

If man evolved from lower forms of animals, then there is no absolute moral law. There is no reason or purpose to live or to love, since everything came about by chance.

God does not need “millions of years.” He could have created everything in the twinkling of an eye, but He took six days to create, and rested on the seventh day. This is the origin of the “week.” Without God’s creation, there would be no “week.” “Month” is based on the time it takes the moon to circle the earth once. “Year” is attributed to the time it takes the earth to circle the sun once. But “week” has no basis other than God’s creation account.

Why should anyone doubt that the “day” of creation is a 24-hour day and not millions of years? No one questions whether Joshua marched around Jericho in “days” or “millions of years”! How about the three “days” and three “nights” that Jonah spent in the belly of a whale? Could he have been in the whale for three “million years”?

God is the only source of life. The intricate design and functions in every cell, the coordinated actions of many cells in an organ, the working together of all organs in a body, and the infinite wisdom of using coded DNA to pass on reproductive information from one generation to the next, these are all “complexities” that cannot simply arise out of “chance and time.”

The evidence of God’s creation is all around us (Rom 1:19-20), hence I have no excuse to disbelieve the creation account. My belief in creation is the same faith and basis for my belief in Christ and His salvation, that give me the joy and peace of eternal life.

I thank Thee, Lord, for the faith that Thou has given to me. May Thou open the mind of those who do not believe that Thou alone didst create the heavens and the earth.

3. **Essay no. 6** “I believe in Creation” by Chew Yi Wei (Category: Adult)

The war between Creationists and Evolutionists, albeit a protracted and extensive one, shows no sign of attrition. Since Charles Darwin in the 19th Century unintentionally “discovered” that humans are an evolved species, believers of God have stood on the side of the Bible, defending the Word against a Science that has turned into a vicious kind of Scientism.

While this cultural and spiritual war continues to rage, I ask myself just how I fit in. How am I, as a Christian, to defend the Word of God without compromise or contempt? Do I devour all good material on Creation by hallowed scientists and then use their arguments as evidence of God’s Creation? Or do I believe first in God’s handiwork ere reading their words? Do I believe the Word because of the words of God-fearing men or do I believe the words of God-fearing men because of the Word? Surely, it must be the latter.

Ironically, God has used the ongoing debate to challenge my faith. He has made me realize that I am

a creature created with a heart, a brain and a spine: a heart receptive to counsel and to change; a brain to think and to discern; a spine to stand up for what is pure, good, true and right. God has made man with these very vital parts in his anatomy – a creature most perfect in creation; a creature able to understand reason, truth and righteousness. More significantly, a creature that is able to pray, to worship and to love his Creator. We are because of these qualities, nothing more or nothing less than Human.

Although Man was God’s final creation, he was God’s crowning creation. The psalmist asks, “What is man, that thou art mindful of him?” (Ps 8:4). Indeed, *what is Man?* This is perhaps the question that has boggled my mind for the longest of times; yet, it is also this question that has led me to answers. It has made me wonder about the extent of God’s creation. That we are created in God’s “own image” (Gen 1:27), the operative word being “own,” shows God’s immensely intricate artistry and favour upon this very aspect of His creation. That most of us are made with such fearful symmetry (two hands, two eyes, one nose, one mouth, two legs), that we are a self-operating protein-making factory, that we are able to procreate, that we know language and are able to speak it, that we can acquire knowledge and question its nature, that we are bestowed with a conscience, an ability to know right from wrong – a sense of morality – proves God’s own fingerprint on us.

How can the atheist then say with conviction that he believes that we are but a mass of particles put together by mere chance, or more poetically, that we are but stardust? How can amoral particles give us the ability to make moral choices? They would then go on to argue that our genetic make-up causes us to feel, think and behave in a certain way, but how can chance and probability put together so many different combinations of personalities from the beginning of the world (their estimate being billions of years) till now? The odds, mathematically, are very slim.

While I am awed by how “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Ps 139:14) we are, I am however more awed that God chose to send His Son to visit us (Ps 8:4) despite our sinful nature. Jesus came to save men, not animals or plants. And Jesus was Himself God made flesh (John 1:14). Why should He come in human form unless we are His special creation?

Science exists because God created it. It does not exist to prove or disprove God because God need not be proven and cannot be disproven. Man is given the ability to learn Science, not Scientism. Scientism is not Science but a philosophy of Science. Man cannot use Science, much less Scientism (which is itself based on unscientific practice) to prove Faith. Science cannot explain Faith. Faith in God requires no hard facts, just a childlikeness that has nothing to do with Science. If atheists choose to explain Faith through Science, then they are once again shooting themselves in the foot. And it is this Faith which God has given us that makes us understand that He and His creation are real (Heb 11:3). – *The end of excerpts from Essay Testimony.*

Faithfully in the Lord
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My dear readers,

We continue in our publication of selected essays on Creation.

