

The Inscrutable Question: Humans Are Events in Time; Man Discovers Time; Gen 3:8; Lev 23:1-5

23. Consequently, each one of us is an event. This needs to be defined.

Oxford English Dictionary, s.v. "event":

Latin: *eventus*: to happen. That which proceeds from the operation of a cause.

24. If events are the result of a cause then we also may be referred to as an "effect."

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. "effect":

A condition or occurrence traceable to a cause; a result that cannot be foreseen and is at least partly determined by conditions beyond human control.

25. Once the cause has been put into motion then the effect is certain to occur. Therefore, you can even be called an "occurrence."

Webster's Ninth, s.v. "occur; occurrence":

To come into existence; something that happens or takes place; an event having antecedent cause.

26. You are an event, caused by divine selection at physical birth which occurred at the moment in time that soul life was imputed to biological life.
27. The antecedent factors include the decree in eternity past that your parents would procreate, that the pregnancy would go to term, and that at physical birth God would select you for human life.
28. Your event in time lasts from your physical birth to your physical death.
29. Between birth and death you become an event related to a continuous succession of events that are characterized by past, present, and future.
30. Some of these events with which you are related have consequences that classify you at any given moment in time.
31. Here are some examples:
- 1) At the moment you acquire human life you also receive the imputation of Adam's original sin to your sinful nature. This event is spiritual death.
 - 2) At the moment of your faith alone in Christ alone you receive the imputation of God's righteousness and eternal life and you are saved. This event is spiritual birth.
 - 3) Between spiritual birth and physical death you will sin, an event that classifies you as carnal.
 - 4) But when you rebound through confession alone to God alone, then you regain the filling of the Holy Spirit, an event that classifies you as spiritual.
 - 5) Completing your ride down the Death-Shadowed Valley is the terminal event of your life and results in your soul and spirit's transfer into the eternal state. This event is called physical death.
32. Every person who ever lived is an event and throughout his life he creates and encounters enumerable events that must be organized.
33. Therefore, God invented time as the environment for mankind in which he has the opportunity to progress from spiritual death to spiritual birth to eternal life.

34. In order for man to manage his events and to coordinate with the events of others, he had to become organized.
35. And the only way man could become organized was to first discover time and then learn how to keep it.

B. Man Discovers Time:

1. God's invention of time included a system that indicated the beginning and ending of each day—it began at evening and concluded the same point the following day. A day was therefore quasi-equal periods of night and day, sunset being the point of demarcation between successive days.
2. God then began to organize man's activities by guiding him in the observance of time. The Lord Jesus Christ consistently taught Bible class to Adam and Ishah at the same time every afternoon.

Genesis 3:8 - And they [**Adam and Ishah**] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day [רִיחַ יוֹם / *ruach* /: **breeze of the day**]

The earth resumed its rotation in Genesis 1:2. The sun's light was restored in verse 16 for the purposes of separating night from day.

The gradual change from daylight to dark caused the heated air of the day to rise as the cooler air of the coming night intruded bringing a breeze throughout the Garden. This breeze was a timing mechanism for Adam and Ishah to assemble for Bible class.

3. The dispensation of Israel began with the observance of a festival called the Passover. It constituted the first of many rituals that were to be repeated each year.
4. This required the establishment of a calendar which was used to schedule these various events.

Leviticus 23:1 - The Lord spoke again to Moses, saying,

v. 2 - "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'The Lord's appointed times [**schedule of events**] which you shall proclaim as holy convocations—My appointed times are these:

v. 3 - 'For six days work may be done; but on the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work; it is the Sabbath to the Lord in all your dwellings.

v. 4 - 'These are the appointed times of the Lord, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at the times appointed for them.

v. 5 - 'In the first month [**Nisan**], on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight is the Lord's Passover.

The rest of Leviticus 23 reveals the schedule for the remaining six festivals to be observed during the year.

5. Thus the Lord developed a lunar calendar which He used to organize the Jewish people.