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## PREFACE

**N**ow here's a fact – in the pages of the Canon of Scripture, and written into the Holy Bible, are the specific answers to every one of these questions!

**T**he origins of time, matter, life, light and order are described – as also is the origin of death, quite often as matter-of-fact statements and certainly with no apologies for brevity regarding causality! There is no 'theorizing' of how everything came to exist, and Scripture even details the inevitable course of everything, how everything will end, and what will 'replace' it.

**I**nterestingly, human involvement in everything, and our perception and appreciation of it is also clearly assessed in Scripture. To quote a few passages:

**T**he fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*" [Or probably it should just read, "No God."] "They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; *there is* none who does good, no, not one. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and do not call on the LORD? (Psalms 14)

**T**he fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge, *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. (Proverbs 1)



**W**hy do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, *saying*, "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then he shall speak to them in his wrath, and distress them in his deep displeasure: "Yet I have set my King on my holy hill of Zion." "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to me, 'You *are* my Son, today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give *you* the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" (Psalms 2)

**P**roclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your ploughshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, 'I *am* strong.'" Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. Cause your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow—for their wickedness *is* great." Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision. (Joel 3)

**R**ejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes; but know that for all these God will bring you into judgement.



**R**emember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": While the sun and the light, the moon and the stars, are not darkened, and the clouds do not return after the rain; in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men bow down; when the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look through the windows grow dim; when the doors are shut in the streets, and the sound of grinding is low; when one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of music are brought low; also they are afraid of height, and of terrors in the way; when the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper is a burden, and desire fails.

**F**or man goes to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets. *Remember your Creator* before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well. Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it. (Ecclesiastes 11 & 12)

**B**ut know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



**I** charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word! For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. (II Timothy 3)

**T**he heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, *I* test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

**F**or the land is full of adulterers; for because of a curse the land mourns. The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up. Their course of life is evil, and their might *is* not right.

**F**or both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in my house I have found their wickedness," says the LORD. "They commit adultery and walk in lies; they also strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns back from his wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to me, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and performed the thoughts of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

**C**an anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD. (Jeremiah 17 & 23)



**F**inally, let's read what the apostle Peter had to say, namely: Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Saviour, knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."

**F**or this they wilfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning *his* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? (II Peter 3)







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ruly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because he has appointed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising him from the dead. (Acts, chapter 17)



In the beginning [of time] God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void [of life]; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **So the evening and the morning were the first day.**

When God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. **So the evening and the morning were the second day.**

When God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear"; and it was so. And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters he called Seas. And God saw that *it was* good. (Genesis, chapter 1)







hen God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. **So the evening and the morning were the third day.**

**T**hen God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. **So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.**

**T**hen God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.** (Genesis, chapter 1)







hen God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

**C**hen God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his *own* image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

**A**nd God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that he had made, and indeed *it was* very good. **So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.** Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had done [because it was complete], and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. (Genesis, chapters 1 & 2)









his *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had *g*rown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man to till the *g*round; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the *g*round. And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the *g*round, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. The LORD God planted a *g*arden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the *g*round the LORD God made every tree *g*row that is pleasant to the sight and *g*ood for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the *g*arden, and the tree of the knowledge of *g*ood and evil. Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the *g*arden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "**Of every tree of the *g*arden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of *g*ood and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**" And the LORD God said, "*It is* not *g*ood that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man he made into a woman, and he brought her to the man. And Adam said: "*This is* now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (Genesis, chapter 2)







**S**o when the woman saw that the tree [of the knowledge of good and evil] was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

**A**nd they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?" So he said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

**W**hen to Adam he said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" —therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. (Genesis, chapter 3)







ow it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and he was grieved in his heart. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

**M**ake yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And behold, I myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female." (Genesis, chapter 6)





**S**o Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

**A**nd the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters.

**A**nd the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit of life, all that *was* on the dry *land*, died.

**S**o he destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*. And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.







