

# How can we not be in awe of God’s creative power?

“In the *beginning*, God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1.

These words have a more profound meaning than many people think about as they go through their daily lives. In the beginning, before *anything* had been created, God had to start from scratch. He didn’t take matter that existed and make things; He took energy and made matter.

Psalm 33:6 says, “By the word of God the heavens themselves were made, and by the spirit of his mouth all their army.”

It’s impossible for us to really grasp what it would be like to have that kind of force, to be able to command the elements and make them into whatever we want. We can only be in awe of the One who can.



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- use it or lose it

When Job was absorbed with his problems, God helped him put things in perspective by pointing out how little Job knew about creation and God’s power.

Job 38:4-11 says, “Where did you happen to be when I founded the earth? Tell me, if you do know understanding. Who set its measurements, in case you know, or who stretched out upon it the measuring line? Into what have its socket pedestals been sunk down, or who laid

its cornerstone, when the morning stars joyfully cried out together, and all the sons of God began shouting in applause? And who barricaded the sea with doors, which began to go forth as when it burst out from the womb; when I put the cloud as its garment and thick gloom as its swaddling band, and I proceeded to break up my regulation upon it and to set a bar and doors, and I went on to say, ‘This far you may come, and no farther; and here your proud waves are limited?’”

These reminders were reassuring to Job, for he worshipped the God who had this power, and in His due time, God turned Job’s situation

around. Thinking about God’s awesome power reminded Job that he was in good hands.

Thinking about these things will also remind us whose hands we are in. When He created the universe and everything in it, God didn’t just let it drop wherever it landed; He uses gravity to hold everything in its place. He created the earth to be home to humans, plants and animals in such an amazing variety people are still discovering species they never knew about before. Five to 10 new mammals and an equal number of birds are identified each year.

Some parts of the earth are warm and see a lot of sunshine, while Arctic areas are so cold if creatures weren’t in the water, they’d freeze, yet there is abundant life.

Whether an area is desert or sees abundant monsoons, there are plants and animals that thrive there. Even in Kansas, where the weather is up and down and all over with plenty of wind, we survive and many raise crops and livestock.

What can we learn from the variety of creation? Its order? Its splendor?

Romans 1:20 says, “For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world’s creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and Godship, so that they are inexcusable.”

Psalm 104:24-28 says, “How many your works are, O God! All of them in wisdom you have made. The earth is full of your produc-

tions. As for this sea so great and wide, there are moving things without number, living creatures, small as well as great. There the ships go; as for Leviathan, him you have formed to play about in it. All of them — for you they keep waiting to give them their food in its season. What you give them they pick up. You open your hand — they get satisfied with good things.”

With all that God has done for us, and recognizing what He is capable of doing, we should give him exclusive worship.

Revelation 4:11 says, “You are worthy, our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created.”

## matters of record

### District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **Oct. 25, 2002** — Melissa M. Anheier, \$102 reinstated for speeding and \$20 reinstated for no child safe belts.

**Nov. 17, 2005** — Jason S. Devialpando, dismissed for first conviction of driving while suspended and \$114 reinstated for speeding.

**June 1, 2006** — Alyria M. Cordova, \$330 reinstated for speeding. **Aug. 23** — Terrance P. Walsh, \$132 reinstated for speeding.

**Sept. 2** — Zachery Vansickler, \$366 reinstated for no liability insurance and \$61 reinstated for unlawful acts with vehicles.

**Oct. 6** — Sarah J. Pitcher, \$126 reinstated for driving on right side of road and \$60 reinstated for basic rule governing speed.

**Oct. 17** — Kimber M. Hummel, \$126 reinstated for no child safety belts.

**Nov. 5** — Joel L. Player, \$156 for speeding.

**Nov. 19** — Dennis F. Elmore, \$126 for speeding and \$100 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

**Dec. 25, 2006** — Vikesh Juglivan, \$246 for speeding.

**Jan. 6** — Alan W. Buster, \$591 for driving while licence was cancelled or suspended or revoked.

**Feb. 1** — Peter Pedersen, \$120 for speeding.

**Feb. 2** — Hilda L. Alanis, \$116 for no driver’s license and \$30 for improper visibility of reflectors or lamps.

**Feb. 7** — Jimmy D. Schultz Jr., \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations and \$497 for over weight load.

