

# Creation CONFIDENCE

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“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

**Big Questions:** Was the universe we observe created by a designer or did it develop through a series of random chemical reactions over millions of years? Did God create man in His image or did the imagination of man create God?

**1. All answers to these questions are \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Answers throughout the history of man**

- \_\_\_\_\_ answer—There is no God and all things exist as a result of random chemical reactions over time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ answer—Everything is God and God is everything.
- \_\_\_\_\_ answer—God and the Universe have eternally existed side by side.
- \_\_\_\_\_ answer—God created the universe but immediately separated from it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ answer—God created the universe and sustains it through His constant involvement.

You alone are Yahweh. You created the heavens, the highest heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them, and the heavenly host worships You.

Nehemiah 9:6

Look up and see: who created these? He brings out the starry host by number; He calls all of them by name. Because of His great power and strength, not one of them is missing.

Isaiah 40:26, 28

All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created.

John 1:3

For everything was created by Him, in Heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:16 - 17

**3. Reasons for accepting the Biblical view**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ observations of the human experience discount materialism/evolution.
- Pantheism destroys the biblical \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Dualism provides no assurance of God being \_\_\_\_\_ over evil.
- Deism provides no help beyond \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ view provides purpose, hope, help, consistency and human value.

**4. Implications of the Biblical view**

- Because God made it He \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Because God made it He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Because God made it He \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Because God made it His \_\_\_\_\_ are best.

**5. Final Question:** Where are you placing your faith? If you accept the Biblical view then:

- You must \_\_\_\_\_ to God's ownership.
- You must \_\_\_\_\_ God's instruction.