**W**hen God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.

**W**hen the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. (Genesis, chapters 7 & 8)

**S**o Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."







**S**o God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move *on* the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

**B**ut you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood. Surely for your lifeblood I will demand *a reckoning*, from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God he made man. And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it." (Genesis, chapters 8 & 9)



Now this *is* the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood. The sons of Japheth *were* Gomer, Maşoğ, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. The sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. Cush beğot Nimrod; he beğan to be a mighty one on the earth. And the beğinning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. The sons of Shem *were* Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. These *were* the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood. Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. (Genesis, chapters 10 & 11)









nd it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

**B**ut the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.  
(Genesis, chapter 11)



" **W**here were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell *me*, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God [angels?] shouted for joy?







**O**r *who* shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth *and* issued from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band; when I fixed my limit for it, and set bars and doors; when I said, "This far you may come, but no farther, and here your proud waves must stop!" Have you commanded the morning since your days *began*, *and* caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?



**W**here *is* the way *to* the dwelling of light? And darkness, where *is* its place, that you may take it to its territory, that you may know the paths *to* its home? Do you know *it*, because you were born then, or *because* the number of your days *is* great? By what way is light diffused, *or* the east wind scattered over the earth?

**W**ho has divided a channel for the overflowing *water*, or a path for the thunderbolt, to cause it to rain on a land *where there is* no one, a wilderness in which *there is* no man; to satisfy the desolate waste, and cause to spring forth the growth of tender grass? Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew? From whose womb comes the ice? And the frost of heaven, who gives it birth?

**C**an you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the belt of Orion? Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs? Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you set their dominion over the earth?









Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart? Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can pour out the bottles of heaven, when the dust hardens in clumps, and the clods cling together? Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in *their* dens, or lurk in their lairs to lie in wait? Who provides food for the raven, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food? Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, *and* spread its wings toward the south? Does the eagle mount up at your command, and make its nest on high?

Look now at the behemoth [a dinosaur?], **which I made along with you**; he eats grass like an ox. See now, his strength *is* in his hips, and his power *is* in his stomach muscles. He moves his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are tightly knit. His bones *are like* beams of bronze, his ribs like bars of iron. He *is* the first of the ways of God; only he who made him can bring near his sword. Surely the mountains yield food for him, and all the beasts of the field play there. He lies under the lotus trees, in a covert of reeds and marsh. Indeed the river may rage, *yet* he is not disturbed; he is confident, though the Jordan gushes into his mouth,

Can you draw out Leviathan [a marine dinosaur?] with a hook, or *snare* his tongue with a line *which* you lower? Can you put a reed through his nose, or pierce his jaw with a hook? Can you fill his skin with harpoons, or his head with fishing spears? Lay your hand on him; remember the battle—never do it again! Indeed, *any* hope of *overcoming* him is false; shall *one not* be overwhelmed at the sight of him?







Who can remove his outer coat? Who can approach *him* with a double bridle? Who can open the doors of his face, *with* his terrible teeth all around? *His* rows of scales are *his* pride, shut up tightly *as with* a seal; one is so near another that no air can come between them; they are joined one to another, they stick together and cannot be parted. Strength dwells in his neck, and sorrow dances before him. The folds of his flesh are joined together; they are firm on him and cannot be moved.

He regards iron as straw, *and* bronze as rotten wood. The arrow cannot make him flee; sling-stones become like stubble to him. Darts are regarded as straw; he laughs at the threat of javelins. His undersides *are* like sharp potsherds; he spreads pointed *marks* in the mire. He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment. He leaves a shining wake behind him; *one* would think the deep had white hair. On earth there is nothing like him, which is made without fear. He beholds every high *thing*, he *is* king over all the children of pride."

When Job answered the LORD and said: "I know that you can do everything, and that no purpose *of yours* can be withheld from you. *You asked*, 'Who *is* this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Listen, please, and let me speak; *you said*, 'I will question you, and you shall answer me.' I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you. Therefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes." (Job, chapters 38 – 42)







LORD, our Lord, how excellent *is* your name in all the earth, who have set your glory above the heavens! When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you visit him? You have made him to have dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all *things* under his feet, all sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how excellent *is* your name in all the earth! (Psalms, chapter 8)





he heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. *There is* no speech nor language *where* their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tabernacle for the sun, which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising *is* from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

**T**he law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; the judgements of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. (Psalms, chapter 19)









**B**y the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; he lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spoke, and it was *done*, he commanded, and it stood fast.

