

**(1) God spoke and the universe came into being, Genesis 1:1, cf. Hebrews 11:1-3.**

- ***FAITH. BELIEVE GOD.*** *The one and only way by which we understand the origins of the universe.*
- (Hebrews 11:1–2 NIV84) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.



**(2) God spoke and formed and filled the earth, Genesis 1:1-23.**

- ***FIRST FIVE DAYS:*** In five days God formed the Earth and filled it with light, sun and moon, plant life and filled the water and the sky with swarms of swimming, flying creatures.

**(3) God spoke the universe into being and his eternal power and divine nature are clearly and continuously displayed and perceived, cf. Psalm 19:1-4, Romans 1:20.**

- (Romans 1:20 NCV) There are things about him that people cannot see—his eternal power and all the things that make him God. **But since the beginning of the world those things have been easy to understand by what God has made.** So people have no excuse for the bad things they do.



■ **WE UNDERSTAND CREATION BY BELIEVING GOD ...**

- (Hebrews 11:3 ESV) **By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God**, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

■ **THE ONE WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS—HE IS GOD ...**

- (Isaiah 45:18 ESV) For thus says **the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!)**, who **formed the earth** and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): “I am the LORD, and there is no other.”

■ **GOD SET THE EARTH ON ITS FOUNDATIONS ...**

- (Psalm 104:5–9 ESV) **He set the earth on its foundations**, so that it should never be moved. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.
- **The slant of the earth**, tilted at **an angle of 23°**, gives us our seasons. If it was **not tilted exactly at 23° we would not only lose our seasons but life itself**—as the vapors from the ocean would move north and south, piling up continents of ice. If our moon were closer, our tides would daily inundate whole continents” (Kent Hughes).

■ **THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD ...**

- (Psalm 19:1–4 NLT) The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. 2 Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. 3 They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. 4 Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun.