

Common Rule

Chapter 11 Creation

Paragraph 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, through the word.

God spoke the heavens and the earth into being, this is indeed a very powerful statement. God's breath, the breath that created the words used to speak creation into existence, created the heavens and the earth the same breath—the same spirit- that he used to breathe life into humanity.

This same breath that is the first breathe we take when we are born, that all important breath that our mothers listen for and ask about, the first sign of life is also what God used to form the word that created the very heavens and earth. Thinking about that causes me to realize just how connected I am to God, that each breath I take is breathing the very breath of God, the breath that created the heavens and the earth, now that's connected.

When God created the world, including us, he said that it was good. Do we treat creation as if it is good? Do we remember that it is created from the same breath that created us and respect it as such? Or do we fall into believing the myth that the rest of creation, the plants, the soil, the water and air are simply there for us to use. Are we good stewards of what the planet we have been given because we see it as good?

Do we treat our bodies as if they were created by God and therefore are good, we are according to the word of God created in the image and likeness of God, do we treat ourselves and others accordingly?

For in the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God.

In the fourth Gospel, the writer brings us back to the very beginning of Genesis, to remind us that God brought the world into existence through the Word, Jesus is the Word, Jesus was with God as the world was brought into existence and this same connectedness that we have with God because of the creative breath that brought the world, and us, into being is available to us with Christ. All we have to do is open our hearts and accept it.

All things were made by the word of God and nothing was made without him.

All things, that's right all things spiders, rats, poison ivy, cockroaches, poison oak, cows, donkeys, chickens, puppies, kittens and goldfish have all been spoken into being by the word of God, given the breath of God. Nothing, not even things that science likes to take credit for such as sub-atomic particles, split atoms, and other scientific stuff that I don't know about or understand, it is all created by God. God is even the driving force behind evolution, there is nowhere one can turn where God is not there.