

Over the past few days I have been looking at some of the images on the Astronomy Picture of the Day website. It is truly fascinating looking at some of these fantastic images of the universe. What particularly fascinates me is the sheer scale of it all. Instantaneous global communications has made our world a lot smaller than it was in past centuries, and due to that fact we don't always appreciate God's wonderful creation as we ought. Evolutionists look at the universe the wrong way around. They see mankind as an insignificant speck on some planet, wandering through a cosmos that is billions of years older than us and will outlive us by billions more. But the Bible teaches us that the earth is at the very centre of God's universe, and that mankind is at the centre of God's creation. The Psalmist of Israel said, "

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork

", Psalm 19:1. And looking at pictures like this just captivates my mind. If this is how great God's creation is, how much greater is the Lord who created it? Astronomers once believed it was possible to count the number of stars in the sky. The Lord stated that if it was possible to count the number of stars in the sky, it would be possible to number the seed of Israel.

Genesis 15:5-6

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

So why on earth did astronomers start coming up with ridiculous figures like 1056 (Ptolemy)

and 777 (Brahe) stars? Obviously there have been more of Abraham's children than that. Clearly these scientists did not believe the Word of God, but now astronomy is proving the veracity of Scripture. To the right is a picture of the galaxy of Andromeda (copyright Robert Gendler ), our closest major galaxy. It is estimated Andromeda contains hundreds of billions of stars, and astronomers believe there are hundreds of billions of galaxies just like this one in the universe. What an amazing God we have, that He could create all this on a single day. And the Lord just adds this as almost a "footnote" of His creative work, "
He made the stars also
", Genesis 1:16. God must love mankind much more than anything else He has made, to relegate the creation of the heavens to a just few words. He has not only told us of His great love for us, but demonstrated it by leaving the splendour of heaven, and taking on the form of a man on a planet called Earth in an outer arm of the Milky Way galaxy. He gave His life as a sacrifice for our sins, so that we would be able to enjoy fellowship with Him, and the splendour of the heavens and earth for ever. One day all those who are saved will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and we will be transported through the heavens to the Lord's House. Perhaps during the Millennial Reign of Christ, and after the creation of the new heavens and new earth, we will be able to enjoy views like these first hand. I am looking forward to it. I hope you are too. Trust in Jesus Christ for salvation today.

Isaiah 66:22
For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Revelation 21:1
And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.