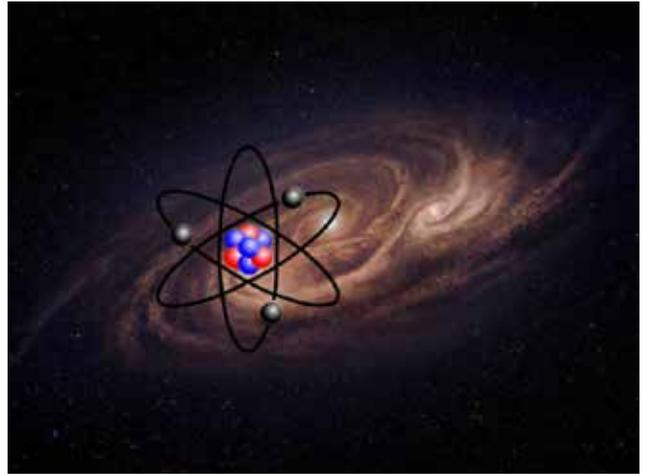


*"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory and Honour and Power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created." Revelation 4:11No.2 KJV*

This passage of Scripture gives relevance and purpose to everything that exists from atoms to galaxies. How does evil fit into this? God tells us this in His Word: *"I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do ALL these things."* Why? Think for a moment of a clean, blank sheet of white paper. No matter how small and insignificant a speck of dirt might be, it mars the purity of the paper. Evil is the contrast that magnifies the brilliance of Holiness! God desires we love Him for who He is and so gave us an opposite for comparison. Does not the bitter magnify the sweet? Our earthly existence under the curse of sin makes Heaven a greater Joy! Faith is the antithesis of the sensual. It is a conscious decision, not an impulsive desire. We were created to love God. Is it not the first and greatest Commandment? *"Jesus said unto him, 'Thou shalt LOVE the Lord thy God with all thy heart (emotion), and with all thy soul (being), and with all thy mind (thoughts). This is the FIRST and Great Commandment."* Our uncoerced love for God is what gives Him the greatest pleasure! Are you not pleased by someone's affection to you? When your advice is sought or your instructions followed, does it not give you a pleasurable satisfaction? These are the God-like qualities embedded in our nature that allows Satan to lure us into all kinds of snares and destruction. He'll be your friend as long as you follow him instead of God! He pats you on the back and convinces you that he is only there to give you pleasure. We totally ignore the soul and spirit that would unite us with our Maker and follow after the knee-jerk lusts of our mortal bodies to the exclusion of our immortal souls. If you would be God's friend, you must follow His instructions and genuinely love Him for who He is, not for what He can do for you. His Words must be the diamonds of your life and His Voice must fall a symphony upon your thoughts! He must occupy the center of your focus and thoughts of Him must fill you with sweet emotion. His favor must ever be your purpose and lack of His fellowship should be an excruciating torture! Our relationship to God is like a glove to a hand. The hand is the life of the glove. It is the only purpose the glove is suited for. Without the hand, the glove is useless. We were created to give God pleasure by loving and worshipping Him. If we are not doing that, we are useless! We become the weeds in God's garden! "



Created by His loving hand,  
Created for the great I AM,  
Created by the Master's Plan,  
Created to before Him stand. -CGP

God Loves you! BUT...if you don't want Him in your life, He will be pleased to grant you an eternity without His presence: Only YOU decide your destiny! The choice must be made by you alone and God knows the heart of everyone. Jesus said, *"IF ye love Me, keep (obey) my Commandments."* Do you love God? If so, why do you love Him? The words of a beloved hymn spring to mind here: *"I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the SOLID ROCK, I stand; ALL other ground is sinking sand!"* Again I ask, "Do you love God? Why? Is it what He gives or what He is?"

*"We love Him, because He first Loved us." 1 John 4:19 KJV*