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Introduction

When I look up the sky and appreciate splendid sunsets and radiant stars, I see the Glory of God; when I listen to birds dressed in perfect beautiful feathers sing, I hear the creation's praise to the Glory of God; when I observe trees and flowers and appreciate their colorful, exquisite and unique beauty, I see the Glory of God; when I gaze adorable new born baby and little children, I see the Glory of God; when I hear holy angels' singing in dreams, I experience the wonders in the Glory of God---. However, through the Creation of God on the earth and in heavens, through the beauty among God's creations, what I see in depth is the Love of God, what I deeply realize is God's Love holds the heavens and the earth.

Today, based on the 7 Days of Creation in Genesis 1-2, this essay will share with you how majestic our God is and how great love God gives to His creations.

7 Days of Creation speak the Glory of God

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).¹ The opening Scripture of the Holy Bible tells us that the vast Universe and the earth were created by God whether the spaces we can see and reach or not, God created all; it leads us to imagine God's Majesty, Power and Almightyness, and it carries us to a realm of amazement.

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture is taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version (Colorado Springs, Co: International Bible Society, 1997).

The earth is a member of the Milky Way Galaxy. “Astronomers estimate that the observable Universe has more than 100 billion galaxies. Our own Milk Way is home to around 300 billion starts.”²
The heavens and the earth speak God’s Glory.

From different sources of modern science discovery and study, we can clearly realize that the unimaginable vast Universe cannot be described fully by human beings knowledge and words, the Universe is beyond human beings wisdom. The Psalm 147:4-5 praises the Glory of God: “He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit”! The modern sciences have so much limitation and inability to figure out what is there in the Universe, but our God determines the number of the stars, call billions and trillions of stars by name! How Mighty and Majestic God we have!

The initial condition of the earth was not habitable for human beings, it was “formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep” (Genesis 1:2). Preparing the earth for God’s upcoming earthly children, God started creation by first sending light to the earth.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.

(Genesis 1:3-5)

God’s Word fulfilled His plan and the first and foremost step “sending light to the earth”.
Through the science discovery, the speed of light is 186,000 miles per second³. God sent the

² Temming, Maria. “How many stars are there in the universe?” Accessed April 28, 2015. <http://www.skyandtelescope.com/astronomy-resources/how-many-stars-are-there/>

³ Wikipedia.org. “Speed of Light”. Accessed April 29, 2015. <http://en.wikipedia.org/speed of light>

light to the earth from His Holy dwelling place at such speed and terminated the endless darkness on the earth by His Word.

God's amazing and big project to develop the earth started from outside of the earth to the surface of the earth step by step.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water. (Genesis 1:6) This is on the second day, God created sky. How high is the sky? According to science discovery, that the altitude to contain 99% of the atmosphere is 31 km above the surface of the earth. ⁴ By God's Word again, "God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it" (Genesis 1:7)

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." (Genesis 1:9-10)

To create seas and land is part of work God made on the third day. "The surface of the planet is approximately 71% water and contains five oceans, including the Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Southern" ⁵, and "By most standard, there are a maximum of seven continents - Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia/Oceania, Europe, North America, and South America"⁶ And God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:10)

For human beings' needs of living water across the globe, God created rivers and lakes. "There are 176 rivers which over 1,000 kilometers on the earth"⁷, and small and short rivers are

⁴ Bencraven.org. "How high is the sky?" Accessed April 29, 2015. <http://bencraven.org.uk/atmosphere.html>

⁵ World atlas. "Ocean". Accessed April 28, 2015. <http://www.worldatlas.com/aatlas/inforpage/ocean.htm>

⁶ Wikipedia.org. "Continent". Accessed April 29, 2015. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/continent>

⁷ Wikipedia.org." list of rivers by length". Accessed April 28, 2015. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/listofriversbylength>

countless. “Using satellite photos and computerized mapping technologies, an international research team counted all of the lakes on Earth. They found about 117 million lakes, covering almost four percent of the world’s land surface.”⁸ The oceans and rivers and lakes provide different significant resources for over 7 billion population on the earth. How good it is for the waters flowing among the earth just as God said “it was good”. The oceans and rivers and lakes sing the Glory of God with all kinds of beauty crowned by the Creator of the Universe.

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. (Genesis 1:11) After God created land, oceans, rivers and lakes, God created trees, flowers, and vegetables and accomplished His third day creation.

God is the chief Engineer, chief Designer and chief Artist of the Universe. On the earth, He created all beauty around the world. “There are roughly 422,000 known species of plant and as many as 1,500,000 to 1,700,000 different scientific names are used to refer to them.”⁹ Among the vegetation, there are many plants have healing functions, we called them herbs. In China alone, “Some 5000 plants are believed to be used in Chinese medication, many having been used for thousands of years”¹⁰ By God’s almighty hands, the earth was made beautiful, marvelous and wonderful. The trees and flowers and fruits are dancing in the Glory of God.

