
“Come, Let Us Reason Together” About the Bible
Understanding Life’s Greatest Questions Through the Bible
Bible Study Series

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:18)

LESSON TWO
Creation of the Universe: Science vs. Scripture

Estimated time to read this lesson: 5 - 6 minutes

How did the universe come into being?

There are two main perspectives on this question: one is from modern science, and the other is from the Bible. Both perspectives seek to answer life’s deepest, greatest questions—Where did everything come from? Why are you here? Each position offers very different answers.

What Does Science Say?

Most scientists today believe the universe began about 13.8 billion years ago with an event known as the **Big Bang**. According to this view, all space, time, matter, and energy came from a single, miniscule, unimaginably hot and dense point that suddenly expanded. As the universe cooled, atoms formed, stars were born, galaxies spun into existence, and eventually our solar system and life on Earth emerged.

Scientists claim in the beginning, there was no space, no time, and no matter, there was only a single, incomprehensibly dense point scientists call a *singularity*. It held all the energy and potential of the entire universe, compacted into something smaller than an atom. Then, nearly 13.8 billion years ago, this point began to expand, not with an explosion in space, but as an expansion **of space itself**. This moment marks the birth of the universe, what scientists call the **Big Bang**.

What followed was a moment of extraordinary transformation. Within a fraction of a fraction of a second, far shorter than a nanosecond, closer to one **trillionth of a trillionth of a trillionth of a second**, the universe underwent a dramatic phase known as **cosmic inflation**. During this briefest sliver of time, the universe didn’t just grow, it **ballooned**. Like a tiny balloon inflating at speeds beyond comprehension, space itself stretched exponentially, going from subatomic scale to something many light-years across.

This period of inflation smoothed out the chaos of the early universe, distributing energy evenly and setting the stage for the cosmic structure we see today. It was a silent, rapid expansion of unimaginable scale, a foundational moment scientists claim explains why the universe appears so uniform on a large scale, even though it began so small.

As the universe continued to expand and cool, energy began to take shape as matter. Subatomic particles: protons, neutrons, and electrons, formed and swirled in a hot, dense fog. Within minutes, these particles began to combine into the first simple elements: **hydrogen and helium**.

Yet the universe remained shrouded in darkness for hundreds of thousands of years. Eventually, as the temperature dropped further, atoms formed and light was finally able to travel freely through space. Scientists claim this released a glow we can still detect today which they call the **cosmic microwave background**, described as a faint but vital afterglow of the Big Bang that scientists study like a fingerprint of the universe's birth.

With gravity as the guiding force, gas began to gather and collapse, igniting the first **stars**. These stars grouped into **galaxies**, and within their fiery cores, heavier elements were created. When massive stars ended their lives in spectacular explosions called **supernovae**, they scattered these elements across space, paving the way for the formation of planets, and eventually, life.

Even now, billions of years later, the universe continues to expand. And not just steadily, but **increasingly faster**, driven by a mysterious force scientists call **dark energy**. Though much about the beginning remains a mystery to scientists, the theory of the Big Bang and especially the concept of cosmic inflation, has shaped scientist's understanding of how everything came to be.

The idea of the "Big Bang" falls under the umbrella of **cosmic evolution** which is the belief that everything developed through natural processes over billions of years. It involves:

- The formation of atoms
- The birth of stars and galaxies
- The development of solar systems
- The emergence of life on earth

It is very important to note: this explanation is **entirely materialistic**. It does not involve a Creator or a purpose. The unfolding of the cosmos is seen as random and unguided, driven only by physical occurrences.

It is also very important to note: **the Big Bang theory has limits**. It can describe what happened **after** the expansion began, but not **why** it began. What caused that minuscule explosion? Why did anything exist at all instead of nothing? These questions remain outside the reach of science.

What Does the Bible Say?

The Bible gives a very different answer. It doesn't begin with randomness. It begins with **a personal, intelligent Creator** who spoke things into existence with purpose and precision.

