

An Authentic View Of Origins

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1, English Standard Version

Do we know who our _____ were – or _____ they were?

The Competing Views Of Origins

A. Two primary views:

1. Materialism is simply a collection of _____. People and all other things are entirely _____.
2. 2 Corinthians 5:7 – The Bible reveals that _____ is responsible for all things. We can't _____ Him, but we live by _____.
3. Psalm 19:1-3 – The _____ declare God's _____.

B. Scientific concepts that challenge the materialistic view:

1. **Nothing comes from nothing:** But where did the _____ come from? What was it that "_____”?
2. **An ordered universe demands an intelligent Designer:** The _____ system is orderly. The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics says things become _____ without outside assistance.
3. **Intelligence demands an intelligent Designer:** How do birds _____ each year? Where did our _____ come from?

C. Paley (1867): A _____ demands that there be a _____.

The Authentic View Of Origins

A. The beginning of the authentic view:

1. Genesis 1:1 – God _____ all things, the _____ claims.
2. Romans 1:18-23 – Some don't _____ to honor _____.

B. The Bible's repeated claims of this truth:

1. John 1:1-3 - _____ things were made by the _____.
2. Colossians 1:16,17 – By _____ all things were _____.
3. Hebrews 3:4 - _____ house is _____ by someone.

C. God's responses to the challenging questions:

1. Job 38:4,5 – God was there to _____ the _____ of earth.
2. Job 38:31,32 – God _____ "the Bear"; He orders the _____.
3. Job 38:36 – God put intelligence in the _____ parts.
4. Job 38:16 – How did Job know about the _____ of the sea?!

Knowing who we are forces us to choose how we will _____.

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