**Lesson 6 In the beginning God**

**Who should we trust?**

In this lesson we will be reflecting on the truth of how God created all things. People have always been curious about the origin of the universe. They have always wanted to understand how the world came to be and to know the origin of themselves.

One thing to bear in mind throughout this lesson is that if there is anyone who we should trust in learning such truths… it would be the One who actually carried out the work of creating!

The obvious fact to point out is that no historian or scientist was around at the moment in which the universe was “born”.

There are no human eyewitnesses as to how the world came to be.

This is why we should give due reverence to the Bible as it is God's own account as to how He created the world.

Atheistic scientists have strived at great lengths to conduct their own version of events; (i.e. the ‘big bang’ theory) but these theories are swiftly exposed as they still beg the question “and where did that come from?”

**How did it all begin?**

Unlike any other source of information, the Bible actually starts with the true beginning… God Himself.

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God has always existed, before anything else in all of creation.

He is the ever-living God; Who has had no beginning and shall have no end.

Many people struggle with this reality because they think about God in the same manner as us humans who have beginnings.

Some may even ask “so where did God come from?”

This type of question is easily answered in the previous statements above.

The reality of God’s eternal nature clearly reveals that He did not need to come from anywhere because He has always existed. God is eternal.

God is not confined to the dimensions of this universe, for He created everything. Time, space and matter are all the works of His hands; as the supreme Creator of all, He is not bound by anything!

**Light on the first day**

We read in 1 John 1:5 that *God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

God demonstrates His omnipotence in creating light on the first day, and He reveals His self-sufficiency in providing this light even before the stellar objects (our sun, other stars and moon) were made.

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This might seem hard to conceive but it is very easy to take in when bearing in mind that we are speaking of the One who can do anything that He wills.

We see this same truth portrayed in Revelation 22:5 as we read of how life will be in the new heaven and earth; that *there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light.*

**Skies on the 2nd Day**

We come to the second day in creation and read of the point in which God made the skies; with the waters above (clouds) and beneath them (oceans etc).

Many things can seem hard to take in at first.

You may have thought that these things would have taken “millions of years”, but not so when considering the fact that God made the laws of nature!

He made time itself, and therefore it is no task for Him to create so much in the space of a day.

**Our perception of time**

It may be helpful to consider an illustration at this point.

Imagine a modern city that was built in a short space of time. A young country boy arrives, who has never seen any of the modern, industrial machinery that was used during construction.

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Upon arrival, this young lad begins to wonder “how long would it have taken to build such a great city?”

He begins to remember the small diggers that he grew up seeing in his village, the small trucks and trailers that carried materials for buildings.

He has only seen simple ladders and scaffolding and continues to wonder how long it must have taken for the high rise buildings in this city to be constructed.

Upon reflection, he concludes that it must have taken hundreds of years to build and develop the city.

The young boy’s estimation is far off of course, as he is ignorant to the existence of large-scale industrial machinery i.e. towering cranes, huge earth movers and pile-drivers.

If he had known about such things, he would have realised that a city like this could have realistically been built within 10 years!

The truth is that many of us think like this boy.

We look at the complexities of the universe and world in which we live and fail to recognise that with the almighty Creator it was no task to create all in a short space of time.

God has determined that everything would work in accordance to the laws of nature, but in the initial act of creation, His word was more than sufficient to bring all into existence at full maturation.

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When we accept the truth of God and His omnipotence, we can easily understand as stated in Hebrews 11:3 *that the worlds were framed by the word of God.*

**Delegation to the laws of nature**

When considering the laws of nature, we must acknowledge the reality that they were under a different set of principles during the first days of creation.

We can return to the city analogy to consider this truth. When construction was first taking place, there wouldn't have been many restrictions placed upon the machinery. Tractors, cranes and earthmovers would have been free to roam wherever they needed, as quickly as they wanted to.

This would all be different upon completion of the city, as heavy vehicles and machinery would now have to abide by the laws of the road and traffic (i.e. only driving on the left side of the road, at certain speeds and in certain marked out areas).

So, the application that we draw from this analogy is that as the traffic laws came into place later to govern order in the city, at creation God chose to move as quickly as He wanted, not in accordance with any laws of nature that we now witness in our universe.

God is able to achieve more in one day than we could ever achieve in a thousand years and as the Creator, is able to overrule the laws of nature whenever He sees fit (as seen when Jesus performed many mighty miracles).

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**Almighty… omnipotent!**

So yes, to us it may seem that the Universe took billions of years to create, but this need not be the case with One to whom all power belongs. When we reflect upon God in the right manner, it is easy to accept the truth that He can do all things… including creating all things within six days.

**Is this far-fetched?**

Most of the opposition towards history’s true account recorded in the Bible comes from the atheistic community. Attempting to support their theory of evolution, they conjure up tales of events that need “millions of years” in order for such “changes” in each species to take place.

The suggestions of evolutionists hold no weight as there is, to date, no conclusive evidence of one type of animal evolving into another (not to mention the countless cases of discovered “living fossils”).

The tell-tale signs of this crumbling theory are clear to see as many secular scientists are busy trying to find other theories to rely upon; as they themselves have come to admit the impossibility of evolution. If only they would turn away from these methods and accept reality as seen in God’s word.

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**Take home thoughts**

So having spent this time reflecting on the truths of how creation came to be, let us be encouraged to “lift up our eyes on high and behold the greatness of God” as we are exhorted in Isaiah 40:26.

There is no theory made by man that could ever suffice to provide a viable “alternative” to belief in the Creator, and so we should reject them all and trust what God has taught us from His scriptures.

God is loving and caring, He is the great Shepherd who desires to gather in all of His sheep. God demonstrated the depths of His love in sending His only begotten Son to die for the sins of all who would repent and believe.

It is a great shame to reject a love like this… to neglect such a great salvation and act from the Creator of the universe.

If any of us have fallen for the lies of this world, then we should confess this folly; acknowledging that it is a shame to trust in any man-made theory of creation.

God is ready to receive all who come to Him, so lay aside all doubts and pray.

Repent, ask for the forgiveness of all your sins; in the faith that Jesus Christ paid for them all on the cross.

God is faithful to save, and He will receive all who come to Him with a broken and a contrite heart.

Come and trust in the Creator God now.