



“IN THE BEGINNING”

Time

- Time as we know it had a **beginning**. **Titus 1:2**
- **Ecclesiastes 3:11**, “He hath made everything beautiful in its time: also he hath set eternity in their heart, yet so that man cannot find out the work that God hath done from the beginning even to the end.”

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Time

- May only move forward, but identified in three ways:
 - **Past** (*Learn from, remember* – **Romans 15:4**).
 - **Present** (*Live in Faith* – **2 Corinthians 5:7**).
 - **Future** (*Looks forward, anticipate, fear, hope* – **Hebrews 11:1; Romans 8:24-25**).

“In The Beginning GOD ...”

While the universe and everything in it needed a beginning, God does not.

- Asking “Who created God” would be as silly as asking “Who created the Creator?”
- Only the answer of a **Creator - God** can solve the riddle as to “how” and “why” the universe exists.
- **NOT “in the beginning God was created.”**
 - God existed before the beginning (time).

“In The Beginning GOD ...”

What can we know about God?

- **General Revelation:** Romans 1:18-20; Psalms 19:1-6
 - **Look at the things that are made.**
 - Order, Design, Intelligence.
 - **See invisible things.**
 - **Eternal Power:** That which brought into existence the universe and now controls it.
 - **Divine nature:** Supreme intelligence and will which directed and continues to direct the power.
- Man Is Without Excuse!

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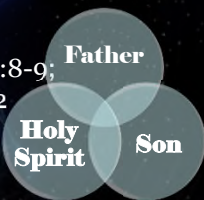
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- **Special Revelation.** Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalms 19:7-14
 - The revelation of **His will** in the mighty acts of history and in Christ can only be known from the Bible. cf. 1 Corinthians 2:11

“GOD”

- “God” (*Hebrew Elohim*) teaches a **plurality** of persons in God.

- John 17:5; 20:17; Hebrews 1:8-9; Matthew 3:17; Hebrews 1:1,2
- John 5:23; Genesis 1:2; Acts 5:3, 4



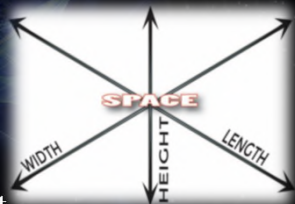
“CREATED”

- Tells of the original energy source for the creation – the infinite power of God! Psalms 33:6-9; Psalms 8; Romans 11:33-36; Revelation 4:8, 11
 - Hebrew *bara* found three times in Genesis 1.
 - Material substance (1:1)
 - Living substance (1:21)
 - Imperishable substance (1:27)
- Signifies the creation of something which previously did not exist. Hebrews 11:3, “*By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which appear.*”

“THE HEAVENS”

Space

- Not *nothingness*.
- One of the dimensions of our universe.
 - Observed in three dimensions.
- Idea of stretching out the heavens. Isaiah 40:22

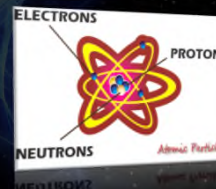


Genesis 1:8; 1:17

“AND THE EARTH”

Matter

- The way the universe functions is the signature from the Divine Creator.
 - Hebrews 1:3
 - Romans 1:18-20



How much energy would be released if every atom were split?

The Answer of “God!”

- Solves the riddle as to “**how**” and “**why**” the universe came into existence.
- Nature **cries out** that there was a beginning.
 - Nature alone does not answer how the beginning began – resulting in endless speculation.
 - Bible answers that the beginning began with an **eternal God**