

# An Element Called Life

## An Element Called Work

### Can the idea of work point us to Jesus Christ?

How we work is dependent upon what we believe is true at our core on a foundational level. We often think that people automatically believe in the God of the Bible but this is simply false. It is usually based on a single verse.

Romans 1:21 says “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

This verse seems to be in reference to a generation that knew the God who created everything. The key word is “they.” “They” is referring to a specific group of people. Maybe Paul is trying to explain how the generations that were pre-flood fell away from God. Or maybe he is referring to a specific group that was post flood. But what he is for certain trying to show the Romans is why we are accountable to God. He gives many reasons in the beginning of Romans as to why we are accountable to God. Most of Paul’s arguments are moral based.

The reason morals matter to us is because God originally created us and everything else we see with specific functions. The sin of Adam affected all things and not just Himself. This is how sin works. Sin doesn’t just give ourselves a death sentence it affects others and somehow creation as well.

One of the punishments of Adam was how work would affect him. After Adam sinned his punishment was based on work. Genesis 3:17-19 explains how our punishment as men is related to work producing thorns and thistles, we will sweat, and we won’t produce the results we want.

I find it interesting that our punishment as men is related to work. Of all the temporal punishments we could have received, why work? I also find it interesting that no matter how hard we try we seem to not be able to remove the affects of this curse.

Is our curse on work solely genetic? Genetically we receive half of our physical nature from our fathers and the other half from our mothers. So this means we are half and half, at least physically. This also means we have received from our parents the sin nature we have. They received it from their parents, their parents from their parents and so on and so on it goes all the way back to Adam. I

also believe that this inheritance of sin that we received also affects our work and all the damage it does.

When Darwinian Evolutionists claim there is no God/s they are telling us that the answers to questions like work ethics and morals are answered solely on a physical and chemical level. Unlike Darwinianism the Christian perspective of work is based on a physical level and an immaterial level. So the only answer we can get from Evolutionists is physical. They ignore things like identity which is not based solely on our physical nature.

## Transcendence

*“It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.” Isaiah 40:22*

As it says God sits above the circle (sphere) we call Earth. He isn't part of Creation but He sits and dwells above our Universe. This principle teaches us the Nature of God. It explains how God creates and forms our world. He builds it like a builder builds a house. Except this house He built is our Universe. God set the principles of work on His character.

Work is a creative thing according to God.

**“Six days you shall labor and do all your work” Exodus 20:9**



This Commandment was based on His one week of Creation. There was six days God created and formed our Universe and He rested on the 7th day. This pattern is what gave us the Commandment to work 6 days and take a Sabbath day off. Think about all that goes into this. We must have a 7 day week, we must have the ability to work, but we also must be able to see the world as if we are looking at it from the outside in. This is what gives us the creativity. We as humans are somewhat transcendent as well.

If a one person sees a tree they may see how they can build a house another might think about building a jewelry box. Not everyone is the same. It is this creativity that creates a beautiful world.

Animals are quite different. Animals do not build with aesthetics in mind. Animals build based on need, instinct, what they are, and the location they are in. They are in a sense connected to nature itself.

Humans are sort of like God in that we are somewhat transcendent. We can see things as if we are looking from the outside in. Humans can plan to do good or we can plan to do bad.

Animals don't plan on doing good or bad they live based on their needs in the moment.

## AN AUTO MAKER

Around the time that Elon Musk was buying or did purchase Twitter I was trying to create a short story that would help me remember and understand God and Creation. It was Elon Musk being an auto maker that gave me the idea of this story.

"There was a wealthy business owner who talked to his CEO and asked him to build him a vehicle. Not just any vehicle but one with very specific details. The business owner got the CEO and CFO together and showed them and explained to them his plans.

They got the material together to begin building this project. Over the course of a short period of time the vehicle was built based on the owners specifications. The CEO and CFO put the vehicle on the truck to be delivered to the owner. While it was on its way to be delivered the vehicle got damaged beyond repair by some of the workers who became jealous over this vehicle.

The business owner, although not surprised at this treasonous act, asked the CEO to fix this problem and to create a brand new vehicle from the ashes. He also said, 'Those who did such things as these will be forever punished and banished from my house.'

Although this story isn't perfect in its resemblance to creation it does show us something about work, responsibility, and authority structure as it relates to creation. God seems to have an authority structure within.

Paul writes this in 1 Corinthians 15:24-28: "Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."

Just like the story I shared there seems to be an authority structure in God, but this structure does not change equality. We recognize here in America that the worker has value as much as the business owner. The problem with us people is that we are also selfish and prideful by nature. Whereas God is not selfish nor prideful. God the Father can place all authority under Christ's feet only to have that authority to be returned to Him.

When there is a business take over that business take over rarely, if ever, involves the new owners giving back the business to the original owner in a better position than before and at no charge. Yet God does this. This is the God I know.

In Revelation 21:1-5 we read about a time that hasn't happened yet. It also a time should be taken seriously. Everything will change. All things will be made new. I personally believe this is one reason for an actual physical resurrection (rapture) for those who are born again through Christ's death and resurrection. In my opinion, our old bodies wouldn't survive in the new Universe. I really do believe everything will change even on an atomic level.

Here is Revelation 21:1-5: "Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be

no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.' Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.'"

So how do we believe this? It sounds like a fantasy, doesn't it? Well, the real way we understand and believe these things goes back to what we believe about who Jesus was (is). If we seek Him out with a humble heart we will find Him and He will find us.

I brought up the idea of work because it is a clear foundational principle we must learn. But it also shows us what happens when we don't believe in the True and Living God. God is the example for us to follow in more ways than one. Again, there is an authority structure within God yet the Bible is clear that God is one.

James 2:19 says this: "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!"

God's character is where we go to see how we should live our lives. We read the Bible to get this information. Even work points us to God. In six days the Bible says, God created all things and on the seventh He rested. I'm sure God didn't rest because He was tired. It was an example He set for us. He spent time with His creation and enjoyed the fruits of it on the seventh day.

Be creative! Yet, be humble.

Be strong! Yet, be others centered.

Be hopeful! Yet, don't be delusional and believe that others are naturally good.

Work Hard! Yet, take one day to glorify God and do something with family. "Six days you shall work and rest on the Seventh."