1. **Essay no. 4** “I believe in Creation” by Foo Tee Jiam (Category: Adult) – *continued from 13 June 2010*

Incredibly, these same people who would not buy my explanation about the origin of my essay would wholeheartedly accept what evolutionists teach about the origin of life and man. I am not a PhD holder, a scientist, a scholar or an intellectual. I am just a simple person, and in a nutshell, this is what I understand the evolutionist is teaching how life began: “In the beginning, there was no life. Out of an unexplained cosmic explosion, the ingredients for life became available. One fine day, by all chance, these ingredients came together and became the simplest life-form. This miraculous process continued for hundreds of millions of years, until today, we have the highest life-form – man.”

How could normal rational human beings who reject anything which insults their intelligence believe this evolutionary teaching without question? Can life simply come about by pure chance? In our daily life, we use many inventions of men without questioning their “origins.” Never for a moment do we presume that they come as a result of chance. Behind all these things, we know that there are many designers, engineers and others who work hard to turn an initial conceptual design into a usable product. Would anyone be so foolish or foolhardy to address the thousands of employees of Boeing in the following way:

“I am extremely grateful that I can travel from Singapore to any part of the world in the comfort and convenience of the Boeing 747. It is truly an amazing machine. Our ancient ancestors would never have dreamt that one day their descendants would soar in the sky like a bird. However, more importantly, they could never imagine how this modern marvel came about. It is really a product of a natural phenomenon: one day a tornado swept through a metal junk-yard and out of the upheaval came this wonderful flying machine!”

As ridiculous as the above may sound, that is what every person who believes in evolution has been led

to believe, forgetting God the Creator who by wisdom made heaven and the earth (Rom 1:20-21). Man, who is fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps 139:14), is far more complex than the Boeing 747 or all of man’s inventions combined. If Boeing employs thousands of highly skilled engineers to design and build an aircraft, should not man too have a designer and creator? Look at the animal and plant kingdoms – the amazing design, order, beauty and complexity of thousands of species. Look at the stars and the universe – all these declare with one accord that they are the work of a great Creator (Ps 19:1).

I believe in creation because that is the only logical conclusion that I must come to, barring any bias or prejudice, when I look at nature. I also believe in biblical creation because the Bible is the only place that answers my question: “Who made me?” (Gen 1:1, John 1:3).

“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear” (Heb 11:3).

To God be all the glory!

2. **Essay no. 5** “I believe in Creation” by Hia Chek Phong (Category: Adult)

Much is at stake in whether we believe in biblical creation as the faithful **eye-witness account** of the beginning of the universe and all life on earth. If I doubt the biblical account of creation, how can I believe the rest of the Bible? I believe in creation because of my **faith in Jesus Christ** and in **His inspired and infallible Word, the Bible**. In the Bible, I read that He created all things (John 1:3, Heb 1:1-3), and it was He who caused Moses to write the creation account in the first chapter of the Bible.

The **Creation** “story” is God’s authentic account. He was the only eye-witness at the creation. Why should I believe evolutionist scientists, none of whom was there at the creation, who have to resort to imaginary “millions of years” in order to do away with the power of the Creator? Since I was not there at the creation, I am contented with what my Creator says. I must walk by **faith**, not by sight (1 Cor 5:7).

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A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

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- 10.00 am** **Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: JW Sanctuary**
Today: Preacher Ko Ling kang; N/W: Elder Goh Kee Tai
- 10.15 am** Pre-Service Singspiration: **Today:** Dn Chia Chung Seng; N/W: Dn Milton Ang
- 10.30 am** **Lord's Day**
- Today** **Worship Leaders** : Elder Sim Siang Kok / Mr Henry Chua
(L/S) **Speaker** : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Message : **"Partakers of One Another's Grace"** (Phil 1:7-8)
- Next Week** **Worship Leaders** : Preacher Ko Ling kang / Dn Vincent Teo
Speaker : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Message : "That Love May Abound" (Phil 1:9-11)

Last Week's (13.06.10) Attendances and Offerings

English Worship	10.30 am	1,274	\$31,503.10		
Junior Worship		149			
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	158	\$ 3,600.10		
Mandarin JW		30			
SGBF	6.00 pm	394	\$ 4,071.10	RM50	
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)	8.15 pm	117			