**Feb. 9** — Malika Sefiane, \$138 for speeding.

**Feb. 11** — Duane E. Spies, \$156 for speeding.

**Feb. 17** — Sean Oleary, \$192 for

improper parking and dismissed for first conviction of driving while suspended.

**Feb. 19** — Salvatore F. Digregorio, \$132 for improper parking.

**Feb. 20** — Henry C. Carey Jr., \$138 for speeding.

**Feb. 22** — Marvin Curtis Thomas, \$181 for over weight load.

**Feb. 23** — Marlene Y. Green, \$108 for speeding.

**Feb. 25** — Daniel E. Tharaldson, \$138 for speeding and dismissed for

first conviction of driving while suspended.

**Feb. 26** — Joy R. Merrill, \$132 for improper parking.

**March 1** — Alexandra D. Caplan, \$132 for speeding.

**March 2** — Tom Schneider, \$144 for improper parking and dismissed for no liability insurance.

**March 3** — Anthony Curatola, \$246 for speeding.

Shane A. Foncannon, \$10 for no seat belt.

**March 4** — Gustavo Vegago-mez, \$120 for speeding.

**March 7** — Juan L. Franco, \$138 for speeding.

**March 8** — Seth A. Fraser, \$150 for speeding.

**March 9** — Prieto O. Arturo, \$150 for speeding.

Joseph J. Campana, \$126 for speeding.

James Quinn Jr., \$126 for speeding.

**March 10** — Nicholas F. Lake,

\$138 or speeding.

Sedric C. Patterson, \$126 for unlawful acts with vehicle and \$300 for no liability insurance.

Daniel C. Taylor, \$138 for speeding.

**March 11** — Eric M. Hellwig, \$120 for speeding.

Kristy A. Kaiser, \$156 for improper parking.

Robert H. Marston, \$165 for speeding.

Chad M. Ostrander, \$138 for

speeding.

Anthony S. Williams, \$165 for speeding.

**March 12** — Carlos A. Molina-Benit, \$156 for speeding.

**March 13** — Michael A. Cardoza, \$210 for speeding.

Danielle Swanepoel, \$126 for unlawful acts with vehicle.

**March 15** — Jessica M. Cook, \$183 for speeding.

Joe A. Garduno, \$126 for no child safety belts.

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# “Hays Medical Center gives excellent, excellent care.”

Ron Wentte, President, Golden Belt Bank

When oral medication no longer controlled his diabetes, Ron Wentte consulted with his doctor about changing to insulin injections. He began a series of diagnostic tests related to his diabetes and overall health.

One of the diagnostic tests was for sleep apnea, a condition in which air passages become blocked causing breathing to stop repeatedly during sleep and impacting the amount of oxygen and rest the body receives. Wentte learned that the lack of proper rest can affect the heart and – in the ensuing testing process – discovered serious cardiac problems.

“I had blockage in four arteries and so that lead to quadruple bypass surgery.”

Preparation for his surgery was thorough and informative.

“I had never been through surgery, except when I was a young kid.”

Wentte reviewed a videotape that walked him through the procedure.

“Knowing exactly what’s going to happen, what all the procedures are, what the rehab is, everything you are going to be going through, then there’s no surprises. You know what’s coming.”

In discussing options with his doctor and cardiac specialist, he was given the option of going elsewhere for his surgery but wouldn’t even consider it.

“This is my home. I am proud that we have a quality regional hospital here and I want my surgery done here,” he told them.

“During my surgery, the information beforehand, the procedures, the rehab afterwards, was excellent. Hays Medical Center gives excellent, excellent care.”



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