

“GOD CREATED CHAOS AND CREATIVITY”

GENSIS 1:1-9

“In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth.”

This is one of the most revealing statements ever written not only in the Bible, but within every book that has ever been written. It is concise, clear and direct. It is a revelation found right in the very first verse of the Bible, which is the top seller of all times.

It answers the great question of how this universe came into being, its existence, “GOD created” it. However it is one of the most ignored revelations in the history of mankind, and even through the evidence for its truth is overwhelming in measure. We have trouble understanding it. Because our GOD is letting us know that he exist, always even before, before, before and he is telling us that we are significant to him. That there was no one else, but HIM. “In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth.” Amen!

So my brothers and sisters, He being GOD created in the beginning an environment for human existence , a situation that would be born out of chaos. Because you see God did not need to create the universe, he had the comfort of his own company. But he chose to create the universe. I ask this question. Why would GOD do that? Before I answer that question let me explain some things to you about the pre-creative.

Because I want you to know that the pre-creative chaos is nothing, nor is it bad. Because contrary to several popular perspectives is not an evil reality that persists beyond GOD’S ordering activity, providing a negative backdrop and a potential threat to GOD’S world.

My brothers and sisters, the Bible is confident that only GOD can decide when to destroy things, and it asserts that there is no reality independent of GOD that can pose a threat to his creation. My brothers and sisters, only GOD can crunch us, says scripture. Not chaos! Not Satan! Only GOD! But why did GOD create the heavens and the earth is the question?

Well, we believe it was for love. Because GOD is love, and love is best expressed toward something or someone else. So GOD created the world and people as an expression of his love. We must never confuse GOD’S love with scientific “mambo jumbo,” because he truly does love us and created us in his image and likeness of spirit body by the breath of life. We are like GOD by our spiritual birth. That is what gives us his image and likeness. “Everyone who is called by my name, whom I have created for my glory; I have formed him, yes I have made him.” (Isaiah 43:7) Amen!

But, back to the chaos issue because some of the best thinkers in the world are straining their brains over this Chaos Theory, the forever changing complex system of advanced mathematics, which is the study of those who don’t believe that there is a GOD. That we just crawled out of the water. Those who believe that we’re just an accident. Which our Bible tells us isn’t true! “We were born, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of the will of GOD.“ Amen!

My brothers and sisters, I need to ask you a question right here. Have you ever felt as if your life was pure chaos? Were you in a condition of complete confusion? Was your life disordered, random, and disjointed, sort of like the state of the universe before creation? In a depressed state of being! If so that is what the universe looked like, only on a greater scale with darkness and confusion every where.

But, there is one thing that we know, that GOD knew what he was doing, he wasn’t worried about the confusion, and he didn’t need any light to do it. Amen! He knew what was already there, because he had put it there. He wasn’t going to trip over it in the dark. It wasn’t all work and no play for him, and though it wasn’t a toy department store where with the swipe of a credit card, one could have had anything he wanted, this was exactly what GOD wanted it to be because He said, “it was good.” (v.10b) Amen, thank GOD.

Because all GOD had to do was speak it into existence and then turn on the lights. When GOD got to work, he created ex nihilo! The first step in creation was Ex Nihilo! What is that, you asked? Well it’s Chaos! GOD creates and “the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep” (Gen.1:2). The

state of the universe before creation was chaotic. A kind of raw material that GOD uses for his creative activity, a state of affairs that is not yet in harmony with the divine purpose of creation.

So, in looking at verse two, we see that suddenly a, “wind from GOD,” sweeps over the face of the water, it is a divine wind or spirit that begins to work in a creative way with the raw materials of the deep. God does not reject or say no to this chaotic material. He simply uses it as a part of his ordering of creation.

My brothers and sisters, with a word spoken GOD flips on the first light and then he split's the light from darkness and names the two night and day, “and there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (v.5) Clearly it can not be said that chaos rules. Chaos rules! No! GOD rules! Because GOD speaks and it happens. He ordered it to be so and it was. GOD controls the elements. Does this chaos work? NO! AMEN!

We also see something else here, that GOD is not crazed by confusion, nor disturbed by material that seems disordered or disjointed. He moves confidently from chaos to creativity, making something radically good out of the raw material of the primordial deep, in the embryonic stage of being. GOD'S chaos theory shows that order can come from disorder, and that the real creativity craves a certain amount of chaos.

My brothers and sisters maybe the same is true for us as individuals and as a community of believers. In the Lord's unpredictable and unfathomable plan for us, membership in the chaos club may be the best preparation for a life of complete creativity. Why? You might ask! I'm glad you did!

