

**Parson to Person**  
**Genesis 2**  
**Calming the Confusion**

Good morning, Candlelight! Happy Sunday and blessed Lord's day to all of you and all of us, in the Lord Jesus' Name!

Pastor Jason here. Paul asked me to do some thinking about apologetics last Wednesday and today. He is always concerned about the swamp of doubt and deadly indecision being created for our kids. In particular, he and I share this concern, continually pondering the consequences of *confusing our children about reality*.

You may have noticed. It is now a common policy matter in our world today to program confusion into children: confusion about not just who they are, but what they are, WHY they are, and WHO their people are. Are they human? (You are an evolved animal.) Are they male or female? (You decide based on what you saw on TV or your teacher told you or how you felt yesterday.) Who are their people? (Your "race" decides that and its history—the history we tell you is true.)

Given this programmed confusion, promulgated with money and power and massive media influence, it is no wonder that children's lives are derailed by the breakdown of the family and society at all levels. Nor should it surprise us that they

have no hope for the future! Nor indeed any clear SENSE of the future: ANY future.

That's why I wanted to study a key chapter in the book of Genesis. The second chapter gives us, in particular, some detail about the origins of humanity.

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

<sup>4</sup> This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup> before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man to till the ground; <sup>6</sup> but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup> Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first *is* Pishon; it *is* the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold. <sup>12</sup> And the gold of that land *is* good. Bdellium and the onyx stone *are* there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river *is* Gihon; it *is* the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> The name of the

third river *is* Hiddekel; it *is* the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river *is* the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

<sup>18</sup> And the LORD God said, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” <sup>19</sup> Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that *was* its name. <sup>20</sup> So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

<sup>21</sup> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. <sup>22</sup> Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> And Adam said:

“This *is* now bone of my bones  
And flesh of my flesh;  
She shall be called Woman,  
Because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

In the above chapter we find the Word of God highlighting for us the answers to the following questions:

Did the universe just happen? Was there a timetable for it? Was it directed, and how much, and how so? Was time orchestrated from the beginning? How about plant biology? Animal biology? Human biology? Was the weather designed or random?

What about geography: did you know that geography was already designed as God was creating? How about language? The names we give to people, places, and things?

Pairing up—was that an accident? Marriage—did God do that, and how early? Finally, social norms and conditions—cultural rules: how did those come about, like what clothes we wear and why?

The reality is that testimony exists pointing to the fact that all these questions have clear answers.

Those answers are rooted in God and point toward Jesus Christ. They start with the Alpha and do not end until we hear from the Alpha and Omega in the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

ALL of those answers DIRECTLY REFUTE the tissue of lies being grafted onto the lives of our kids!

I am glad you are here today! Let's prepare to receive the Word of God planted in us today.

I love you all in the Lord Jesus' Name!

Pastor Jason