Lord's Day Activities

ABC	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Rooms #02-05-07
Teens' Meeting	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	JW Sanctuary, #02-03
Young People Discn Gp (17-20)	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Rooms #04-05 & #04-06
Library	12.15 pm - 1.30 pm,	Room #03-04
AV Library	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Room #02-02
Choir	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm,	Rooms #02-05-07
Tracting	1.45 pm,	Lobby outside Sanctuary (2nd & 4th Week)

Lord's Day Duties

	<i>20 June</i>	<i>27 June</i>
Musicians Morning	Ong Su Ling / Rachel Han	Ko Lingwei / Eileen Hia
<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i>	Christine / Serena Ng	Suzanne Sim / Zhongyan
Greeters	James & Jessica Lim	Janice Tan & Elizabeth Li
Welcomers	David Lee & Chia Yew Hoong	William & Lynette Fang
Lunch Coupon Sale	Michael & Florence Yip	Mark, Susan Woo & family
Kitchen Duty	YF	Mark Woo & family, Philip Quah & family, Samuel Chiang & family
Ushers	Steven Lee, David Wong, Woon Chin, Ming Kin, Shue Heng, Ray Tan, Wai Mun, Joel Koh, Mark Woo, John Fong, Victor Wong, Ernest Chan, Mark G, Chua Kok Keong	Steven Lee, Nam Moon, Kwok Weng, Heng Wee, Samuel Chiang, Joe Chan, Edgar Teo, Thian Guan, Timothy Tan, James Lim, Andrew Chiang, Kam Luen, Chee Weng, Kim Hai, Wei Jun

Introduction

To stand justified on all issues of life is idealistic. To stand justified before a judge in the court of law is a great relief. This means that you are acquitted of any charge or, in the case of a private lawsuit, you have been found innocent. The plaintiff who brought you to court pays damages and costs to you. To be justified means "to be rendered just or righteous or innocent."

If justification in the law courts of man can evoke such relief and gladness, how much more when a sinner finds himself justified when he stands before God. This is a matter of eternal life and eternal death. You and I cannot afford to treat this matter lightly or be unsure whether we will stand justified before God or not. The ones who stand before God not justified are therefore guilty. This means that they stand condemned before God. The punishment is hell and ultimately being sent to the Lake of Fire that burns for all eternity. There will be gnashing of teeth and great pain and intense torment from the flames of the Lake.

Christ gave this parable because of some who trusted in themselves. They presumed that they were righteous. They also despised others because they sincerely believed that they were righteous. Christ needed to "burst the bubble" of these people for their own good so that they would no longer live in delusion. Christ also gave this parable to His own disciples, as well as to those who were despised by these self-righteous men, to tell them that they also needed to ensure that they stand justified before God.

No one is exempt from this needful and urgent self-examination.

Elements of the Parable – The Pharisee refers to the self-righteous; The Publican

refers to the repenting sinner; religious acts of the Pharisee refer to legalistic external good works.

Explaining the Parable – The purpose of the parable is to debunk self-righteousness that was prevalent among the Jews in Christ's time. This is very true in our time today. The sin of self-righteousness is not only one of self-inflicted injury, but it attacks others who are not like them in their legalistic way to heaven. They become very judgmental to the point of despising them. The word "despise" means to keep on setting the person at naught. What others do is worthless and all that that they do is of absolutely no account. Nothing good can come out of anyone whose life is not like the self-righteous. They feel they are right all the time and others are wrong all the time. Such was the height of arrogance and self-righteousness in Christ's time. The sad part is that many ordinary Jews look to these self-righteous legalistic bigots as godly men and as men who were half way to heaven! Christ had to teach rightly.

The scenario involved prayer. Two very different men went to pray at the same time and in the same place. One was highly exalted by society whereas the other was despised. One was a Pharisee and the other a publican, i.e. a tax collector. This particular kind of tax collectors obtained the right to collect taxes for the Roman government. They were given a lot of power to impose all kinds of taxation; no one wanted this hated task. They became very rich in the process. To maximize their effectiveness, they would farm out their tax collecting rights to others who would collect taxes from the Jews on their behalf. Zacchaeus was such a tax collector. The Jews hated them for being traitors. The Jews also hated them for their abuse of taxation.

