

Heavens - continued

Who Is the Designer?

How did all the design in the universe come about? Was it simply by accident over billions of years of naturalistic evolution? Explosions, like the “Big Bang” suggested by atheists and evolutionists, do not create order. They create disorder. They do not create complexity. They create chaos.

Is it reasonable to believe that all this design in the universe came about by accident? Did it just happen? Well, ask yourself this: Did the following come about by accident, a cellphone, a computer, an automobile, a house, a TV, a watch, or a clock? You know the answer. All these things were created by an intelligent designer (mankind).

So, is it reasonable to believe that an intelligent being created the many complexities of the our universe? Yes! Who is that Grand Designer? God created the universe through Jesus Christ (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-16).

Friend, God also created you and the rest of mankind special within the universe (Psalm 8:3-4). And you can have a relationship with him today through Jesus Christ and obedience to the gospel. - *Chris Reeves*

- Word of the Week -

“Instruction” (Gr. διδασκαλία) means teaching or doctrine. Paul wrote that the scriptures are profitable for “instruction” (2 Timothy 3:16). As a Christian, we need to be open to learning and being instructed from God’s word on a regular basis. What will you be learning from God’s word this week (Romans 15:4) and what will you be teaching (Romans 12:7)?

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God - Part 2

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows his handiwork
- Psalm 19:1 -*

*For the invisible things of him since the
creation of the world are clearly seen, be-
ing perceived through the things that are
made, even his everlasting power and di-
vinity; that they may be without excuse
- Romans 1:20 -*

*... that ye should turn from these vain
things unto a living God, who made the
heaven and the earth and the sea, and all
that in them is: who in the generations
gone by suffered all the nations to walk in
their own ways. And yet he left not himself
without witness, in that he did good and
gave you from heaven rains and fruitful
seasons ...
- Acts 14:15-17 -*

Stars Genesis 1:14-19

A star is a glowing, hot ball of hydrogen gas. The fusion of hydrogen to helium produces the heat, light, and energy found in a star.

Stars are approximately 400 times bigger and farther away than the moon (both have the same angular size), 100 times the earth's diameter, 93 million

miles from the earth, and 864,000 miles in diameter. They provide light for the earth and energy for plant growth.

The Bible and stars: Genesis 1:14-19; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 136:9; 147:4; 148:3-6; Job 9:9; 38:31-33; Isaiah 13:10; 40:26; Jeremiah 31:35; 32:17; 33:22; James 1:17



The closest star to us is Alpha Centauri. It is about 25 trillion miles away and 6,800 times farther away from the earth than Pluto.

There are many galaxies with stars. We live in the Milky Way galaxy containing about 100 billion stars and many nebula and quasars.

Stars provide light and direction. But, they are not for worship (Deuteronomy

4:19) and they are not for revelation (Isaiah 47:13; Jeremiah 10:2).

The “north star” (Polaris) has been used for centuries to navigate.

The “morning star” or “day-star” (Venus) appears in the eastern sky at dawn (Job 38:7; Isaiah 14:4,12; 2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 2:28; 22:16).

Christians are to shine as “lights” (luminaries) in the world (Philippians 2:15).

The Bible speaks of the following stars and constellations (Isaiah 13:10):

- Pleiades (Job 9:9; Job 38:31-33; Amos 5:8).
- Arcturus or the Bear and her cubs (Job 9:9; 38:31-33).
- Orion (Job 9:9; Job 38:31-33; Amos 5:8).
- Mazzaroth (Job 38:31-33; constellations; Zodiac signs).
- Castor and Pollux (Acts 28:11; Gemini constellation)

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