**T**he LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD, the people he has chosen as his own inheritance.

**T**he LORD looks from heaven; he sees all the sons of men. From the place of his dwelling he looks on all the inhabitants of the earth; behold, the eye of the LORD *is* on those who fear him, on those who hope in his mercy. (Psalms, chapter 33)

**L**ord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, you *are* God. You turn man to destruction, and say, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight *are* like yesterday when it is past, and *like* a watch in the night. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret *sins* in the light of your countenance. For all our days have passed away in your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh.







**T**he days of our lives *are* seventy years; and if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, yet their boast *is* only labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of your anger? For as the fear of you, *so is* your wrath. So teach *us* to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on your servants. Oh, satisfy us early with your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!



he LORD reigns, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed, he has girded himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. Your throne *is* established from of old; you *are* from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *than* the mighty waves of the sea. Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house, O LORD, forever.



He who planted the ear, shall he not hear? He who formed the eye, shall he not see? He who instructs the nations, shall he not correct, he who teaches man knowledge? The LORD knows the thoughts of man, that they *are* futile. Blessed *is* the man whom you instruct, O LORD, and teach out of your law, that you may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit is dug for the wicked. For the LORD will not cast off his people, nor will he forsake his inheritance. But judgement will return to righteousness, and all the upright in heart will follow it.  
(Psalms, chapters 90 – 94)







Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his wonders among all peoples.

For the LORD *is* great and greatly to be praised; he *is* to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Honour and majesty *are* before him; strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, give to the LORD glory and strength. Give to the LORD the glory *due* his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; the world also is firmly established, it shall not be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and all its fullness; let the field be joyful, and all that *is* in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD. For he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth. (Psalms, chapter 96)





LORD my God, you are very great: you are clothed with honour and majesty, who cover *yourself* with light as *with* a garment, who stretch out the heavens like a curtain. *You who* laid the foundations of the earth, so *that* it should not be moved forever, You covered it with the deep as *with* a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away. You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, that they may not return to cover the earth.

**H**e causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the service of man, that he may bring forth food from the earth, he appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knows its going down. You make darkness, and it is night, in which all the beasts of the forest creep about. *When* the sun rises, they gather together and lie down in their dens. Man goes out to his work and to his labour until the evening.

**O**LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your possessions—this great and wide sea, in which *are* innumerable teeming things, living things both small and great. There the ships sail about; *there is* that Leviathan which you have made to play there. These all wait for you, that you may give *them* their food in due season. You hide your face, they are troubled; you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalms, chapter 104)





LORD, you have searched me and known *me*. You know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *but* behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.



Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend into heaven, you *are there*; if I make my bed in hell, behold, you *are there*. If I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," even the night shall be light about me; indeed, the darkness shall not hide from you, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to you*. For you formed my inward parts; you covered me in my mother's womb. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when *as yet there were none* of them. (Psalms, chapter 139)



raise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light! Praise him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; he made a decree which shall not pass away.







**P**raise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths; fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling his word; mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars; beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl; kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth; both young men and maidens; old men and children. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.  
(Psalms, chapter 148)



**S**o everything *there is* a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck *what is* planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to gain, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. He [God] has made everything beautiful in its time. Also he has put eternity in the hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does *it*, that men should fear before him. That which is has already been, and what is to be has already been; and God requires an account of what is past. I said in my heart, "God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work."  
(Ecclesiastes, chapter 3)







n the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his *robe* filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; the whole earth *is* full of his glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

**S**o I said: "Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

**A**lso I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here *am* I! Send me." And he said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed." (Isaiah, chapter 6)







Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has taught him? With whom did he take counsel, and *who* instructed him, and taught him in the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations *are* as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales; look, he lifts up the isles as a very little thing. All nations before him *are* as nothing, and they are counted by him less than nothing and worthless.

**T**o whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to him? Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? *It is* he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants *are* like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He brings the princes to nothing; he makes the judges of the earth useless. Scarcely shall they be planted, scarcely shall they be sown, scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, when he will also blow on them, and they will wither, and the whirlwind will take them away like stubble. "To whom then will you liken me, or *to whom* shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.

**L**ift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these *things*, who brings out their host by number; he calls them all by name, by the greatness of his might and the strength of *his* power; not one is missing. Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. (Isaiah, chapter 40)







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isten to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been upheld *by me* from birth, who have been carried from the womb: even to *you* old age, I *am* he, and *even* to grey hairs I will carry *you*! I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.

**T**o whom will you liken me, and make *me* equal and compare me, that we should be alike? Remember the former things of old, for I *am* God, and *there is* no other; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man who executes my counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken *it*; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed *it*; I will also do it. Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted, who *are* far from righteousness: I bring my righteousness near, it shall not be far off; my salvation shall not linger. And I will place salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory." (Isaiah, chapter 46)

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isten to me, O Jacob, and Israel, my called: I *am* he, I *am* the First, I *am* also the Last. Indeed my hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand has stretched out the heavens; *when* I call to them, they stand up together. All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear! Who among them has declared these *things*? The LORD loves him; he shall do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm *shall be against* the Chaldeans.








**E**ven I, have spoken; yes, I have called him, I have brought him, and his way will prosper. Come near to me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, I *was* there. And now the Lord GOD and his Spirit have sent me."

**T**hus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I *am* the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go. Oh, that you had heeded my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. Your descendants also would have been like the sand, and the offspring of your body like the grains of sand; his name would not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me."  
(Isaiah, chapter 48)

**"**  he Lord GOD has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him who is* weary. He awakens me morning by morning, he awakens my ear to hear as the learned. The Lord GOD has opened my ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. I gave my back to those who struck *me*, and my cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. *He is* near who justifies me; who will contend with me? Let us stand together. Who *is* my adversary? Let him come near me. Surely the Lord GOD will help me; who *is* he *who* will condemn me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up."  
(Isaiah, chapter 50)







hus says the LORD: "Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool. Where *is* the house that you will build me? And where *is* the place of my rest? For all those *things* my hand has made, and all those *things* exist," Says the LORD. "but on this *one* will I look: On *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at my word.

**J**ust as they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations, so will I choose their delusions, and bring their fears on them; because, when I called, no one answered, when I spoke they did not hear; but they did evil before my eyes, and chose *that* in which I do not delight." The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the LORD, who fully repays his enemies! (Isaiah, chapter 66)



Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given you the former rain faithfully, and he will cause the rain to come down for you—the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*. Then you shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel: I *am* the LORD your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on *my* menservants and on *my* maidservants I will pour out my Spirit in those days.







**A**nd I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass *that* whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

**F**or behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of my people, my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up my land. They have cast lots for my people, have given a boy *as payment* for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink." (Joel, chapters 2 & 3)

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and it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "that I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight; behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but shall not find *it*. In that day the fair virgins and strong young men shall faint from thirst."







**I**saw the Lord standing by the altar, and he said: "Though they dig into hell, from there my hand shall take them; though they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them down; and though they hide themselves on top of Carmel, from there I will search and take them; though they hide from my sight at the bottom of the sea, from there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them; though they go into captivity before their enemies, from there I will command the sword, and it shall slay them. I will set my eyes on them for harm and not for good."

**T**he Lord GOD of hosts, he who touches the earth and it melts, and all who dwell there mourn; all of it shall swell like the River, and subside like the River of Egypt. He who builds his layers in the sky, and has founded his strata in the earth; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth—the LORD *is* his name.

**"B**ehold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth; yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," says the LORD. "For surely I will command, and will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as *grain* is sifted in a sieve; yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground. All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.'

