

Quest Confirmation Class

Week Two: Creation

Bible Basics

- Books, Chapter and verse breakdown
- How to read



What really happened? OR What was there before the universe began?

Read Genesis 1.1-2; Psalm 19; John 1.1-5

- Cosmic fluke? Accident? Meaningless process? Impersonal?
Or
- Designed with intelligence, beauty, personality, meaning, love, life...

How did God create the universe and our world?

Read Genesis 1.3-31

- "God Said" - God creatively, speaks, creates as an artist!
- God is creating a home, a nest for God's crowning artwork: Human Beings.

Why were there 6 days of creation and 1 day of rest?

Read Genesis 2.1-3

- The story of Creation has a *6 day structure* to remind the people of God to *rest on the Sabbath* and to keep that day holy. See Exodus 20.8-11.

What about Evolution & the BIG BANG?

- Science may help us understand How the Universe has grown, developed, aged, but science cannot tell us WHY we are here!
- Religion, especially biblical Judaism and Christianity, does explain why: God created the universe to take pleasure and joy in us, and so that we too can worship God and enjoy God forever.
- Many scientists and cosmologists (people who study the universe) now believe that the biblical account of creation fits very accurately with new scientific discoveries.
- Christians can believe that God allows change, growth, adaptation, into the creation.
- BUT Christians do not need to believe that the universe and our world are evolving by themselves, apart from God's sovereign purposes, care and interaction.

What about me? OR What is so special about being human?

Read Genesis 1.26-31; 2.15-25

- You are created in the IMAGE of God.
- Humans have the "Breath" of God within us. See Genesis 2.7.
- Humans were given charge to tend and care for creation.

Where was the Garden of Eden?

Read Genesis 2.10-14

- See Map.