Over and over in Genesis 1, we read:

"Then God said..." "And it was so..." "And God saw that it was good..."

For example:

"Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light." (Genesis 1:3)

This reveals a powerful truth: **God's word creates**. When He speaks, reality responds. As Psalm 33:6, 9 declares:

"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made... For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." (Psalm 33:6, 9)

The universe is not the result of chaos. It's the result of **divine intention**.

Creation by Design: The Precision Watch Illustration

Imagine a finely tuned **precision watch**, with hundreds of tiny gears, springs, and hands working together to keep perfect time. Would anyone believe such a watch came into existence by accident? Of course not. It shows **intentional design**. Every part serves a purpose and fits perfectly with the others.

Now consider the universe. Consider the precise orbit of Earth around the sun, the balance of physical constants, the complexity of DNA, the fine-tuning necessary for life. The design is far more complex than any watch. Just as a watch demands a **watchmaker**, the universe demands a **Designer**, and that Designer is **God**.

As **Hebrews 3:4** says:

“For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.” (Hebrews 3:4)

Creation Was Purposeful, Not Random

The scientific view sees the cosmos as a result of a chance happening, but Scripture presents a purposeful Creator.

“For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it... Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: ‘I am the Lord, and there is no other.’” (Isaiah 45:18)

God designed Earth with life in mind, especially human life. Creation wasn't an accident. It was a deliberate act of wisdom and love.

Creation Was Finished, Not Evolving

While science teaches that creation is still unfolding, the Bible says God's creative work was completed in six days.

“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, and He rested...” (Genesis 2:1–2)

God didn't need billions of years. His word was enough. The world didn't slowly become perfect. It **began** perfect.

God Reminds Us: We Weren't There

In the book of Job, God asks profound questions that remind us of our limits:

“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.” (Job 38:4)

“This far you may come, but no farther, and here your proud waves must stop!” (Job 38:11)

We weren't there. But **God was**, and He tells us exactly what He did.

Other powerful reminders include:

“I have made the earth, and created man on it...” (Isaiah 45:12)

“For by Him all things were created... All things were created through Him and for Him.”
(Colossians 1:16)

Jesus: The Word Who Created the World

The New Testament reveals that **Jesus Himself** was the agent of creation:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” (John 1:1–3)

Colossians 1:16 repeats this truth:

“All things were created through Him and for Him.”

The same Jesus who walked among us is the One who **spoke the universe into existence**.

In the End: A Speaking God vs. a Silent Explosion

So which will you believe?

- A **silent explosion** that no one caused and no one designed?
- Or a **speaking God** who created all things with purpose, power, and love?

Hebrews 11:3 says:

“By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” (Hebrews 11:3)

When you trust in the Word of God, you don't just understand how the world began—you begin to understand why you are here and where you are going.

Questions to Confirm Understanding

Estimated time to answer the questions: 15 Minutes. With scripture lookup: 30 Minutes

Answer the following questions by circling True / False and Yes / No. Look up the scripture references given to determine the answers, or refer to the discussion. An answer key with explanations of the correct answers is provided below.

Scientific Belief About the Origin of the Universe

1. **True | False** – Scientists believe the universe began with an event called the Big Bang approximately 13.8 billion years ago.
2. **Yes | No** – According to modern science, the universe began as an already large, fully formed structure.
3. **True | False** – The term "singularity" refers to the incomprehensibly dense point from which scientists say the universe began.
4. **Yes | No** – Cosmic inflation occurred over the course of several minutes after the Big Bang.
5. **True | False** – Scientists say hydrogen and helium were the first elements to form just minutes after the Big Bang.
6. **Yes | No** – The cosmic microwave background is considered evidence for the Big Bang by many scientists.
7. **True | False** – Scientists believe gravity helped gas come together to form the first stars and galaxies.
8. **Yes | No** – A supernova is a dying star that scatters heavier elements across space.
9. **True | False** – Scientists believe the expansion of the universe is slowing down due to dark energy.
10. **Yes | No** – Scientists can explain why the Big Bang occurred and what caused it.

