

Broken Creation; Grace in the Broken Creation

As angel training progressed, the scope of the curriculum was expanded to include an even larger picture than before. This picture included complete universes, and the trainee was engaged in the examination of several that had been assigned to him.

Not all of them were broken. The angel's studies were focused on learning the differences in them, comparing and contrasting each one with the others. He had received access to the multi-dimensional core memory that held the history of all universes.

It was interesting to him that many of the inhabitants of some of the universes thought that there were other centers of what they called "intelligent" life. And indeed, these could exist as long as they weren't corrupted by rebellion against the Creator. Those that rebelled were cast out from the Great Garden [ref] into other areas where death and decay were imposed on them. To put it into an image that this people could understand, it was like a perfect egg that was dropped such that its contents began to flow out in an ever-expanding circle of deterioration.

Studying the "human" race, with its particular record, captured the trainee's imagination. He wondered at the people's awe and wonder as they viewed their universe, even though it was broken and dying. The true followers saw even in this corrupted creation the greatness of the Creator. The great prototypical King wrote, "The heavens declare the glory of God" [ref], and there were many who saw that light and understood.

They had no idea of the true beauty of the perfect Garden, but they were given hints about it through the Word that had been given them. They also were invited to be a part of their renewed creation such that they could be rejoined to the original uncorrupted state. But the angel saw how degraded their universe was in comparison to the perfect original. Even so, its existence was still amazing, and the angel could see their point of view.

As one of the corrupted universes, it grew to huge proportions. This was a necessary characteristic of its brokenness. Many people had been searching for the limits of their space for generations. They spoke in terms of the "observable" universe, which meant that there was no way for them to see it all, just as they could not fully plumb the depths of God¹ [ref]. Those humans that were sufficiently perceptive saw in this vastness a correspondence to the Creator's love for them. They considered the Anointed One to show this love in His sacrificial death – arms open wide as He hung on a cross. But God's hands stretched even wider across the curtain of the heavens² that He created solely for this people.

He used the power of the sacrifice of His Son to heal their souls; the same power was capable to renew their entire universe and bring it back to perfection. He brought those who were willing back home to live with Him forever.

The angel sat back to reflect a moment on the beauty of God's Goodness as shown by His Grace in the broken universe. It made him see the magnitude of that Grace even more. He was also in awe of this, and wondered about the Creator's love for his kind as well – indeed for all spiritual life.

1. Romans 11:33
2. Isaiah 45:12, "It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts."