Astronomers made a shocking and a very inspiring discovery recently through the Hubble Telescope. Now, it revealed the universe in a way that the universe had never been seen before. I mean not even close to that. Before the Hubble Telescope, astronomers had looked out into the universe and saw a lot of empty spaces out there, but after the Hubble Telescope they saw that those empty spaces were not really empty spaces, but they were clusters of galaxies, each one having one billion stars. Now, that’s an amazing discovery, and that has everything to do with your incredible human potential. What does that really have to do with all of mankind? I want to show you that.

The Hubble telescope and all it has revealed—it’s out there now in outer space—and it is revealing footage like they’ve never, ever seen before, and it ought to bring tremendous hope and joy into all of our lives, but it really isn’t, not the way it should because too many of the scientists and astronomers exalt the creation above the Creator. Now that is done to their own shame.

If you were to look at the documentaries (and I’ve seen quite a lot of them) and they don’t talk about even the possibility of God creating all of that vast universe. In fact, I don’t even hear them mention the name God in those documentaries. And did you know that God, Himself—according to your own Bible—takes offense at that and takes it personally? He certainly does, and I’m going to show you that in a scripture that we’ll turn to.

Romans 1 and verse 18. Romans 1 and verse 18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men, who by their wickedness suppress the truth;” But how do men suppress the truth? Well, they suppress the truth by, in this case, exalting the creation above the Creator.

Now, the creation is inspiring, and moving, and stirring, but how much more would it be filling us with hope and joy if we really saw the Creator there and admitted that He was there, instead of provoking God into wrath because we don’t do that? Let the wise beware. When God says something like this, we don’t want to take it lightly.
So let’s take a look at this Hubble Telescope discovery, and think about it in the context of the scriptures I’m going to use today. Verses 19 and 20. Verses 19 and 20 of Romans 1. Verses 19 and 20, “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.” God has shown it to them.

(20) “Ever since the creation of the world,” this is from the Revised Standard Version, “Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”

It is plain, God says. It’s plain, and He has shown it to them. By the things that are made they ought to be able to see the Creator. And I mean, today with the Hubble Telescope we’ve seen a million times more, perhaps, than we ever have in the history of man, and it seems like they see less and less of God until they’ve just closed their minds to the possibility that God could even be the Creator, it seems in most cases. Certainly not all, but most, and that is how they suppress the truth. They suppress the truth that way by exalting that creation above the Almighty, Omnipotent, Creator God, and that’s no small problem or sin.

God says they are without excuse. There’s no excuse. Well, they talk about how this all evolved and never even introduce the slightest possibility that it might have been created by God, and yet it’s all so intricate. It’s a billion times greater than anything man could create. Well, I mean, we ought to—it’s even a trillion and a zillion times greater than anything man could create, and yet we just talk about the creation. And God says, “Well, how about the Creator?” Because the Creator is revealed through the creation, this awesome creation. Just finding these empty spaces out there, they thought, turned out to be a cluster of galaxies in each of those empty spaces. That’s truly phenomenal.

But God says in Matthew 13 and verse 15, “their eyes they have closed.” They just close their eyes to God, and that’s to their own shame.

Verses 21 through 22, “for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. (22) Claiming to be wise, they became fools, (23) and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles.” Well, they’re talking about—really this is talking about evolution and how man came from these animals, and they failed to honor God in all of this and won’t even talk about the Creator God. They’ll talk about reptiles and birds and animals and evolution and all that, but in all these documentaries I’ve watched I honestly can’t remember one of them that even discussed God. Not one. There’s a huge bias there, and the invisible God, the invisible God says that He is revealed by His creation, and what He has made. What He has made, and it’s all—that universe they set their clocks by it, it’s so perfect the way it’s run because God is a perfect God.

But God says they don’t give honor or give thanks to God. They don’t honor Him and they don’t give thanks to Him. In other words, they have an arrogant attitude, and God is offended by it.
Now I find these discoveries most stirring and inspiring. The creation of God certainly is that, but the most exciting part of this whole process is the Creator God **behind** all of it, the Creator that created all that, the **mind** and the **omnipotence** behind all of that creation is truly inspiring and filling us with hope and joy if we allow it, like nothing else, perhaps could except God working through us and the Holy Spirit, **with** the Holy Spirit.

But when is the last time that you heard them talk about God, or even the possibility of God? Instead of trying to take the theory of evolution, and make it an absolute, when there is absolutely no proof of it. Something’s wrong with that, something is terribly biased in that kind of research and scientific discovery.

Notice verse 21, “Because the creation itself will be set free—” well, let me just back up just a minute. I think I’m moving over now to Romans 8 and verse 21. I forgot to mention the chapter there. Let’s go to Romans 8 and verse 21, and here God says is something we need to be aware of, as well, “because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the [sons] of God.” It should read “sons” instead of children.

Verse 22, “We know that the whole creation,” that’s the whole universe, “has been groaning in travail together until now.” Now why should the universe be groaning, the whole universe, all of God's creation be groaning in travail until now? Because they’re waiting to be set free from this bondage. God would never create something in bondage or in decay. God isn’t going to create it that way. What happened? Why is it in bondage?

God says it’s the sons of God that are being trained today before Christ gets here, are going to be used to help Christ set the universe and the Earth free from bondage. It goes on in verse 23 to talk about the Earth is also in bondage, and God is going to use those first fruits, that very elect, to help Him set the whole universe free from bondage and wreckage and ruin, to a great degree, certainly this Earth and the universe, as well, is in bondage. Why? Why is it groaning? How do you get to be in bondage? How do those clusters of galaxies, each one with a billion stars, how do they become in bondage? How do they get in bondage? How does that happen?

Now, we have a book I want to offer you, *Your Incredible Human Potential*, that will explain all of this in detail, and you will see that we are here, and a great part of the reason we’re here, is to—well, the **reason** we’re here is to be born into the family of God, and **finish** that creation out there in the universe that’s not finished. It’s like unfinished furniture. It has to be finished. It has to be beautified and repaired and built up, and made to look more like the Earth does in its most beautiful places.

But you are here, you are here to be a part of that. That’s why you’re here. Did you know that? And did you know that that’s all very plainly, as God says, discussed and taught in the scriptures? And it’s just the most inspiring truth you could ever hear.

Now Satan declared war against God. he declared war and he rebelled against God, and went up to make war against him a couple of times—two times—once when he first rebelled, and once here in this end time, where God says there was war in heaven. Now when you have war you have destruction.
But it is truly a marvel. Some scientists can see so much creation and never seem to be able to see the Creator of that, and it is truly mind-boggling.

Ezekiel 28 and verse 14, notice this. We’ll see where that destruction originated. Verse 14 of Ezekiel 28, “Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. (15) Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, UNTIL [lawlessness] was found in thee. (16) By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.”

Lucifer, when he was first created, that means light-bringer. He was to bring light to the universe and to the Earth. Well, mostly to the Earth. God gave him that rule, but he helped God bring it to the whole universe. And there were two cherubs or cherubim over the throne of God that spread their wings over the throne of God and Satan was at one time one of those. And they were right in on the very administration of the government of God at the headquarters of the universe at that time. Well, it still is, but it’s going to change before very long, shortly after the Millennium, anyhow.

But Lucifer became jealous and envious, and he was greedy and he wanted to compete, and he decided that he should be above the other angels and even God, and that’s why he rebelled against him. Isaiah 14 and verse 13 says, “…I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:” And so by doing that he rebelled, and he became Satan, which is the adversary. And we can see there that universal sin brings about universal destruction.

But Lucifer was probably the top cherub in all of the angelic kingdom. He was, after all, put on this Earth and over about one-third of the angels, and they made this Earth into a paradise UNTIL lawlessness was found in them, and then there was VIOLENCE in their midst, and they did a lot of damage to the universe when they rebelled. A lot of damage.

And they did a lot more damage to this Earth, which is where they ruled. God gave them that rule, and look at the end result of it. Let’s notice that in Genesis 1, verses 1 and 2. “In the beginning God created the [heavens, it should read, the universe] and the earth. (2) And the earth [became] without form,” not was, it became that way, without form, God didn’t create it that way, it became without form “and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

Now this Earth was where Lucifer and the angels were, and it became without form and void. Without form is from the Hebrew tohu; it means degeneration and confusion. Void is from the Hebrew word bohu, meaning indistinguishable ruins. The Earth was totally wrecked.

