

IF GOD?

CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE



SUMMARY: There are only 2 choices, there is a supernatural force (a god) or there is not a supernatural force (atheist evolution). We can have faith in a particular “god”, but we cannot prove it. Our existence proves a supernatural event. This disproves atheistic evolution and therefore functionally proves that a supernatural force or a “god” exists.

Creation of the Universe is a slightly different topic than the 6 days of creation. Days 2, 3, 5, and 6 are the creation of things on the Earth. Day 1 mentions creating the heavens, Earth and light. Day 4 mentions creating the Sun, Moon, and stars.

God has existed for all eternity and it is not clear where this fits into the previous paragraph. In the 24-hour creation day interpretation He would have basically done nothing for all eternity and then quickly did everything within the rotational period of the Earth relative to the Sun, which was not created until day 4.

It is easy to understand what eternity means, and is hard to understand at the same time, e.g. what did God do for an eternity?

Some thing we can know are:

1. Events which brought the Universe into existence are original creation events.
2. Original creation events which happened according to scientific laws are natural events.
3. Original creation events which didn't happen according to scientific laws are non-natural or are supernatural events. Supernatural doesn't have to imply God, but it can.
4. For the Universe to be here, the only known choices are that the Universe came from nothing or has always existed. Parallel or multiple Universes have the same problem and just confuse the understanding with strange unprovable theories.
5. If the Universe came from nothing, it would violate the first law of thermodynamics (conservation of energy) and so would be a supernatural event.
6. If the Universe has always existed for an eternity, it would be run down according to the second law of thermodynamics (all systems run down). The Universe is not run down, so if it has existed forever it would be a supernatural event.
7. A “big bang” would be an explosion from nothing, and so is teaching a supernatural event to begin the Universe. To teach “big bang” without teaching it is a supernatural event is teaching error by omission. To teach it is natural is false teaching.
8. The Bible teaches that a supernatural force, God, created the Universe. That makes it compatible with the scientific understanding of the situation.

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9. The Bible goes on to make several scientific statements unknown at the time to validate its teachings (See lesson on Biblical Scientific Statements).
10. No claimant to be God or a religion other than the Old Testament gives a credible explanation of creation.
11. No claimant to be God or a religion other than the Judeo/Christian provides scientific statements to verify its truth.

VERSES RELATING TO THIS TOPIC:

Genesis 1:1-5 NASB 1 **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.** 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, **one day.**

Genesis 1:6-8 Day 2: An expanse between the waters below and the waters above.

Genesis 1:9-13: Day 3: Seas and vegetation.

Genesis 1:14-19 NASB 14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. 16 **God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also.** 17 God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. 19 There was evening and there was morning, **a fourth day.**

Genesis 1:20-23: Sea creatures and birds.

Genesis 1:24-31: Creeping things, beasts of the earth, and man

Genesis 2:4-9 NASB 4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven. 5 Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the Lord God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground. 6 But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground. 7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. 8 The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. 9 Out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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It has been suggested that the Genesis 2 account of creation reverses the order Genesis 1. Verse 4 reverses “heavens and the earth” in the same sentence, so would be literary style rather than a scientific error. The remainder says “no plant of the field”, “formed man”, then “caused to grow every tree” which appear to be out of order. The “caused to grow every tree” is specifically in the garden of Eden. These verses do not address a lot of creation someplace in the middle including fish, animals, birds and vegetation. They could well be between verses 5 and 7 so would not conflict with Genesis 1. What is of more interest is than in verse 4 the entire creation period is figuratively called “the day”, demonstrating along with verses 1:6, 1:14, 1:16, and 1:18 that the word “day” is used figuratively in this context.

John 1:1-5 NASB 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 **He was in the beginning with God.** 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Revelation 3:14 NASB 14 “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

Colossians 1:13-17 NASB 13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn of all creation.** 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things have been created through Him and for Him.** 17 **He is before all things,** and in Him all things hold together.

Romans 1:20 NASB 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Revelation 4:11 NASB 11 “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

Malachi 2:10 NASB 10 “Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?

Isaiah 42:5 NASB 5 Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it,

If you know of other verses which should be included here, contact us at info@occgrowthinstitute.org.