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The Creation

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” [Gen. 1:1]

“In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,..., then the LORD God formed man...” [Gen 2: 4-7]

But when was the “beginning”?...and where did the creation take place?

I remember a milk commercial of a few years ago that talked about how our bodies are constantly rebuilding themselves. Old cells die off while new ones are constantly being reproduced. Biologically speaking, we are never the same as we were an instant ago. With the addition or subtraction of a single cell, the overall configuration of cells is changed and a new configuration is created.

In a similar manner, we’re never the same mentally, either. We are constantly choosing whether to incorporate new data (or old data that has been changed slightly) into our being, processing that data and making decisions based on that data.

Physically, then, we are constantly being re-created, and, mentally, we are constantly faced with choices...much like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

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The relationship of a certain event to a particular point in time becomes inconsequential if that event is always taking place. We wouldn't say, for instance, "I was breathing, yesterday," unless I had stopped breathing, today.

And, to look at anything as if it had only occurred in the "past" is either to recognize it as having not occurred at some point in time...or, not to recognize that it is occurring all the time.

If one looked closer at the meaning of "create," it would tell much more than something dealing only with a physical or mental newness, for "to create" means

to bring into being,

and "to be" is a form of "I AM."

Therefore, we are a "spiritual" creation, also...and one that is constantly being called back to God.

For, as it was in the beginning, it is now...and the Creation, whether physical, or mental, or spiritual, always occurs in the same place...from within.

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