Biblical Belief About the Origin of the Universe

1. **True | False** – The Bible describes creation as the result of random forces and natural accidents.
2. **Yes | No** – According to Genesis 1, God created the world by speaking it into existence.
3. **True | False** – The phrase “Then God said...” appears multiple times in Genesis 1.
4. **Yes | No** – According to Psalm 33, the heavens were made by the word of the Lord.
5. **True | False** – The Bible portrays God’s creation as chaotic and disorganized.
6. **Yes | No** – The universe is compared to a precision watch to illustrate its design and purpose.
7. **True | False** – Just like a watch requires a watchmaker, the universe requires a Designer.
8. **Yes | No** – Hebrews 3:4 says God is the builder of all things.
9. **True | False** – The Bible says God created the earth with life in mind, not by chance.
10. **Yes | No** – According to Isaiah 45:18, God formed the earth to be inhabited.
11. **True | False** – The Bible teaches that creation is an ongoing, unfinished process.

12. **Yes | No** – Genesis 2 says that God finished His creative work in six days and rested on the seventh.
 13. **True | False** – The Bible states that the world began in a perfect, completed state.
 14. **Yes | No** – In Job 38, God reminds humans that they were not present when He created the earth.
 15. **True | False** – Isaiah 45:12 states that God created man on the earth.
 16. **Yes | No** – According to Colossians 1:16, all things were created through Christ and for Christ.
 17. **True | False** – The Gospel of John teaches that Jesus was the Word through whom all things were made.
 18. **Yes | No** – The Bible teaches that nothing was made apart from Christ.
 19. **True | False** – Hebrews 11:3 teaches that the world was framed by things that are visible.
 20. **Yes | No** – According to the Bible, the universe was created with purpose, power, and love by a speaking God.
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Answer Key

Estimated time to read the answers: 6 - 7 minutes; with reflection and contemplation: 40 minutes

Scientific Belief About the Origin of the Universe

1. Scientists believe the universe began with an event called the Big Bang approximately 13.8 billion years ago. **True**
Scientists believe the Big Bang marks the beginning of the universe, occurring around 13.8 billion years ago, when space, time, matter, and energy first came into existence.
2. According to modern science, the universe began as an already large, fully formed structure. **No**
Science teaches the universe began as a tiny, dense point (a singularity) that rapidly expanded. It did not start fully formed but developed over time.
3. The term "singularity" refers to the incomprehensibly dense point from which scientists say the universe began. **True**
The "singularity" is a scientific term for the minuscule, infinitely dense point believed to contain all the universe's energy and matter before expansion.
4. Cosmic inflation occurred over the course of several minutes after the Big Bang. **No**
Scientists claim cosmic inflation happened in an instant—about one trillionth of a trillionth of a trillionth of a second after the Big Bang—causing the universe to expand exponentially.

5. Scientists say hydrogen and helium were the first elements to form just minutes after the Big Bang. **True**
Scientists believe as the universe cooled, subatomic particles joined to form hydrogen and helium, the simplest and earliest elements according to science.
6. The cosmic microwave background is considered evidence for the Big Bang by many scientists. **Yes**
This faint glow of heat, left over from the early universe, is viewed by scientists as a “fingerprint” or afterglow of the Big Bang.
7. Scientists believe gravity helped gas come together to form the first stars and galaxies. **True**
Gravity is understood to be the force that pulled scattered gases into clusters, eventually forming stars and galaxies.
8. A supernova is a dying star that scatters heavier elements across space. **Yes**
Supernovae are massive stellar explosions that spread heavier elements, created inside stars, into the universe—enabling the formation of planets and life, according to scientists.
9. Scientists believe the expansion of the universe is slowing down due to dark energy. **False**
Scientists believe the expansion of the universe is actually accelerating, not slowing, and this is attributed to an unknown force called dark energy.
10. Scientists can explain why the Big Bang occurred and what caused it. **No**
While science describes what happened after the Big Bang, it does not explain why it happened or what caused the initial expansion.