⁸ Borre, Lisa. “117 million lakes found in world count”. Accessed April 29, 2015. <http://voices.nationalgeographic.com/2014/09/15/117-million-lakes-found-in-latest-world-count/>

⁹ Iplants.org. “The World’s Plants Online”. Accessed April 28, 2015. <http://www.iplants.org>

¹⁰ Self-Sufficiency 4U. “herbs from around the world”. Accessed April 29, 2015. <http://www.selfsufficiency4u.com/herbs/about-herbs/herbs-from-around-the-world.html>

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights--the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. (Genesis 1:14-16).

Just as psalmist sung "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens" (Psalm 8:1). The Scripture tells us the fourth day of creation. God created a spectacular heavenly realm above the earth, the sun, moon and stars. Let's have a glance about the Cosmos according to scientific discovery, particularly the Milky Way Galaxy. "The Milky Way is the Galaxy that contains our Solar System", and "The Milky Way is estimated to contain 100-400 billion stars, although this number may be as high as one trillion. There are probably at least 100 billion planets in the Milky Way"¹¹ Even though there are no precise answers regarding the Universe, from the astonishing numbers, we shall shout out "Oh, God, How Great Thou Art!"

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1: 20-21) On the fifth day of creation, God created fish and birds.

¹¹ Wikipedia.org. "Milky Way". Accessed April 28, 2015. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/milkyway>

In BirdLife.org, the article states: “Birds comprise nearly 10,000 living species—the building blocks of biodiversity. Birds are found nearly everywhere, but each species is unique in its ecology and distribution. Many have small ranges and most are restricted to particular kinds of habitat. Taken together, they provide a picture of how biodiversity is distributed, and serve as valuable indicators for global environmental change.”¹²

Regarding fish, scientific discovery shows that “There are almost 28,000 known extant species, of which almost 27,000 are bony fish, with 970 sharks, rays, and chimeras and about 108 hagfish and lampreys. A third of these species fall within the nine largest families; from largest to smallest, these families are Cyprinidae, Gobiidae, Cichlidae, Loricariidae, Balitoridae, Serranidae, Labridae, and Scorpaenidae. About 64 families are Monotypic, containing only one species. The final total of extant species may grow to exceed 32,500.”¹³

Wow, the birds and fish are singing and dancing and flying in the Glory of God.

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. (Genesis 1: 24) This is part of sixth day's creation of God. Besides fish and birds, God created more creatures as His upcoming earthly children's friends. From the Scripture, we see that God created livestock and animals were “according to their kinds”. Scientists have discovered that “The estimated number of animals on our planet falls somewhere in the vast

¹² Bird Life. “Birds help us understand the natural world”. Accessed April 28, 2015. <http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/soab/introduction/INTRO2>

¹³ Wikipedia.org. “Fish”. Accessed April 28, 2015. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fish>

range of 3-30 million species”¹⁴. Wow, millions and billions of animals around the world are joyfully living in the Glory of God, they are running to speak the Glory of God.

The creation of human beings on the sixth day was the climax of God’s Creation, it was most glories and joyful moment of creation. “God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:26-27) In this Scripture, the “image” and “likeness” both delivered and emphasized the most important Truth that our human beings were created by God according to God’s image and likeness and were ordained to work for the kingdom of God. May God’s children speak the Glory of God the Father and God the Son-Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit from generation to generation.

Now, the earth population has reached to 7 billion peoples and inhabit in 206 sovereign states¹⁵. The creations of God provide everything for human beings to live in this planet.

After God created human beings, “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good”. (Genesis 1:31)

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

¹⁴ About Education. “How many animal species inhabit our planet”. Accessed April 28, 2015.
<http://animals.about.com/od/zoologybasics/a/howmanyspecies.htm>

¹⁵ Wikipedia.org. “list of sovereign states”. Accessed April 29, 2015.
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/listofsovereignstates>

And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. (Genesis 2:1-3)

God's Creation was completed once human beings were created. On the Seventh Day, God rested in completed satisfaction, ultimate joy, and perfect peace. From the first day to seventh day, I can see that every step and every day speak the Glory of God, His Holiness covers the whole earth, and He is our Father who is Love, Holy, Glory and Perfect, full of Wisdom, Imagination and Arts, He is Almighty and Sovereign God, He is the ultimate and chief Scientist, Engineer and Artist. May we always come to God and give our Father thanks and praise and worship for what marvelous things He has done for all human beings from generation to generation.

The Glory of God speaks God's Love

The 7 Days of Creation of God created a beautiful and wonderful earth for God's children to live and rest in a perfect natural and spiritual environments. From Genesis 1:2, "the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters", from that moment on, God's creation on the earth had started step by step to prepare a home for human beings.

Behind all the scenes of glorious creation, what I see is God's Great Love that accompanies His Power, Almighty, Sovereign, Amazing and Wonders, and it let me experience and feel our Father's zeal for His upcoming earthly children. Because His Great Love, He designed and developed the earth with all kinds of beauty and splendors and richness. God cares

every inch of the land and seas to be filled with His rich resources in order to let His children live in an abundant life.