**O**n that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name," says the LORD who does this thing.





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"Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "when the ploughman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow *with it*. I will bring back the captives of my people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God. (Amos, chapters 8 & 9)





oe to her who is rebellious and polluted, to the oppressing city! She has not obeyed *his* voice, she has not received correction; she has not trusted in the LORD, she has not drawn near to her God. Her princes in her midst *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves that leave not a bone till morning. Her prophets are insolent, treacherous people; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. The LORD *is* righteous in her midst, he will do no unrighteousness. Every morning he brings his justice to light; he never fails, but the unjust knows no shame.

"I have cut off nations, their fortresses are devastated; I have made their streets desolate, with none passing by. Their cities are destroyed; *there is* no one, no inhabitant. I said, 'Surely you will fear me, you will receive instruction' — so that her dwelling would not be cut off, *despite* everything for which I punished her. But they rose early and corrupted all their deeds.

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**T**herefore wait for me," says the LORD, "until the day I rise up for plunder; my determination *is* to gather the nations to my assembly of kingdoms, to pour on them my indignation, all my fierce anger; all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, that they all may call on the name of the LORD, to serve him with one accord.

**I**n that day you shall not be shamed for any of your deeds in which you transgress against me; for then I will take away from your midst those who rejoice in your pride, and you shall no longer be haughty in my holy mountain. I will leave in your midst a meek and humble people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness and speak no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed *their* flocks and lie down, and no one shall make *them* afraid."  
(Zephaniah, chapter 3)



**B**ehold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. And in that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west. It shall come to pass in that day *that* there will be no light; the lights will diminish. It shall be one day which is known to the LORD—neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen *that* it will be light. And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—"The LORD *is* one," and his name one. (Zechariah, chapter 14)







**W**our words have been harsh against me," says the LORD, "yet you say, 'What have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; what profit *is it* that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked as mourners before the LORD of hosts? So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up; they even tempt God and go free."

**W**hen those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard *them*; so a book of remembrance was written before him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on his name. "They shall be mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I make them my jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

**F**or behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," says the LORD of hosts, "that will leave them neither root nor branch.

**B**ut to you who fear my name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do *this*," says the LORD of hosts. (Malachi, chapters 3 & 4)





THE  
EXISTENCE  
OF  
EVERYTHING

Where Did Time, Matter, Life,  
Light & Order Come From?











n the beġinninġ [of time] was the [pre-existent] Word, and the [self-existent] Word was with God, and the [co-existent] Word was God. He was in the beġinninġ with God. **All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made that was made.** In him was life, and the life was the liġht of men. And the liġht shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

**T**here was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John [John the Baptist]. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Liġht, that all through him miġht believe. He was not that Liġht, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Liġht. That was the true Liġht which ġives liġht to every man cominġ into the world.

**H**e was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own [humanity? Israel?], and his own did not receive him. But as many as received him, to them he ġave the riġht to become children of God, to those who believe in his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,** and we beheld his ġlory, the ġlory as of the only beġotten of the Father, full of ġrace and truth. John bore witness of him and cried out, sayinġ, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me [by human birth] is preferred before me, for he was before me.'" And of his fullness we have all received, and ġrace for ġrace. For the law was ġiven through Moses, *but* ġrace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only beġotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared *him*.  
(John, chapter 1)







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ow a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. When Jesus heard *that*, he said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." These things he said, and after that he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." Then his disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that he was speaking about taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."

**S**o when Jesus came, he found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him, but Mary was sitting in the house. Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.** Do you believe this?"

**S**he said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." (John, chapter 11)







Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions [dwellings]; if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; and from now on you know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known me, Philip? **He who has seen me has seen the Father;** so how can you say, 'Show us the Father?'"  
(John, chapter 14)

God, who made the world and everything in it, since he is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is he worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, since he gives to all life, breath, and all things. And he has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us;









for in him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also his offspring.' Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because he has appointed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising him [Jesus Christ] from the dead." (Acts, chapter 17)

**H**owever, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

**W**here *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.









**B**ut God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in his presence. (I Corinthians, chapters 1 & 2)





All flesh *is* not the same flesh, but *there is one kind* of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, *and* another of birds. *There are* also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another. *There is* one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory. So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam [Christ] *became* a life-giving spirit.

