

E2E: Pt. 5—Creation

Genesis 1:1-31

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1. All that we know, all that we are about to examine came to be because God spoke. (Hebrews 1:1-2, Colossians 1:16)
2. Communication is an expression of the heart, it's part of the image of God built into us, and God desires to speak to us through His word and nature. (2 Peter 1:20-21)
3. The purpose statement expressing the foundation of all that is; 'In the beginning God created':
 - Bereishith (In the beginning) – Doesn't say when, just that it was.
 - Elohiym (God) – Existence is assumed to be true, there is no attempt to prove the existence of God.
 - Bara (created) – This Hebrew word is used of work only God can do, never associated with anything man can do.
4. The universe reveals the majesty and massiveness of God's creation. It's tempting to think we are insignificant, but God wants us to know Him. (Psalm 8:3, Job 26:14)
5. God's design in creation displays such majesty, power & intricacy; He is screaming 'pay attention!'.
6. God gave us the account of creation so we would know Him, and treasure Him, and bring glory to Him. (1 Chronicles 29:11)
7. Through creation we discover that not only *can* God be known, but we are also accountable for what we do know. The knowledge of God's magnificence cannot be discarded. (Romans 1:20)

GREEK WORDS

Poiēma (poy'-ay-mah) a *product*, i.e. *fabric*:- thing that is made, workmanship

QUOTES

“...the astronomical evidence supports the biblical view of the origin of the world. The essential elements in the astronomical and biblical accounts of Genesis are the same. Consider the enormousness of the problem: Science has proved that the universe exploded into being at a certain moment. It asks what cause produced this effect? Who or what put the matter and energy into the Universe? And science cannot answer these questions. For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been there for centuries.”

**Dr. Robert Jastrow [astrophysicist] - *God and the Astronomers*
Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies - 1978**

QUESTIONS & RECOMMENDED READING

1. Name the two forms of God's Revelation of Himself—
(Hint: Here's the first letter)
 - a. S _____ Revelation
 - b. N _____ Revelation
2. When God gave us the CREATION account, it's evident that the intention behind it is to COMMUNICATE to us that He is knowable. But communication is a 'two-way street'. What efforts do you personally make to communicate with God on a regular basis?
3. The Bible says that the information and evidence about God is so obvious, that everyone who stands before Him one day will do so without excuses. We are accountable for the information we do have. Therefore, no one will be able to say, 'I did not know'. Since that's true, why do you think so many people deny the very thing that is right in front of them?

Video tour/STARS <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bcz4vGvoxQA>

Signature in the Cell - Dr. Stephen Meyer

The Language of God - Dr. Francis Collins

The Case for Faith - Lee Strobel

Evidence that demands a verdict - Josh McDowell