And it says in Psalm 104 and verse 30 that God renewed the face of the Earth. It wasn’t actually a creation there in Genesis 1, and verses 1 and 2 is actually a recreation to clear away all of the terrible damage that Satan and the demons did to this Earth. I mean darkness covered this Earth, and water, and there was just the utmost destruction.
God decided at that time that He had to recreate man, or Himself in man, because only God could be trusted to rule the universe. The angels simply couldn’t do it. They proved that they couldn’t do it. So now man has that potential, that marvelous potential to take those clusters of galaxies and those billions of stars and so on, and the whole universe and beautify and build it and complete it the way God intended from the beginning. That is what God has planned for YOU!

Why is it that it’s so hard for man to see his own potential and why he’s here on this Earth? I mean the Bible is just FILLED with it. I mean this isn’t coming out of my mind, it’s out of God's mind, it’s out of God's Bible, and you can prove that to yourself. You should never believe something like this if you can’t prove it. But what a wondrous potential that God has given man, and oh, how we ought to work to fulfill it.

Notice Genesis 1 and verse 26. Genesis 1 and verse 26, “And God said, Let us make man in our image,” or character and mind, “after our likeness;” we already have His features, we look like God. You can see that in the preceding verses. The animal was made after the animal kind, but man was made after the God kind. Why? Because he’s going to be born into the very family of God, and then rule over all the universe. Now that takes a certain timeframe to fulfill that, but that’s the purpose of God. And he says here in verse 26, “and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,” and so on. Give them dominion.

So we look like God, and our minds are even patterned after God, but we’re going to be made in the image of God, the character and the mind of God.

Matthew 5 and verse 48 says “Become you perfect, as your father in heaven is perfect.” That’s why we’re here, is to become perfect like God.

And Philippians 2 and verse 5 says, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” So we have to have the mind of God and the character of God, and we ought to be building that if we want to help God build the whole universe and beautify it and make it like the Garden of Eden all over the universe. What a beautiful spectacle that’s going to be. What a picture of joy and happiness for mankind!

You were created to fulfill that potential. But man keeps rebelling and rebelling, and do you know Satan is going to lead him once again to tohu and bohu, just like in Genesis 1 and verse 2? The only thing different is, this time before man is totally exterminated, Christ is going to return, and then there will be His rule forever and ever. And it’s getting so close to man’s human annihilation He’s going to have to return soon. Look around and see what this nuclear proliferation is doing to this Earth, and about to do. It can’t be stopped.

Notice Jeremiah 4 and verse 19. Here’s tohu and bohu again. “My bowels, my bowels!” Jeremiah said, “I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. (20) Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. (21) How long shall I see the
standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? (22) For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. (23) I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form” tohu, without form, “and void;” bohu, just like Genesis 1, verses 1 and 2, “and the heavens, and they had no light.” This Earth doesn’t have any light. That’s the problem, no light.

You see, that tohu, without form, degeneration and confusion, and bohu, indistinguishable ruins. It’s all going to be wrecked because we won’t look to God, because we want to go Satan’s way, the way he went, and he only knows how to lead into destruction, and he’s the god of this world (II Corinthians 4 and verse 4).

Let me just conclude over in Revelation 12 and verse 7. You can see God is going to protect His very elect if they will honor Him today. Verse 7, “And there was war in heaven:” See, this is in the end time when Satan was cast down again, “Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,”

Verse 13, “And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. (14) And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.” You see? God is going to protect His very elect. He’s going to protect us if we will honor Him today, do His Work today, proclaim His message as a witness. He’s going to protect us from the worst suffering this Earth has ever experienced, and then give him a reward that is just beyond what we can imagine without God's Holy Spirit. And what a reward it’s going to be for just getting this message out just before Christ gets here.

You can go back to Revelation 11 and verse 15, let me just quickly read that to you. “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.” You see, Christ is just about to return. It’s all in that context of this destruction, but He’s going to return and stop this great rebellion against Him here on this Earth, and bring men the happiness and joy that they’ve always wanted. ALL mankind is going to have an opportunity to get to know God through these three different resurrections that God will show us if we’re willing to be shown.

So what we need to do now is help God proclaim this wonderful message to this world, and give them the hope that they lack, and the hope that they won’t find any place else.

Until next week, this is Gerald Flurry, goodbye, friends.

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