SGBF Singspiration	Elder Chew Chong Kiat	Dn Chia Chung Seng
SGBF Ushers	Peter Chung, Thian Guan, Woon Chin, JohnFong, Wai Mun, Choon Keng	YAF
SGBF Greeters	Sharon Lim & Jayme Teo	YF
SGBF Welcomers / Dinner Coupon Sales	Irene Lim & Amy Ang	Heng Khuan & Christine
SGBF Kitchen Duty	Peter Chung & Thian Guan	YAF

Activities for the week (21 - 26 Jun)

Tuesday	8.15 pm	PRAYER MEETING i/c Elder Sim Siang Kok
Saturday	2.30 pm	CMC (Calvary Mission to Children)
	5.00 pm	YAF: Room #02-05-07
		Discouraged and Rebuked Preacher Lek Aik Wee
	7.00 - 9.00 pm	MYANMAR FELLOWSHIP: Room #04-05

HOME News & Announcements

- Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: S\$11,012.10**
Ajin Thu- Pontianak 50, 50 = \$100; **Ann Clements & Family** 500, 50 = \$550; **Baraka BP Church** 50 = \$50; **BCEA, Tanzania** 100 = \$100; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai** 50, 500, 50, 50, 50 = \$700; **Chee Khuen Wah, Rev** 300, 50, 100 = \$450; **Dignadice Rev (Police & Army Ministry)** 10, 50 = \$60; **FEBC** 3000, 100, 16, 50, 50, 200, 300, 100, 10, 50, 500, 52.10 = \$4,428.10; **FEBC-Karen Lee** 50 = \$50; **Hilltop** 50, 10, 102 = \$162; **Harrison & Charlene** 100 = \$100; **John & Eunice Tan** 50, 100, 100 = \$250; **Jordan** 20, 200, 50, 50 = \$320, RM50; **Jose Lagapa** 50 = \$50; **Lek Aik Wee, Pr** 200, 100 = \$300; **Ling Soon Ing, Pr** 100 = \$100; **Pang Kok Hiong Rev** 200, 50, 12, 15, 200, 100 = \$577; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 50, 50, 50, 20, 50 = \$220; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 50, 25, 500, 50, 10, 10, 50, 50 = \$745, RM50; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 160, 50 = \$210; **RPG - English/Chinese** 25, 100, 50 = \$175; **Saipan/China** 25, 20, 50, 400, 200, 150 = \$845; **D Tow SH, Dr** 10, 10, 50 = \$70; **Eben Yoon, Rev** 100 = \$100; **Ko Linggang, Pr** 50 = \$50; **Church Camp** 100, 150 = \$250
Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: \$1,876,719.38
Last week: 200, 50, 10, 10, 15, 100, 10, 10, 50, 150, 50, 50, 62, 100, 1, 2, 50, 50, 50, 1, 20, 1, 50, 100= **Total: \$1,192**
DESIGNATED LOVE GIFT ENVELOPES are available at RPG Rack.
- CONGRATULATIONS TO PATRICK & HWEE PING** on God's gift of a baby girl born on 8 Jun.
- BELIEVER'S / INFANT BAPTISM/REAFFIRMATION/TRANSFER** will be held on 4 Jul. Please meet the Elders in the Office today and on 27 Jun for interview (Believer's Baptism/ Reaffirmation / Transfer). For Infant Baptism, please meet Pastor Quek on 27 Jun in the Sanctuary.
- NEW BASIC BIBLE KNOWLEDGE CLASS** for those seeking Baptism / Reaffirmation / Transfer and those who wish to know more of the Christian faith will commence on 11 Jul in the Cry Room at 12.15 pm. Application Forms are available from the lobby and office.

SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Theme: Victorious Living In Perilous Times

	20 Jun (6 pm)	27 Jun (6 pm)
Topic:	"Hearing God's Word Will Not Make You A Christian"	"Who Will Inherit God's Kingdom"
Preacher:	Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew	Dr SH Tow
Worship Leader:	Elder Jeffrey Cheong	Elder Goh Kee Tai

31st Church Anniversary Lunch - 4 July 2010

Subsidised price of \$2.50 (Cost price: \$5)
Get your coupon outside the main Sanctuary today!

BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE BY FEBC

*Evening classes commences on 19 Jul @ 7.30 pm
Venue: 9A Gilstead Road*

The Book of Second Kings by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew commences on Monday 19 Jul
The Book of Second Corinthians by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo commences on Thursday 22 Jul
Forms are available from Tabernacle Books and Tract Rack at Lobby

- COMBINED AF SEMINAR "Be Not Unequally Yoked - Whose Responsibility?"** on 3 Jul (Sat), 5.00 to 7.30 pm, 3rd level Sanctuary Speaker: Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew . Dinner tickets at a subsidized price of \$5.00. *Register today!*
- WE THANK THE MANY TEACHERS, HELPERS, KITCHEN STAFF, BUS CAPTAINS AND GAMES LEADERS** who served during the VBS. Thank God especially for the good support from the young people, both from the YF and the Young Teens.
- Gift Book -"The Greatest Hoax on Earth?"** - Closing date for collecting your copy is next Lord's Day, 27 June.
- CALVARY PANDAN KINDERGARTEN** is looking for a full-time English teacher to teach Nursery or K1 classes from mid-June/early July 2010. Academic & professional requirements are : * 5 GCE O level passes including a B4 in English, * Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching Some teaching experience in a preschool setting would be advantageous. Please call Lilian at 65603884 for an interview or email your CV to cpk@calvarypandan.org

