

‘Behold I Make All Things New’

Introduction:

1. We are discovering more amazing things about the universe the more we study it
Deep space pictures of galaxies we knew nothing about...
2. We’re also learning more about the Creator of the cosmos the more we study His creation and His Holy Word!

I. THE CREATION

A. THE EXISTENCE OF THE COSMOS

1. Intelligent Design of the Cosmos Testifies of an Intelligent Designer

(Romans 1:20) [‘since creation of the world’ > Greek: cosmos]

- a) The Universe Testifies to the Existence of God
- b) The Universe Testifies to the Power and Eternal Nature of God
- c) The Heavens Testifies the Glory and Handiwork of God (Ps 19:1)

The Creation Testifies of a Creator

2. The Universe Exists and that presents a Question:

There is something rather than nothing—WHY?

Philosophers through the ages have narrowed this to 3 possibilities...¹

- a) IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN: > It is eternal so there is no creator required
- b) IT CREATED ITSELF: > It brought itself into existence, no need for a creator
- c) IT WAS CREATED BY SOMETHING OR SOMEONE OUTSIDE ITSELF: > God

B. THE QUESTION OF THE COSMOS

1. IT HAS ALWAYS EXISTED: That the universe is eternal so no Creator required

- a) Summed up as “The cosmos is all there is, all there was and all there ever will be.”
- b) This once popular belief has been completely rejected by the scientific community.
- c) It’s not preachers who scratched this option off list—The scientific community has
- d) WHY? Because the Scientific Evidence Against an Eternal Universe Demolished it.
- e) The overwhelming consensus of astronomers, physicist and astro-physicists is that the universe BEGAN to exist.
- f) *Even the famous Stephen Hawking says: “Almost everyone believes that the universe and time itself had a beginning.”*
- g) INTERESTING! This is in Complete Harmony with What the Bible Says! (**Gen 1:1**)
- h) The discovery of the rapidly expanding universe by Edwin Hubble...
- i) The discovery of Cosmic Background Radiation, the radiation remnant signature that the universe came into existence in a single instantaneous moment in time,
- j) all point to a beginning of the universe in a single event in time.

¹ ‘Evidence for the Existence of God’ - Charlie Campbell

- k) **Arno Penzias, Scientist and co-discovered CBR (Cosmic Background Radiation) said: “The best data we have are exactly what I would have predicted had I nothing to go on but the first five books of Moses, the Psalms, and the Bible as a whole.” —Arno Penzias**

So This Rules Out Option #1

2. IT CREATED ITSELF

- a) The Idea that the Universe created Itself is Logically & Philosophically Impossible.
- b) Before the Universe Existed It was Not Present to Create Anything.
- c) If You ask a Typical Atheist, What was around Before the Universe Began, before the Big Bang they would say Nothing (even the famous atheist Richard Dawkins says this: NOTHING).
- d) The problem is that NOTHING cannot Do ANYTHING
- e) A Non-Existent NOTHING cannot bring into existence ANYTHING
- f) A Non-Existent Universe Could Not Have Done ANYTHING.
- g) Even the famous Skeptic of the Bible David Hume agreed to this point: “I never asserted so absurd a proposition as that anything might arise without a cause.” (i.e. from nothing by nothing)
- h) **The idea that NOTHING created EVERYTHING is logically & Philosophically Impossible.**
- i) We have a small plaque hanging on the side of our house with an inscription: “On this site in 1874, nothing happened.”

Of the 3 options to the existence of the universe you can cross off 1 & 2 just purely on scientific and philosophical grounds...

