

GOD'S STORY #1 In the Beginning God

Begin by reading some creation-related verses

- Read Colossians 1:16
- Read Revelation 4:11
- Read Hebrews 11:3
- Read Psalm 139:13-14
- Romans 1:20
- End with Genesis 1:1

God has clearly let us know that He is the Creator of all matter. Discuss the three main points from Sunday's message

1. Cause and Effect points to God

*Reminder: Law of Cause/Effect states that for every **EFFE**CT there's a **CAUSE**. If someone sees a watch, car, house, furniture you know that someone made them and put them there!*

- Read Hebrews 3:4 – what does this have to say about cause and effect?
 - Why do you think humans suppress this clear logic?
 - Read Romans 1:18. How does God respond to humans who do this? How do you feel about God's reaction?
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2. Science points to God

Reminder 1: The Second Law of Thermodynamics – Entropy. Though the total amount of energy remains unchanged (1st Law), the amount that can be used diminishes (2nd Law). The universe is running out of useable energy. Its fuel is finite. So the argument that the universe had been here forever does not stand because if it were true, it would have run out of usable energy by now!

Reminder 2: The General Theory of Relativity – the Big Bang. Einstein's theory proved if you went backward in time the universe would go back to a single origin before which it didn't exist! It meant the universe sprang into being from a single point in the finite past. Agnostic and atheistic scientists now believe this. However, not everyone is fond of a finite universe because it requires a Creator.

Quote: "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 mountain 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 sitting there for centuries." - Jastrow

- Read what the Psalmist said, 3000 years ago – Psalm 102:25. What does it say about our universe.
 - Discuss this statement: About the "Big Bang"...is there a conflict between science and a belief in God?
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3. Consciousness points to God

Reminder: Many scientists are concluding that science cannot explain the human mind. They are convinced that there is more than just the physical brain at work. There is also the nonmaterial reality called the "soul" or "mind." And they cite the evidence of the soul or mind as evidence for a Creator.

Example: The father of modern neurosurgery. He'd electrically stimulate the brains of epilepsy patients and found he could cause them. But, no matter how much Penfield probed the cerebral cortex, he said, "There is no place where electrical

stimulation will cause a patient to believe or to decide!” That’s because those functions originate in the conscious self, not the brain. He explained that the patient had not only a physical brain that was stimulated to action, but also a nonphysical reality that interacted with the brain.

- Read Matthew 10:28. What does this have to say about what makes up a person?

While we know a lot about God we also know God has only revealed Himself partially, and will one day reveal Himself fully (2 Thess. 1:7-9). **Are you seeing how God has revealed Himself, explain. If you are not, explain.**

Pray for one another that you would SEE as much as you can about God in this life and know Him!