YEARLY TEENS RETREAT

21 - 24 June
Venue: Camp Challenge Sembawang
Speaker : Dr Paul Ferguson
Theme: One Body In Christ
For more info, contact Ern-Min at 81010695

SIXTH COMBINED YOUTH CONFERENCE 2010

Date: 24 - 26 Jun (Thur - Sat)
Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church
Theme: "Peter's Progress: What about mine?"
Speaker : Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy
Visit www.truthbpc.com/CYouthConf for more details!

Seminar

"Choosing Your Life-Partner"

Come to this **special Seminar "Be Not Unequally Yoked - Whose Responsibility?"** on Saturday 3 July 2010, 5 pm - 7.30 pm held in the New Sanctuary, on level 3, followed by a fellowship dinner (at a subsidized rate of \$5 per person).

This seminar has been organised for both parents and children. Pastor Quek Suan Yew will expound from God's Word on this important subject and also address your concerns and questions.

We encourage you to attend this seminar with your whole family that you may benefit richly as we examine the responsibilities of the church, parents and those who will be making decisions on the choice of a life partner.

Please register early for this seminar. Registration booths outside the main Sanctuary will be open after morning Church service and SGBF today and on 27 June.

Jesus mentioned the Pharisee first. The Pharisee stood and prayed. He stood and prayed by himself, which probably means that he was thinking more about himself than God. What was foremost in his mind was who he was rather than who God is. "I am so worthy to stand before God on my own merits" was probably what was in his mind as he prayed. He thanked God that he was not like other men. Prayer is never about comparing with other men. However, to the self-righteous Pharisee, it was. Other men were extortioners, unjust and adulterers. This means that other men were cheats and lacked righteousness. They were immoral people. The Pharisee felt that he was definitely not like this publican who was standing nearby. He condemned the publican as he "prayed" loud enough for all to hear. The Pharisee's good deeds included fasting twice a week and giving tithes of all that he possessed. Fasting was to him an act of great sacrifice and piety. This declaration was to evoke some form of awe from the hearers, that here stood a pious man. The giving of his tithes pointed to a man of great generosity and religious devotion. He rendered to God what belonged to God. There was nothing wrong with fasting and tithing. There was also nothing wrong with not being like extortioners, the unjust and adulterers. What is very wrong with this Pharisee is his pride in these external legalisms, which he thought made him good enough to stand before the very presence of God in prayer!

The prayer of the publican was one of great humility. He stood afar off and dared not even go near the presence of God. He felt so ashamed and unworthy. He did not dare to lift his eyes to heaven. His head was down cast. He recognized his sinful state and unworthiness. He smote his breast as a sign of remorse and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner." There was no boasting. He felt so unworthy that he had to stand far from God. His prayer was a cry to God for mercy. It was enough before God's throne of grace.

God heard the publican's prayer and received him into His presence, whereas God rejected the Pharisee and his prayer.

Applying the Parable – Self-righteousness is a very deadly and deceptive sin. It lulls the sinner into thinking that he is a saint. He sincerely believes that he is going to Heaven when in reality he is heading toward Hell. He will think and feel this way all his life until the day he dies, unless there is sincere, genuine repentance and humility. How sad. All the religiosity as signified by the Pharisee's fasting, tithing and prayer were vanities before God. It might impress man but salvation is never about impressing man. Thinking that one is justified before God does not mean that one is really justified before God. His own façade of religiosity fills him with a delusion of self-righteousness. His arrogance betrays a heart of sin full of pride and contempt for others. Man may credit him with salvation because of his façade. The rudest shock he will receive in his life will be in his death. He will be swiftly ushered to Hell's fire where he will spend eternity weeping and gnashing his teeth. On that day his contempt and arrogance would turn to sorrow and tears; all would be lost and it would be too late to repent. His self-righteousness sealed his fate and his pride was the final nail on his own coffin of delusion and death.

In contrast, the justified publican simply cried to God for mercies. He realized his sinful state and repented of it. There was no boasting of deeds done. He humbled himself before God and God received Him. He was justified by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ who cleansed him of all his sins. These words of Christ separate the two for all eternity . . . "I tell you, *this man* [the publican] *went down to his house justified rather than the other* [the Pharisee]: *for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*"

N/W: Elder Sim Siang Kok
F/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

