For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?"***

17  **What makes the difference between the "elect angels" in I Timothy 5:21 & those angels "who did not keep their positions" in Jude 6?**

- The answer seems to be the word "elect" angels!!! [i.e. the sovereign mercy and grace was operative toward them in such a way as to sustain them and keep them from falling!]
- How can the "elect" angels, who have never sinned, ever comprehend "grace"?
- Answer: When they realize the only thing which distinguishes them from the fallen angels is God's upholding & sustaining grace!

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- Col. 1:17 - He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- Isa. 46:3 - "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel, you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."
- I Pet. 1:5 - "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."