Because it's simple! As we move our ministries nine years into the new millennium, do we perceive online technologies as threatening to our existence, rather than an opportunity? Are we forbidding as dangerous musical and dramatic innovation in our worship service. Are we looking at dress as threatening and dangerous to our worship service? We better remember our past, when we didn't have it all, but came to Jesus just as we were. Do you remember, I say do you remember? I sure do remember.

Are we doing things that prohibit mission work and spiritual growth through exploration beyond the church's safe sacred walls, and comfortable pews? Are we discouraging membership in the club chaos, and allowing participation in groups that have been formed, framed and even fossilized for generations? I hope for our sakes that we aren't because GOD demands so much more from us.

My brothers and sisters, we must remember that creativity demands a certain amount of chaos, like the “formless void” and “the deep” out of which GOD created the heavens and the earth. The Christ body needs to tolerate a chunk of chaos, and a healthy amount of real raw and rough material, in order for creativity to happen.

The Good News of the gospel is going to fly farthest, if we launch it into cyberspace, the joy of the Lord is going to erupt most, if we innovate in worship, the mission and ministry of the church are going to transform more lives, if we take it beyond our sanctuary walls. Let us not become so obsessed with order that we choke our spiritual growth.

My brothers and sisters, we don't want card Blanc for crazies or an invitation to anarchy either. My fellow citizens of GOD'S Kingdom, we need the right combination of chaos and order, if we are going to help build up the kingdom on earth, with too much order, we'll choke our spiritual growth and end up losers.

Today our challenge is to balance our chaos with the Christ body, and to use the raw materials of this world to create great things for Christ. Am I right about it? AMEN!

The secret my brothers and sisters, is to follow our Lord's word and his examples, because he is not being fooled by the confusion, nor totally disturbed by disorder. So, as we follow his word and examples, we show him that we are his children and he is our GOD. Then we can move from chaos to creativity and therefore make something good out of the raw stuff around us by finding ways to manage the tension between order and disorder that doesn't let either get out of hand.

My fellow citizens of the Kingdom hang tight to GOD'S created chaos theory because our Lord demonstrated decisively that disorder can be harnessed into order, and the old world chaos can give birth to a new world of creativity, excitement, and unexpected growth. What is our job? To bring others to GOD through Jesus Christ.

My brothers and sisters, that is what we need in today's church .We must remember that there are still many to be saved. OUR JOB is to bring others to Jesus, we have to give the Holy Spirit a chance to work on the ones that we bring out of the chaotic conditions of life. THAT IS OUR JOB. WE MUST CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME IN AND DO HIS JOB. YES, IT CAN SOMETIMES BE A CHAOTIC SITUATION, BUT WE MUST LET GOD HAVE HIS WAY, AND HAVE A CHANCE TO CREATE THE ATMOSPHERE IN HIS HOUSE TO HIS LIKING, I'M SURE THAT HE WILL. Because, "GOD is a spirit ,they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth."

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LET ME REMIND YOU WHAT CHAOS IS AND HOW WE CAN NOT LIVE WITHOUT IT. IS IT TRUE THAT WE ALL CAME RUNNING TO GOD BECAUSE OF OUR CIRCUMSTANCES,WHICH WEREN'T THE BEST,WHERE SOMETHING BAD WAS HAPPENING IN OUR LIVES? AM I RIGHT ABOUT? SAY AMEN! PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR HIS GLORY. AMEN! AND WHEN "GOD CREATED," HE PUT EVERYTHING IN US THAT HE PUT IN THE FIRST TWO HUMANS even the sin nature. AM I RIGHT ABOUT IT? THANK GOD!

I'M ALSO REMINDED THAT, "WE WERE CONCEIVED IN SIN AND BORN IN INIQUITY." YES,WE WERE BORN IN CHAOS AND CHAOTIC TIMES,AND YES GOD IS LOOKING TO SEE, JUST HOW WE WILL USE THE ENEGRIES HE CREATED IN US FOR HIS PURPOSE. WILL WE USE THE FIRE BURNING IN OUR SPIRITUAL SOULS TO REACH OUT TO HIM IN THESE CHAOTIC TIMES, TO BRING ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS, OUR PROBLEMS AND TO OUR SOUL SALVATION.

WE KNOW THAT GOD CREATED US FOR HIS GLORY,BUT GOD ALSO HAS GIVEN US A JOB TO DO FOR HIS KINGDOM, THAT IS HE CREATED US FOR A PURPOSE, THEREFORE WE SHOULD MAKE GOD HAPPY, IS THAT TRUE by letting his will guide us.

