

Reformed Doctrine, Chapter IV Creation

I.

God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit¹ to show His glory, power, wisdom, and goodness² created the world and everything in it. In six days God created both the visible and invisible from nothing that previously existed and called it all good.³

II.

In the order of creation God created man, male and female.⁴ He created them with reasonable and immortal souls.⁵ God gave them knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness after His own image.⁶ God wrote His law in their hearts⁷ and gave them the ability to keep it.⁸ God left in man the ability to obey or disobey His law according to man's own will, which was subject to change.⁹ God also commanded man not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. While man kept this law he was happy and in communion with God.¹⁰ To man God gave dominion over all other creatures.¹¹

Questions

1. What New Testament text proves that Jesus Christ was present and active in the creation of all things?
2. Why should we understand these six days of creation to be six days, as we know days now?
3. What beliefs essential to salvation would be harmed if these days were not six normal days?
4. Can a true believer believe these days were different than a normal day?
5. Was it possible for Adam and Eve to not eat of the forbidden tree?
6. Is the law of God still written into the hearts of man?
7. What did it mean that God gave man dominion over all other creatures?
8. Why did the Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) create all things?
9. From the Bible what existed before God created all things pertaining to earth and man?
10. Of all that exists in all known universes what did God not create?

¹ Rom 11:36; I Cor. 8:6; Heb. 1:2; John 1:2-3; Gen. 1:2; Job 33:4

² Rom 1:20; Jer. 10:12; Psa. 33:5; 104:24

³ Gen 1:1-31; Psa. 33:6; Heb. 11:3; Col. 1:16; Acts 17:24; Exod. 20:11

⁴ Gen 1:27

⁵ Gen. 2:7; Eccl. 12:7; Luke 23:43; Matt. 10:28

⁶ Gen. 1:26; Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:24

⁷ Rom. 2:14-15

⁸ Gen. 2:17; Eccl. 7:29

⁹ Gen. 3:6, 17

¹⁰ Gen. 2:17; 2:15-3:24

¹¹ Gen. 1:28-30; Psa. 8:6-8