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You know there's one question that people all across the planet are asking every single day: Does God exist? Now maybe you even asked that. I ain't goin' to front I asked that on numerous occasions in my life before I met Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Now the reality of what Christians believe is always rooted back to what the Bible says. The Bible says in Genesis 1:1 that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Now what's dope about that passage is this. It shows us that the Bible assumes that God exists. Why? Because we believe that God is the author of Scripture. If God didn't exist, then Scripture wouldn't exist. So it's crazy how we can start from the jump, but then a lot of people don't have that assumption that we as believers have knowing that God already presumably exists.

So when we look at that passage in Genesis 1:1, we've got to understand something. When it talks about "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," well, in the Hebrew language—which is what Genesis was written in—there is no one word for the word *universe*, as you and I know what the universe to be is. So what the author of Scripture in Genesis, arguably, Moses, used to say "and God created the heavens and the earth," the reality of that is basically it's not just the planet that we live on. It's not the trees, the mountains, the rivers, the oceans; it's not just that, it's the entire universe, the whole expanse of the universe.

Now the way that scientists have often tried and attempted to explain the existence of the universe is that some trace it back some fifteen billion years ago to say that there was one event that caused everything to happen. It is oversimplified. We've heard it called "the big bang." Now the reality of what we believe about God is that we believe God is the uncaused first cause. See, the big bang theories say it was that one event that caused all of creation to become a reality so the molecules and the atoms and all those things came together and then some explosion took place.

We as believers now say, “Well, hold on. In order to believe that, you have to go back to ask what caused those elements to have existence.” And that’s where we as Christians step in to say, not necessarily the reality of the big bang, but we say aside from that, we believe that God is the uncaused first cause; He is outside of creation because He is eternal, He is infinite, He has always existed, He always will exist.

With that we look to passages like Psalm 90:1 - 4, which opens up by giving us comfort that this great God that we know who exists actually is our protection: He’s our shelter, He’s our rock, He’s our refuge. He is the one that we can run to in our time of trouble and distress, but at the same time verse 2 tells us that this great God that we run to for comfort, for love, protection, and provision existed before the mountains. He existed before all of creation; therefore, He is the one who created creation. In verses 3 and 4, what we’ll begin to see is that God is outside of time and space. There’s no limit to His being.

So the reality of that then helps us to come back to get a grip of this. If a thousand years is like a day to God, it’s amazing to us how a thousand years to us is literally a thousand years, but to Him, because He is outside of time, He is not confined to time like you and I are. It just shows how great and glorious He is. So when people say, “Does God exist?” we then look at the reality of Romans chapter 1 that says, God’s invisible, eternal qualities are put on display every moment of every day, and we see it visibly through the art gallery of God, which we call creation: the trees, the planet, the sky, the wind, the birds, everything that we see created—especially human beings—is evidence and proof that God, the uncaused first cause, does exist. But not only does He exist, He is engaged in our lives and He desires to have a relationship with us. He did everything that was necessary to secure that relationship through the person and work of Jesus Christ.

So as you go into discussion, think through this illustration I’m about to give you as the jump start for your discussion. I want you to look at the shoes that you’re rocking today—maybe it’s flip-flops. Some of you ladies are probably rocking in boots right now, but check this out. Look at the gear you got on your feet right now. Eh? I want you to understand this. Somebody designed what you have on. So the reality of somebody designing what you have on shows us that there was somebody who, in their intellect, created the design for what you are rocking on your feet today.

Same with your clothes. Same with the building that you're in. Everywhere you go you see there was a designer. Well, our world, our universe, is in the same reality. There is an intelligent designer who designed, created, and orchestrated, but He also sustains every reality of the creation that He created. Christians understand the Word of God champions that designer to be none other than our God. So as you discuss that, work through some of the questions that you've heard people ask you in regards to the creation of God. And, also, if God truly created that creation, does He exist? How can we know Him? How can we please Him? These questions are what we call worldview questions, and that's what we're here to help you understand. What is a biblical response to the questions that maybe you're asking and those around you? So make the most of your time. Get those questions answered through the beautiful truth found in God's Word.