

Who was Cain's father? Why did God not accept Cain's offering? Why did God create not just earth but other planets and stars?

Cain attempted to present the work of his hands like a lovely fruit basket to God (Ge 4:2–7). It was not acceptable.

Abel offered a bloody sacrifice (He 11:4). It was acceptable. It would take a blood sacrifice to save men (Eph. 2:13–16).¹

God created: the sun, the moon and the stars (Ge 1:9–19) to manifest his power (Is. 40:26).

The Psalmist wrote:

The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.
Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.
Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world. Ps 19:1–4

The moon served to mark times (Ge 1:14) and seasons for God's people (Ps 104:19). Heavenly bodies will mark prophetic events in the future (Mt 24:29; Lk 21:25).²

God gave men a tent, as it were, to dwell in when he created planet earth.

Henry Morris wrote:

The earth, as well as the sun and moon, and even the planets and all the stars of heaven, were... brought into existence by the Creator, as told in Genesis. It is small wonder that modern

¹ Jude warned about old and new apostates (Jud 11). Jude listed six such historical examples: The nation of Israel (1:5): Apostasy caused by unbelief. Fallen angels (1:6): Apostasy caused by rebellion. Sodom and Gomorrah (1:7b): Apostasy caused by sexual immorality. Cain (1:11a): Apostasy caused by religious perversion. Balaam (1:11b): Apostasy caused by financial greed. Korah (1:11c): Apostasy caused by rejection of divine authority. Willmington, H. L. (1999). *The Outline Bible* (Jud 5–11). Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

² Hartley, J. E. wrote: When God acts, He often causes spectacular things to happen through nature, as shown at the Red Sea and Mt. Sinai. A series of drastic events will take place in the heavens when the great Day of the Lord comes. The sun and moon will fail to shine; "the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light" (Isa. 13:10; cf. Joel 2:10; 3:15 [MT 4:15]). Jesus also predicted, "The stars will fall from heaven" (Mt. 24:29). In the drama described in Revelation groups of stars are struck down (8:12; 12:4). All of this language shows that the battle of the last days is totally God's and not merely that of some mighty earthly army. Hartley, J. E. (1979–1988). *Star*. In G. W. Bromiley (Ed.), *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Revised* (Vol. 4, p. 612). Wm. B. Eerdmans.

scientific cosmogonists have been so notably unsuccessful in attempting to devise naturalistic theories of the origin of the universe and the solar system.

...The earth is uniquely equipped with a great body of liquid water and an extensive blanket of an oxygen-nitrogen gaseous mixture, both of which are necessary for life. These have never “developed” on other planets, and are accounted for only by special creation.³

It is likely that only earth can sustain life.

Morris continued:

After the first day, the earth was no longer without form, but it was still void of inhabitants. It must next be prepared as a home for man during his probationary period. Ultimately the entire universe would be made available for man’s exploration and utilization, but first he must be given the earth (Psalm 115:16), on a trial basis, and it must be made ready as a uniquely suitable planet for him to dwell on.

The earth is indeed a planet uniquely suitable for human habitation. Of special importance is its oxygen atmosphere and its hydrosphere of liquid water. Both are vital for man’s existence and both are unique to the earth, so far as all evidence goes. The first essential in God’s preparation of the earth was a carefully designed atmosphere and hydrosphere. “Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure ...? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in” (Isaiah 40:12, 22)⁴

Man is the crown jewel of God’s creation (Ge 9:6)—given dominion over the earth (Gen. 1:28) who will live eternally (Mt 25:46) in a new heaven and earth (Re 21:1).

³ Morris, H. M. (1976). [*The Genesis record: a scientific and devotional commentary on the book of beginnings*](#) (pp. 18–19). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.

⁴ Morris, H. M. (1976). [*The Genesis record: a scientific and devotional commentary on the book of beginnings*](#) (p. 57). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.