On the fifth day, God blessed fish and birds and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." (Genesis 1:22) and on the sixth day, after God created human beings, "God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'" (Genesis 1:28) From the above scenes of blessings of God to fish and birds and human beings, I deeply felt that the Creator of Universe, our God is a God of Love, He is our loving Father, big loving Papa, He is the Father with such tender heart and generosity to all His creations, He want to give us His best. Just as Scripture said in Psalm 145:9 "The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made." The Word of God amazes me that God not only speaks to His children, also He speaks to birds of the air and fish of the seas, and it seems that even birds and fish are communicating with God and listening to God. What a harmonious and peaceful and touching scenery!

God blessed the Seventh Day and made it Holy. The Seventh Day reminds human beings to remember and appreciate the 7 Days of Creation of God; it tells us that God want human beings to have intimate relationship with Him as Father and children, and to keep in touch with Him and to consistently receive His best and blessings; the Seventh Day shows our Father's Loving Heart toward His earthly children, He loves us, He want to dwell in our hearts, He want His children live in Him and in His goodness. Oh, the Glory of God speaks our Father's Great Love.

God's Love holds the heavens and the earth

Our loving Father, the only True Living God of the Universe, by His Love, He created the heavens and the earth. After Human beings disobeyed God and committed sins and fallen into destruction, God's heart was terribly hurt again and again by His very own children, He created, He loved, He cared and He blessed.

However, our loving Father's heart is bigger than the Universe, even though the whole world corrupted, and run away from His original beautiful plan, He did not withdraw or forfeit His beautiful plan for human beings, He did not destroy this planet He created for human beings, instead, He holds the heavens and the earth by His Unfailing and Everlasting Love and planed the Salvation of Cross of Jesus Christ for all human beings. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16). Facing the world that hurt Him greatly, God still declared His everlasting provisions and promise to mankind in Genesis 8:22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease". God's Love holds the heavens and the earth to give human beings the hope of Salvation.

Let the rivers of God's Love flow in the world

From the blessing of God in Genesis 1:22 and 1:28, I can see the relationship between God and His creations, among the world of human beings and animals were harmony and peace and love.

From the previous scientific discoveries of plant and the provision of God in Genesis 1: 29 to His earthly children and all animals: ““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. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food.”, what I see first is that God provide healthy foods for human beings, and many vegetation preformed as natural physician to take care God’s earthly children’s medical and health care matters; furthermore, what I see is that God created all kinds of animals to be His earthly children’s living friends and companions. The temper and character of animals were friendly in the beginning. Human beings were designed to eat vegetables and fruits, and the animals were designed to eat green plant. The pictures of the whole earth were perfect and harmonious, and God holds His creations on His Loving Palms.

God created the heavens and earth by His Love and with the Law of Love. We are the children of our Father in heaven and are created in His image and His likeness. We should carry on our Father’s Legacy of Love and do what He commanded.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength and Love your neighbor as yourself” will create the pools of love and the rivers of blessing, and turn chaos to cosmos and blessing.¹⁶

¹⁶ Ling Ling Shi, *Deliver the Urgent Messages for America: The Urgency for U.S. Economic System Reform* (Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, 2014), 71

The Word of God in Mark 12:30-31 are the two greatest commandments Lord Jesus gave to His children. Only Love can hold the world.

Let us remember our beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the KING of the Kings, the LORD of the Lords, the WORD-THE TRUTH OF GOD came to the world in flesh with humility, He came to the earth He created, He came to His people He created, He shed His Precious Blood and died on the Cross to pay all human beings death penalty to save us from our sins, because we all have sinned against God and we all short the Glory of God, our sins separated us from God! He was resurrected at the third day to give all mankind the hope of eternity and the heavenward lives.¹⁷

I believe that when God's children unite in the Truth of God and become the rivers of God's Love flowing in the world, the justice will be exalted, the hungers will be filled, the oppressed will be released, the blinds will see, the prisoners will be set free and free indeed, and divine meaningful life will be fulfilled, the rivers of God's Love flowing around the world will become the blessings to all.

Conclusion

God's Love runs and flows in the entire Holy Bible and in every aspect of the earth, it is most significance of the image of God, and His Love holds all. The revelation of the 7 Days of Creation in Genesis 1:1-2:3 unveils God's Heart and God's Will toward all His creations, that is His Love. "Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8) , I believe the day will come as it is written in the Revelation 21: 3-4 " Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them, They

¹⁷ Ling Ling Shi, *Deliver the Urgent Messages for America: The Urgency for U.S. Economic System Reform* (Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, 2014), 78

will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away”, “I am making everything new!”

Hallelujah! With grateful heart, I want to sing the song “How Great Thou Art” again and again to my Loving God the Father, God the Son-Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit and give Him my deep praise, worship and thanksgiving.

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