**H**owever, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second man [Jesus Christ] *is* the Lord from heaven. As *was* the *man* of dust, so also *are* those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly *man*, so also *are* those *who are* heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *man*.









Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?" The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians, chapter 15)



lessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, by which he has made us accepted in the Beloved. **In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in himself,**







that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in him. In him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians, chapter 1)





He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of his love, in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins. **He [Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things consist.**

**A**nd he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he may have the pre-eminence. For it pleased *the Father that* in him all the fullness should dwell, and by him to reconcile all things to himself, by him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of his cross. (Colossians, chapter 1)









**G**od, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by *his* Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of *his* glory and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as he has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

**A**nd of the angels he says: "Who makes His angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire." But to the Son *he says*: "Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of your Kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions."

**A**nd: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak you will fold them up, and they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will not fail."

**B**ut to which of the angels has he ever said: "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.  
(Hebrews, chapter 1)









eloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both* of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Saviour, knowinḡ this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walkinḡ accordinḡ to their own lusts, and sayinḡ, "Where is the promise of his cominḡ? For since the fathers fell asleep, all thingḡ continue as *they were* from the beḡinninḡ of creation." For this they wilfully forḡet: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standinḡ out of water and in the water, by which the world *that* then existed perished, beinḡ flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judḡement and perdition of unḡodly men.

**B**ut, beloved, do not forḡet this one thingḡ, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerninḡ *his* promise, as some count slackness, but is lonḡsufferinḡ toward us, not willinḡ that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the niḡht, in which the heavens will pass away with a ḡreat noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these thingḡ will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ouḡht you to be in holy conduct and ḡodliness, lookinḡ for and hasteninḡ the cominḡ of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, beinḡ on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, accordinḡ to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which riḡhteousness dwells. (II Peter, chapter 3)







**S**or the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him [God] who subjected *it* in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labours with birth pangs together until now. Not only *that*, but we also who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

**F**or we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

**N**ow he who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because he makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *his* purpose.

**F**or whom he foreknew, he also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he predestined, these he also called; whom he called, these he also justified; and whom he justified, these he also glorified. (Romans, chapter 8)









# THE EXISTENCE OF EVERYTHING

Where Did Time, Matter, Life,  
Light & Order Come From?









ehold, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, even they who pierced [crucified] him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**I** [the apostle John] was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands, and in the midst of the seven lamp-stands *one* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.



**H**is head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow [purity], and his eyes like a flame of fire [holiness]; his feet *were* like fine brass [judgment], as if refined in a furnace, and his voice as the sound of many waters; he had in his right hand seven stars, out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword [the word of God], and his countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength [power]. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I *am* he who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore [Messiah - Christ]. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this."  
(Revelation, chapter 1)





**N**ow I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And he who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except himself. He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God [Jesus Christ - John Chapter 1]. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should strike the nations. And he himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he has on *his* robe and on his thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

**A**nd I saw the beast [Antichrist], the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him who sat on the horse and against his army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. (Revelation, chapters 19 & 20)







hen I saw a great white throne and him [God] who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation, chapter 20)



ow I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them *and be* their God.

**A**nd God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then he who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And he said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."







**A**nd he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be my son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

**W**hen one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her light *was* like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. (Revelation, chapter 21)

**B**ut I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honour into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honour of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (Revelation, chapter 21)







**A**nd he [one of the 7 anġels] showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him. They shall see his face, and his name *shall be* on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God ġives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

**W**hen he said to me, "These words *are* faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his anġel to show his servants the things which must shortly take place. "Behold, I am coming quickly [suddenly]! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

**N**ow I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the anġel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, "See *that you do not do that*. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

**A**nd he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."







"**A**nd behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward *is* with me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.*"

**B**lessed *are* those who do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practises a lie.

"**I**, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

**F**or I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: *If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

**H**e who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

**Amen.**

(Revelation, chapter 22)











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