Yes, my brothers and sisters, we need the chaotic times as well as the quite times to see and hear GOD speaking and moving through it all. BECAUSE GOD IS STILL CREATING, JUST LOOK AT WHERE HE HAS BROUGHT YOU FROM, FROM CHAOS TO CREATIVITY, TO HIS ABODE ON EARTH AND EVENTUALLY TO HIS ABODE IN HEAVEN. AMEN! WE SHOULD NEVER OBJECT TO GOD'S PLAN BECAUSE IT IS DESIGNED TO OFFER UP PRAISE, HONOR, LOVE, GLORY AND MAGNIFICATION TO HIS NAME. AMEN!

WE MUST LET GOD DO HIS WORK THROUGH US AS HE MOVES DAILY IN OUR LIVES.

AS I CLOSE, LET US LOOK BACK AT MORE SCRIPTURE OF CHAOS AND CREATIVITY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

IN MARK 4:35-41,WHEN WE LOOK AT JESUS ON A BOAT IN THE SEA OF GALILEE AND A HEAVY WINDSTORM COMES UP. HE IS ASLEEP, THE DISCIPLES ARE AFRAID, BUT JESUS DOESN'T EXPRESS ANY CONCERN, AS THE BOAT SHIFTS FROM SIDE TO SIDE AND IS TOSSED UP AND DOWN, WAVES OVER TAKING THE BOAT. JESUS CONTINUES TO SLEEP, BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT THERE IS NO REAL DANGER.FINALLY, THE DISCIPLES AWAKE HIM, AND HE SPEAKS FIRST TO THEM AND FINALLY TO THE WINDS AND WAVES, "PEACE BE STILLED," THERE IS NO REASON TO FEAR, EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT. GOD IS WITH YOU.

LET US THINK ABOUT IT, WHEN GOD SPOKE IN THE BEGINNING, "LET THERE BE"AND THERE WAS, THE ELEMENTS WERE OBEIDENT TO THE WILL OF THEIR FATHER. AND ON

THE SEA OF GALILEE WHEN THE SON SPOKE THE ELEMENTS OBEYED THE WILL OF THE FATHER. AMEN, THANK GOD. IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED, "SO CREATIVITY IS GOD'S GIFT TO US AND USING OUR CREATIVITY IS OUR GIFT BACK TO GOD."JULIA CAMERON

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF JESUS SHOWING POWER OVER NATURE CAN BE FOUND IN LUKE 5:4-11. WHEN JESUS TOLD PETER TO GO OUT FURTHER AND DROP HIS NET IN THE DEEP. The catch was so huge that they could not get it on the boat.

CHURCH WE MUST LET THE WORLD SEE OUR REAL FACES AND OUR REAL LIGHTS THAT GOD PUT IN US. HE DID YOU KNOW. HE DIDN'T JUST SAY LET THERE BE LIGHT TO THE UNIVERSE AND LEAVE US OUT OF IT. JESUS TELLS US TO LET OUR LIGHT SO SHINE THAT MEN MAY SEE THEM AND GLORIFY THE FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. AMEN, THANK GOD.

AND LASTLY, WHEN WE LOOK AT CREATIVITY,WE SEE FOUR YOUNGMEN, THREE WELL AND ONE IN BAD HEALTH.THEY HEARD THAT JESUS WAS IN TOWN VISITING. BUT,WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE HOUSE IT WAS ALREADY FULL INSIDE AND OUT. THEY BEGIN TO WONDER HOW THEY COULD GET THEIR SICK FRIEND IN TO SEE JESUS. AS THEY BEGIN TO THINK SOMEONE SUGGESTED THEY USE THE ROOF. BUT, FOR THAT THEY WOULD NEED TOOLS. THEY FOUND SOME AND WITH ROPE THEY LIFTED THE MAN UP AND DOWN INTO THE OPENEDROOF.JESUS SEES THEIR DEDICATION AND BY FAITH HEALS THEIR FRIEND. HE RECOGNIZED THAT IT WAS THE CREATION OF GOD IN A CHAOTIC SITUATION THAT MAKES ORDER OUT OF DISORDER.IT'S WHAT GOD DID IN CREATION MADE ORDER OUT OF DISORDER. IT'S WHAT WE DO IN OUR LIVES,WHEN WE COME TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, making order out of disorder. AMEN! THANK GOD!

Let us pray; dear Lord our GOD, we can be very critical of your one of a kind creations called us. PLEASE FORGIVE OUR LACK OF THANKSGIVING FOR ALL OF THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS YOU HAND CREATED IN US. WE ALL KNOW BOTH KNOW THAT WE HAVE FLAWS THAT NEED WORK.BUT, BECAUSE OF YOU, WE ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE IN YOUR IMAGE AND LIKENESS. YOU POLISHED AND SHAPED US INTO EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED US TO BE, WHEN YOU PUT US TOGETHER IN OUR MOTHER'S WOMB. WE THANK YOU GOD, FOR WHO YOU HAVE MADE US,IN THE NAME OF JESUS. AMEN!