

The Things That Are Revealed
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Genesis 1:3-25



1. Play a round or two of word association to get started. See what deep psychoses it reveals! Then discuss the Tozer quote, **“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”** Share what comes to mind when you think about God. How does this relate to the six days of creation?
2. Why is the phrase, “And God said...” so essential? How does that relate to our own reading and study of the Bible? Do your habits/disciplines reflect the importance of God’s Word in your life? How could that change, if not?
3. Read John 1:1-5, Hebrews 1:1-3, and Revelation 4:11 aloud. These New Testament passages reveal more about the Creator and the greater story being told. When God says, “Let there be light” in Genesis 1:3, he is thinking beyond that first day of creating. What do we learn from the three NT passages that can fall under the three headings of God made it, we blew it, and he redeemed it?
4. As look at the six days of creation we see God forming and then filling in response to Genesis 1:2 where the earth was said to be “formless and void” (empty). What does the description in genesis 1:3-25 tell us about God and about the creation itself? How does this give you confidence when it comes to those who believe in evolution?
5. Review the four essentials in the Genesis narrative. Why is to less important that we know how God did it?
6. Read Psalm 19:1 and thank God that, as David Atkinson put it, **“God’s creative activity in history is not only the preservation of what he has made; it is a continuous, creative engagement with his world, leading forward to its future glory.”** How should we live and respond to God in light of his stated desire to engage with his creation, including us?

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What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

— A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

Seeing the creation unfold...

...I am sure of the one who did it—"And God said"

The assertion that God created the physical universe is of paramount importance. It answers the question, why is there something rather than nothing? [SLIDE 7] It implies that this universe cannot explain itself, as secular atheism, by definition, must maintain. It tells us that this material universe is not the ultimate reality. God is.

— John C. Lennox, *Seven Days That Divide the World*

...I am blessed by what he did—"Let there be..."

John 1:1-5

Hebrews 1:1-3

Revelation 4:11

Astronomy leads us to a unique event, a universe which was created out of nothing, one with the very delicate balance needed to provide exactly the right conditions required to permit life, and one which has an underlying, one might say, "supernatural" plan.

— Arno Penzias, Nobel prize-winning physicist (as quoted in John C. Lennox)

...I am untroubled by how he did it—"And it was so."

The essentials in the Genesis narrative:

- (1) God created
- (2) That creation is ex nihilo
- (3) Adam and Eve were created by God
- (4) This a literal not figurative account

It is always dangerous to shout where God has whispered.

— R. C. Sproul and Robert Wolgemuth

Both views are possible, but neither one is certain. And we must say very clearly that the age of the earth is a matter that is not directly taught in Scripture but is something we can think about **only by drawing more or less probable inferences from Scripture.**—Wayne Grudem

...I am humbled by why he did it—"It is good."

Psalm 19:1

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— David J. Atkinson