



# In the Very Beginning

## Lesson 3

**Introduction:** *How do you know that there is a god? (Review from Lesson 2)*

**Revealed Knowledge =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Natural Knowledge =** \_\_\_\_\_

*There's a reason God gives every human some NATURAL KNOWLEDGE about him...*

Written...

**Acts 17:26-27** From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

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**Where did this world come from?**

Written...

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**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.

**Exodus 20:11** 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.

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**Evaluate:** *The Bible says God created the world, but science proves that it EVOLVED over millions of years.*

**Evolution:** *The hypothesis that all things came into being by chance, developing from lower to higher forms. (hereditary transformation with slight variations)*

**Atheistic evolution:** *denies the existence of God and credits all to "chance" (e.g. Big Bang).*

**Theistic evolution:** *Teaching that God did create everything through the process of evolution over millions of years. They explain Genesis by claiming that the word "day" refers to a longer period of time than 24 hours.*

*Written...that  
you may  
have life.*

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**Evidence of God's existence...it's all around us!**

- ☞ Consider the human brain;
  - ☞ the body's ability to heal;
  - ☞ the miracle of reproduction;
  - ☞ the marvel of the changing seasons;
  - ☞ the mystery of natural forces;
  - ☞ the endless varieties of animals;
- ...the list is endless!*





**Where did human beings come from?**

Written...

**Genesis 2:7** the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

**Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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**CREATION AND EVOLUTION COMPARED**

	CREATION	EVOLUTION
<b>TIME</b>	Six Days	Billions of Years
<b>METHOD</b>	God's Word	Chance or accident
<b>HUMANS</b>	God's best handiwork <i>"crown of God's creation"</i>	Highest evolved animal
<b>HUMAN'S PURPOSE</b>	To praise God in all things	To survive; serve self



**God is NOT ONLY the Creator of all things, but...**

Written...

**Genesis 8:22** As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.

**Psalm 145:15-16** The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

**Matthew 10:29-30** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny ? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

**For further learning...****True or False:**

- \_\_\_ 1. People who worship nature are really worshiping God because he created nature.
- \_\_\_ 2. The earth and its creatures came to be through a process of evolution.
- \_\_\_ 3. A Christian can believe in theistic evolution.
- \_\_\_ 4. The earth has to be millions of years old because science can tell that rocks are that old.
- \_\_\_ 5. Comparing creationism vs. evolution, humankind's purpose is different in each.
- \_\_\_ 6. Micro and Macro Evolution are the same thing.
- \_\_\_ 7. Evolutionist and Creationist both look at the same evidence.
- \_\_\_ 8. God made man to look like God.

God told the first humans that they were to rule over and take care of creation. How can we do that today?

**Read Genesis 1-2 completely.**

What did God create on the first day? Let there be \_\_\_\_\_

What did God create on the second day? Let there be \_\_\_\_\_

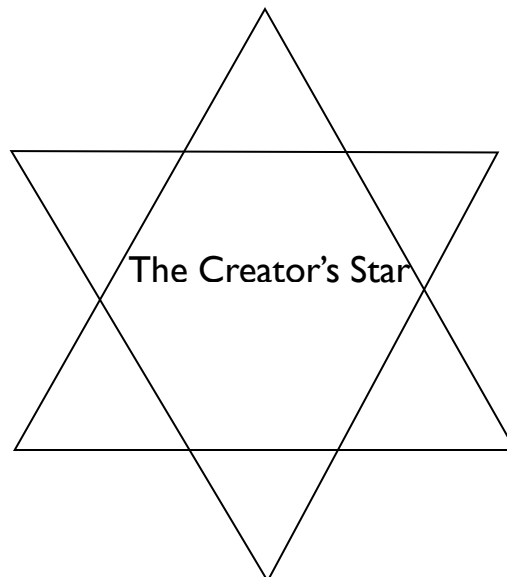
What did God create on the third day? Let the \_\_\_\_\_

What did God create on the fourth day? Let there be \_\_\_\_\_

What did God create on the fifth day? Let the \_\_\_\_\_

What did God create on the sixth day? Let the \_\_\_\_\_

What did God DO on the seventh day? \_\_\_\_\_





Name something in nature that clearly shows...

God's power: \_\_\_\_\_

God's wisdom: \_\_\_\_\_

God's goodness: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thought question:** *The Bible says faith in Jesus is the thing which gives human beings the hope of heaven. If that is the one thing we need to believe, why is it important that we continue to believe and to teach the truth of creationism?*

***For next time:***

***Read Genesis chapters 6-9***