Biblical Belief About the Origin of the Universe

1. **True | False** – The Bible describes creation as the result of random forces and natural accidents.
Answer: False
The Bible presents creation as a deliberate act by a personal, intelligent Creator—not a random accident.
2. **Yes | No** – According to Genesis 1, God created the world by speaking it into existence.
Answer: Yes
Genesis 1 shows that God spoke creation into being, using phrases like “Then God said...” and “It was so.”
3. **True | False** – The phrase “Then God said...” appears multiple times in Genesis 1.
Answer: True
This phrase is repeated throughout Genesis 1, emphasizing God’s creative power through His spoken word.
4. **Yes | No** – According to Psalm 33, the heavens were made by the word of the Lord.
Answer: Yes

Psalms 33:6 says, “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made... For He spoke, and it was done.”

5. **True | False** – The Bible portrays God’s creation as chaotic and disorganized. **False**
Creation is described as good, orderly, and purposeful, with God declaring His work “very good.”
6. **Yes | No** – The universe is compared to a precision watch to illustrate its design and purpose. **Yes**
The precision watch is a common illustration used to show how the universe, like a complex mechanism, reveals intentional design.
7. **True | False** – Just like a watch requires a watchmaker, the universe requires a Designer. **True**
The argument is that something as intricately ordered as the universe must have been created by an intelligent Designer—God.
8. **Yes | No** – Hebrews 3:4 says God is the builder of all things. **Yes**
Hebrews 3:4 says, “He who built all things is God,” pointing to His role as the Creator.
9. **True | False** – The Bible says God created the earth with life in mind, not by chance. **True**
Isaiah 45:18 states that God did not create the earth in vain, but formed it to be inhabited.
10. **Yes | No** – According to Isaiah 45:18, God formed the earth to be inhabited. **Yes**
This verse directly says God created the earth with a purpose—to support life, especially human life.
11. **True | False** – The Bible teaches that creation is an ongoing, unfinished process. **False**
Genesis 2:1–2 says creation was finished after six days, and God rested on the seventh day.
12. **Yes | No** – Genesis 2 says that God finished His creative work in six days and rested on the seventh. **Yes**
The Bible states clearly that God completed His creative work in six days and then rested.
13. **True | False** – The Bible states that the world began in a perfect, completed state. **True**
God called His creation “very good,” indicating that it was complete and without flaw from the beginning.
14. **Yes | No** – In Job 38, God reminds humans that they were not present when He created the earth. **Yes**
Job 38:4 records God asking Job, “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?”
15. **True | False** – Isaiah 45:12 states that God created man on the earth. **True**
Isaiah 45:12 says, “I have made the earth, and created man on it.”
16. **Yes | No** – According to Colossians 1:16, all things were created through Christ and for Christ. **Yes**
Colossians 1:16 confirms that Christ was the agent of creation: “All things were created through Him and for Him.”

17. **True | False** – The Gospel of John teaches that Jesus was the Word through whom all things were made. **True**
John 1:1–3 declares Jesus as the Word and affirms that “all things were made through Him.”
18. **Yes | No** – The Bible teaches that nothing was made apart from Christ. **Yes**
John 1:3 says, “Without Him nothing was made that was made.”
19. **True | False** – Hebrews 11:3 teaches that the world was framed by things that are visible.
False
Hebrews 11:3 says the worlds were framed by the word of God, and that things seen were made from things not visible.
20. **Yes | No** – According to the Bible, the universe was created with purpose, power, and love by a speaking God. **Yes**
Scripture repeatedly shows that creation was an intentional act of God, filled with purpose, executed by His word, and rooted in love.
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