3. IT WAS CREATED BY SOMETHING OR SOMEONE OUTSIDE ITSELF

- a) This is the One Option that Reason and Evidence Points too
And the One Option the Bible Declares is True
- b) But Many Skeptics will say I Have a Hard Time Believing in Something I Can't see
Such as this God you are talking About.
- c) **But if you were walking on the beach and came across a watch lying on the ground, would it be reasonable to believe the watch created itself, OR that there was a watchmaker, even if you could not see the watchmaker at work?**
- d) Design Requires a Designer, A Painting Requires a Painter,
a Watch requires a watchmaker; Intelligent design points to an intelligent designer

II. CHRIST AND CREATION

A. THE CREATION OF THE COSMOS

1. (Genesis 1:1) God created the cosmos from nothing

- a) the universe, stars, planets, deep space galaxies, nebula, rings of Saturn, our galaxy
- b) **(Gen. 1:2)** The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters
- c) In **(Genesis 1:26)** “let US make man in OUR Image...”
- d) We see the plural divine nature of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit

B. CHRIST WAS ACTIVE IN THE CREATION OF THE COSMOS

1. Not until John 1 do we see Christ Involved in Creation (Jn 1:1-3)

- a) Jesus is the source of all life – not only biological life, but the very principle of life.
- b) The ancient Greek word translated life is zoe, which means “the life principle,” not bios, which is mere biological life.

2. Notice Christ’s work in Creation in (Colossians 1:15-17)

- a) Jesus Created the Visible Universe and Invisible Realm
- b) The Physical Realm and the Created Spiritual Realm
- c) The term Firstborn does not mean Jesus was created—it means Jesus is first in pre-eminence over creation.
- d) Through Jesus All Things Exist

3. It was through Jesus that God made the Universe! (Hebrews 1:1-2)

- a) [NIV the universe]
- b) And it is through the Word of Jesus Power that suspends every atom in place

HOW INCREDIBLY SAD THEN THAT...

C. CHRIST CREATED THE WORLD BUT THE WORLD DID NOT KNOW HIM

1. (John 1:3, 10-11) The World was Made By Him but the World Knew Him Not

2. But Not only did the world rejected the Author and creator of Life,

the world crucified Him as a Criminal on a Roman Cross

3. (Acts 3:13–15 ESV) ‘You killed the Author of life’

But This was the Eternal Plan that the Creator Would Bring About a New Creation!

III. CHRIST AND THE NEW CREATION

A. JESUS MIRACLES OF NEW CREATION

1. Jesus First Miracle at Cana was a Miracle of Creation...

- a) Jesus helps a young couple out of an embarrassing situation
- b) And Jesus Did this behind the scenes Without Taking any Credit for it!

2. Jesus Miracles showed His power Over Creation & Power of New Creation!

- a) Jesus Calmed the Storm
- b) Cast out demons
- c) Healed a woman’s disease
- d) Raised Jarius’ Daughter from the dead

3. Jesus broke up every funeral He ever attended!

- a) Jesus shows His Power over... Nature, Creation, Disease, Demons, even Death

4. John refers to Jesus’ Miracles as “Signs.”

“Some see the miracles recorded in scripture as an implausible suspension of the laws of the physical universe. As signs, though, they serve just the opposite function. Death, decay, entropy, and destruction are the true suspensions of God’s laws; miracles are the early glimpses of restoration... >

“Jesus healings are not supernatural miracles in a natural world. They are the only truly natural things in a world that is unnatural, demonized and wounded”. -Jurgen Moltmann

5. Jesus miracles display the true laws of the new creation

B. JESUS SPIRITUAL WORK OF NEW CREATION

1. Jesus told Nicodemus You Must be Born Again! (John 3)

2. To be Born Again is an Act of New Creation!

3. Someone once asked a preacher is baptism a work? The preacher said

YES it is a work — it is a work of God!

God takes our spirit which was dead in sin and makes us alive together with Christ!

IV. IMPLICATIONS FOR US

A. JESUS HAS THE POWER TO MAKE A NEW YOU

1. We see this in his healing and life-giving miracles...

2. But This was Also the Spiritual Work of Jesus on the Cross!

3. Jesus paid our debt in full so In Christ We can be a New Creation!

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

B. JESUS MAKES ALL THINGS NEW

1. (Revelation 21:1–5)

C.S. LEWIS: “If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for a different world.”

2. Deep down we know there is something better!

3. The Bible Tells us there is something Better

4. And Jesus Promises us there is something better!

CONCLUSION:

1. God thought of everything before hand! (John 14:1-3)

2. From the Creation of the Heavens and the Earth—

To a New Heaven and New Earth

3. From the Creation of the Cosmos—To the Creation of You

4. God left no detail unplanned and no need unmet