

WHO AM I ?

Psalm 8:1-9



Who am I?

Why am I here?

What is wrong with the world?

How can it be fixed?

Exodus 3:14 (NASU)

...Thus you shall say to the
sons of Israel, **I AM** has sent
me to you.

Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

The heavens **DECLARE** the
GLORY of God;
the **skies** **PROCLAIM** the
work of his hands.

Isaiah 6:3 (NIV)

...Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Almighty; the whole earth is
full of his **GLORY.**"

1 Corinthians 1:27 (NIV)

...God chose the **foolish things** of the world to shame the wise;
God chose the **weak things** of the world to shame the strong.

Creation gives God Glory -

by inspiring feelings of
wonder, awe, and joy

Children give God Glory -

by admiring, honoring, and
worshiping

Matthew 21:14-15 (NIV)

The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. [15] But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law **saw the wonderful things he did** and the children shouting in the temple area, "**Hosanna to the Son of David,**" they were **indignant.**

Matthew 21:16 (NIV)

"Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, **"From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'?"**

→ do **EVERYTHING** you do
FOR God's **GLORY**
1 Cor. 10:31

→ your body is God's Temple
GLORIFY God with it

1 Cor. 6:19

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV)

Everything is **permissible** for me

- but **not everything** is

BENEFICIAL. Everything is

permissible for me - but I will

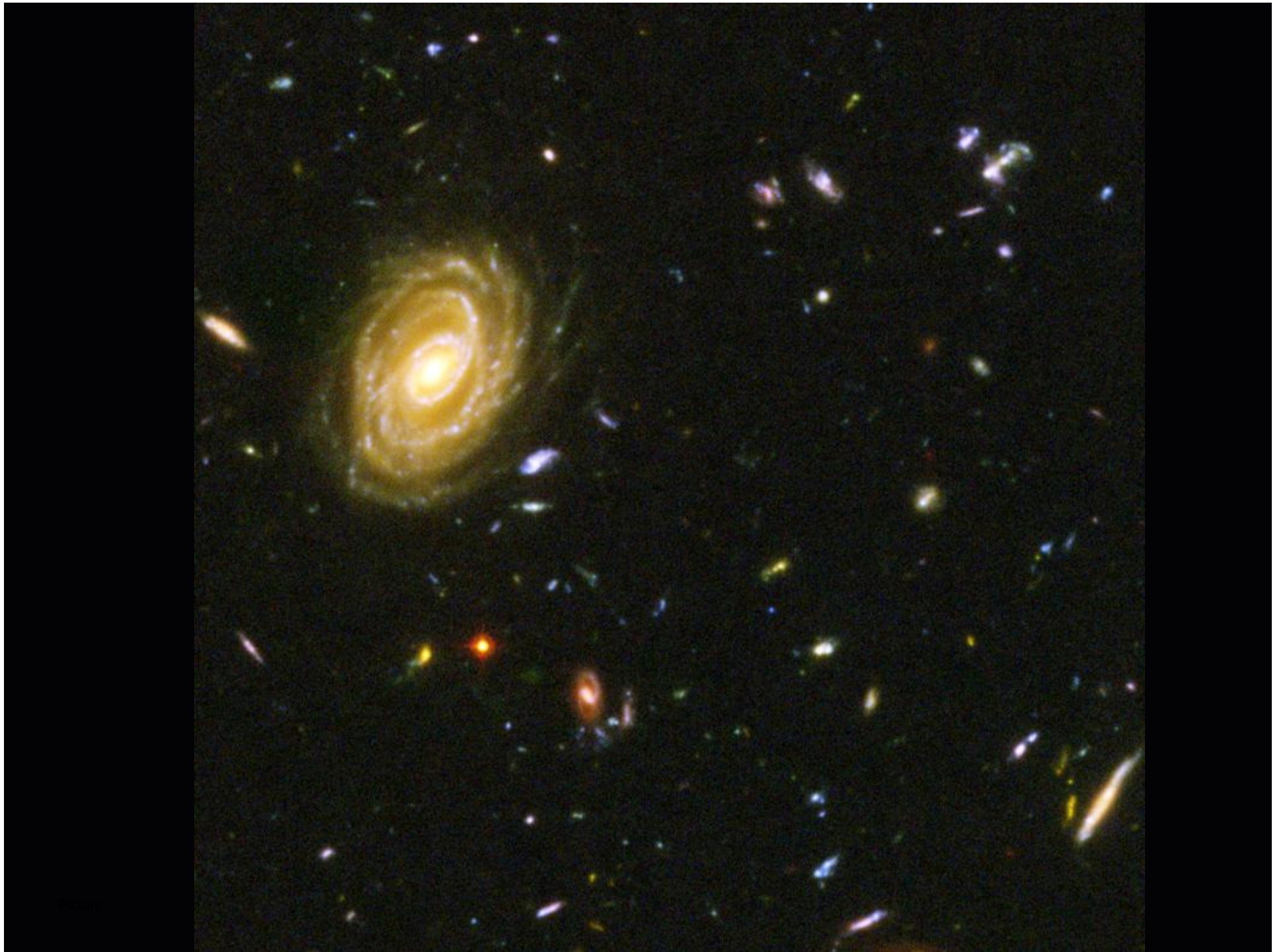
NOT be MASTERED by anything.

Genesis 1:16 (NIV)

God made two great lights - the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. **He also made the stars.**







Isaiah 40:26 (NIV)

Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and **calls them EACH by NAME.** Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Responses to Creation

Astrology- believes that the movement in the heavens affects human behavior

Atheism - we are an uncaused accident

Pantheism - nature IS god

Christianity - Worship the Creator - the Sovereign God

Romans 1:20 (NIV)

For since the creation of the world
God's invisible qualities--his eternal
power and divine nature--have been
clearly seen, being understood
FROM what has been made, so that
men are without excuse.

Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

**Then God said, "Let us make
MAN in our image,
in our likeness..."**

**the GLORY of man - he bears
God's IMAGE**

**the HONOR of man - he is to
RULE over God's creation**

→ **We will rule** as good
stewards over Creation **ONLY**
...if we **ACCEPT** God's Rule
in our lives.

~ P. Apple

Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

Then God said, "Let us **make man in our image, in our likeness**, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Humanity is Given...

- **Rank**
- **Recognition**
- **Responsibility**

(R. Richard)

**Because we are Made in God's IMAGE
we have...**

- a **MIND** so we can **KNOW** God
- a **HEART** so we can **LOVE** God
- a **WILL** so we can **OBEY** God

**Who am I? -
I am created in God's IMAGE**

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**Psalm 139:14 (NIV) ...I praise you because I am
fearfully and wonderfully made....**

**Why am I here? -
to GLORIFY God**

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**What is wrong with the
world? -
the Fall, the Curse - SIN**

**Rom. 3:23 (NIV) for ALL have sinned
and fall short of the glory of God**

How Can it be fixed? - The CROSS of Jesus Christ

Rom. 3:22-25 (NIV) This righteousness from God comes THROUGH faith IN Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. [25] God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood...