



# The First Article of the Apostle's Creed

## Topic: God Created the World

### Lesson: Genesis 1-2

There is much confusion surrounding the origin of the universe. Many believe one of the numerous theories of evolution. Others try to give God a part in these theories by teaching a theory called theistic evolution. Still others believe that God created the world.

The Bible clearly states that God created the world. It says this, not just in the first two chapters of Genesis, but over 70 times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Jesus, during his ministry, also put his stamp of approval on the biblical account of creation.

Look up the following passages and fill in the missing words:

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Psalms 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

#### Read Genesis 1:1

In this verse we notice something about God right away. He existed before creation. Read:

Psalms 90:2 **Before** the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

The bold portions tell us that God existed before creation.



**Think About This:** *Who Made God? Where did God come from?*

Now look at the underlined portion of the

previous verse. How long has God been around?

*From everlasting*

What does the word "everlasting" mean?

*forever*

So how does that answer the thought question, "Who Made God?"

*Nobody made God. He has always been here*



Although we mainly focus on the Father creating, Scripture actually says all three persons of the Trinity were involved.

Look at the highlighted portion of each verse and answer which person of our God it is talking about:

1 Corinthians 8:6 **yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came**, and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

*The father made all things*

Colossians 1:16 **For by him** (use the section header to find out who the "him" is) **all things were created:** things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

*Christ, Jesus created all things*

Psalms 104:30 **When you send your Spirit, they are created,** and you renew the face of the earth.

*The Holy Spirit created all things*

Now look at these verses: Where do you see the Trinity referred to?



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Genesis 1:2 "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

*The Spirit of God*

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..."

*"us" the plural*

## What Did God Use to Create Everything?

God created "the heavens and the earth" (i.e., the universe) out of nothing.

Hebrews 11:3 <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was not seen.



This verse shows that God created everything "**ex nihilo**" out of nothing. There was nothing before God started creating.

Read through Genesis 1. Also, complete the following verses:

Psalm 33:6 -- By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the **breath of his** mouth.

Jeremiah 32:17 <sup>17</sup>"Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth **by your great power** and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."

Throughout the Bible we see God creating by simply speaking.

What do you think this emphasizes about God?

*His almighty power*

**THINK ABOUT THIS:** If God can create everything just by speaking, what does that mean for your life, the problems in your life or your needs in life?



*Since God just speak and everything happens, then He will be able to take of the problems I have in life.*

Throughout Genesis one we also see God's great wisdom in creation. "Omniscience" comes into play here.

How does his creation of light on the first day reveal that he is all-wise and or all knowing (omniscient)?

*He knew that everything would need light to live*

Psalm 104:24 <sup>24</sup>How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

## How Long Did It Take? Millions of Years?

Each day of creation is described in the same way. "And there was evening, and there was morning - the first ( ... second, ... third etc.) day."

This is a description of a normal 24-hour day.

The rest of the Bible agrees with this:

## Exodus 20:9-11

<sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your

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towns.<sup>11</sup> *For in six days* the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

*Underline in the passage above where God tells us how long He took to create everything.*

What connection does He make with the length of time He worked and us?

As He worked 6 days, and rested on the 7th, we should also take time to rest from our work.



The Bible clearly states, again and again, that God took only six 24 hour days to create everything.

### WHAT ABOUT THE BIG BANG?

The “big bang” is a story about how the universe came into existence. It proposes that billions of years ago the universe began in a tiny, infinitely hot and dense point. This point supposedly contained not only all the mass and energy that would become everything we see today. It is supposed that over vast



periods of time, the energy from the big bang cooled down as the universe expanded. Some of it turned into matter—hydrogen and helium gas. These gases collapsed to form stars and galaxies of stars. Some of the stars created the heavier elements in their core and then exploded, distributing these elements into space. Some of the heavier elements allegedly began to stick together and formed the earth and other planets.

This story of origins is entirely fiction. But sadly, many people claim to believe the big-bang model. If you want to read of the science involved please read <https://answersingenesis.org/big-bang/does-the-big-bang-fit-with-the-bible/>.

### Fast Facts

- Ironically, the one thing the big bang does not explain is the origin of the universe. It is only a story about what supposedly happened afterwards. Where did the first matter come from?
- Claims that God used natural processes deny what the Creator Himself has said about the creation process.

1. The Bible tells us that God created heaven, earth, and everything within them in the span of six days ([Exodus 20:11](#)) and rested on the seventh day. This is the basis for our work week ([Exodus 20:8](#)). In contrast, the big bang model claims that the universe and earth formed over billions of years.
2. Genesis tells us that God created the stars on the fourth day—three days after the earth was created. In contrast, the big bang model claims that stars existed billions of years before the earth.
3. The Bible tells us that the earth was made from water ([2 Peter 3:5](#); [Genesis 1:2-9](#); [Psalm 24:2](#)), but the standard secular model teaches that the earth began as a molten blob.

In short, the Holy Bible, God’s eye witness report contradicts the Big Bang theory.

### AT HOME REVIEW:

Complete this worksheet:

Memorize:

1st Article and Explanation through:  
“...protecting me from all evil.”