

● Lesson 3

CREATION & SCIENCE

Man has always had questions about his beginning and the beginning of the world in which he lives. Many have tried to answer these questions. Some have suggested theories; others have just made up answers. God's Word teaches the truth about how our world came into being.

1. What do the Scriptures say about how our world came into being?

Genesis 1:27 _____

Psalms 33:6, 9 _____

John 1:3 _____

2. How is our world held together?

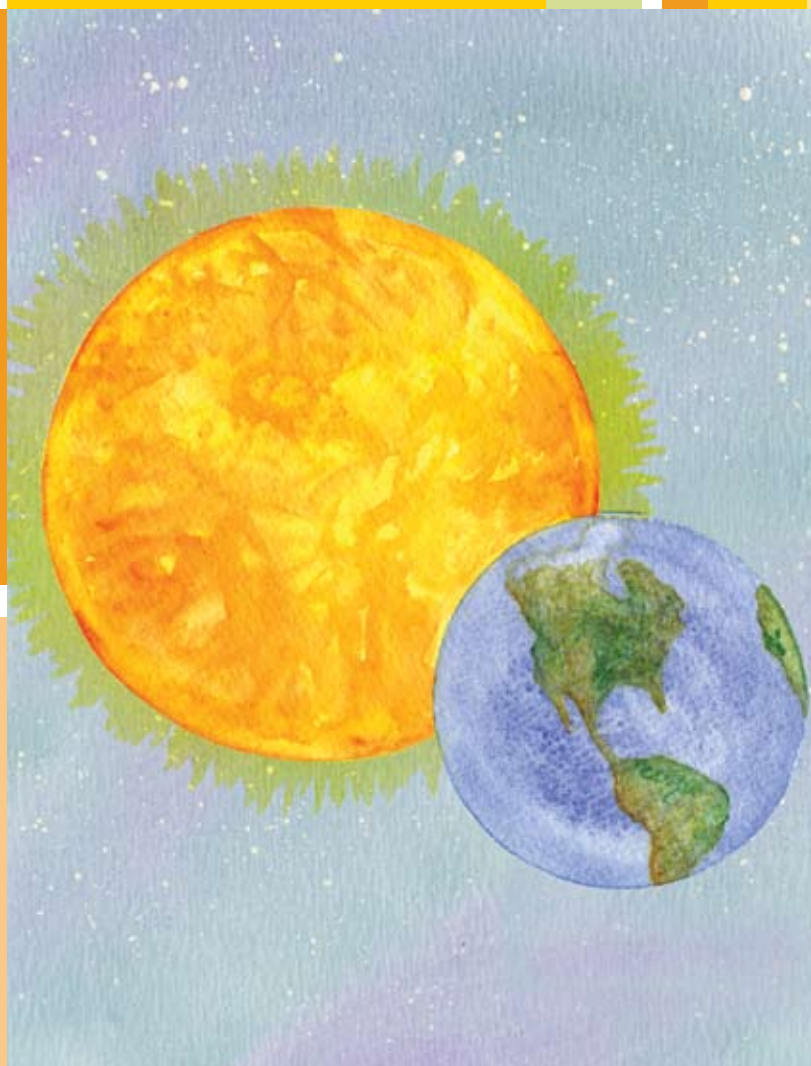
Colossians 1:16-17 _____

Hebrews 1:3a _____

Memory Verse

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else."

Isaiah 45:18



Mythology often sees creation as a huge cosmic struggle. For example, the Mesopotamian creation story describes two gods engaged in battle. The winner takes the loser, splits her body in two, and makes the heavens from one half and the earth from the other half.

The truth of the Bible is plain. God spoke; it became. Our awesome God brought our world into being by the mighty power of His word!

For decades men have refused to believe this truth from the Bible. They have instead formed their beliefs on the basis of a theory that life arose over millions of years by itself and that everything today has evolved over millions of years into its present form. However scientists are being convinced in increasing numbers that such a theory is false. Many years ago, a scientist by the name of Harold Morowitz concluded that even under ideal conditions the likelihood of life arising spontaneously, or by itself, would be one chance in $10^{100,000,000,000}$! That's 10 multiplied by itself 100 billion times! Not very likely, is it? However, even that does not convince some people. A Nobel prize-winning scientist from Harvard has said that even though the theory of life creating itself has been disproved, he has chosen to believe what is scientifically impossible because he does not want to believe in God.

More and more **astronomers** have been discovering scientific evidence for a Supreme Being. Many agree that the universe and the laws that govern it have a specific design that could not have just happened. There are about 10 billion-trillion stars in the universe. All of these play an important role in keeping us alive on planet Earth. Specific stars must be specially made and put in the right location of our galaxy at the right time for human life to exist! It's much harder to believe this just happened than to believe an **infinite** God made and planned this especially for us!

More evidence of God in creation can be found in the human body. The human body contains 206 bones and 650 muscles. It has its own heating and cooling system and its own waste filtering system. It has the ability to heal itself after injury. It has a built-in reflex system to protect it from harm. Science can imitate what God has already done, but no scientist has yet been able to create life or the **intricacies** of the human body. So once again, we see the marvelous creative power of God.

3. What other wonders of God's creation can you describe?

4. Isaiah 45:18 tells us more about creation.

Who created the world? _____

Why did He create it? _____

Fast Fact: Behemoth

Job 40:15-19

- In Hebrew this word means beast; par excellence or kingly; gigantic beasts.
- Many think this could describe a Diplodocus or Apatosaurus, who were plant eaters with great muscles and very strong bones.
- Diplodocus had leg bones so strong, one could have held three others on its back! Its tail was probably very large, maybe even like a cedar tree.

Who is He? _____

What is God like? God's creation gives us a very good picture of what God is like.

He is a God of order.

5. Look at the creation story in Genesis 1. What tells you that God is a God of order? _____

He is a God of beauty.

6. Picture in your mind some of the things God has created. How is He a God of beauty? _____

He is a God of wisdom.

7. Read the following verses to see how God's wisdom is shown in His creation.

Job 38:32-33 _____

Psalms 104:24-27 _____

Psalms 139:14-16 _____

He is a God of love.

8. Genesis 1:26-27 tells us for whom God created all of these things. _____

Everything was designed with humankind in mind!

9. What should our response be to this great God? _____



Word Works

Find 12 things God created. Look for words forwards, backwards, up or down, across or diagonal. For help, turn to Genesis 1.

J	F	E	T	A	S	U	V	Heavens
L	S	O	P	R	U	S	E	Light
H	E	A	V	E	N	S	G	Sky
L	A	M	D	O	O	T	E	Seas
I	S	L	O	S	T	A	T	Vegetation
O	I	C	B	O	E	R	A	Sun
E	A	M	M	A	N	S	T	Moon
S	K	Y	R	R	E	O	I	Stars
T	O	T	H	G	I	L	O	Man
J	H	V	S	F	N	C	N	Cattle
E	L	T	T	A	C	D	A	Earth
K	R	I	O	S	P	E	B	Darkness
S	S	E	N	K	R	A	D	

Catechism Corner

1. How do we rightly use the Word of God? (Q. 7)

We must look to God for the enlightenment of His Spirit and then read the Word with devotion and an earnest purpose to live according to it.

2. How do I know that what I read in the Bible, even regarding creation, is true? (see Titus 1:2, Proverbs 30:5, John 17:17)

DAY 4

.....Sun, moon, stars

DAY 5

.....Fish & birds

DAY 6

.....Land animals, man & woman