

Beginnings

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

The two most widely held beliefs in America about how the universe came to be:

- God created everything
- Everything created itself

Three beginnings that can't be explained within evolutionary theory:

- The Cosmos – how did something come from nothing?
- Life – how did the life come from the lifeless?
- Human life – how did animals become self-reflective, rational humans?

The scientific evidence that points to God:

- The existence of the universe
- The big bang theory
- The complexity of the universe
- The complexity of life
- Irreducible complexity
- A universe intricately designed to support life

What does all this tell us about God?

- God alone is eternal; everything else had a beginning.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Psalm 90:2

You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

John 8:57-58

- God is the only one who can take nothing and make it into something.
By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.
Hebrews 11:3
- God rises far above every human limitation.
For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think.
Isaiah 55:8-9
- God is not as hidden as we sometimes make him out to be.
For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.
Romans 1:20 NLT

Next Steps

- If you have any questions or objections to this sermon or to Christianity in general, please email or Facebook message them into us at either 1) richw@ctk.church or 2) www.facebook.com/ctkferndale. A third option is to write them on the blue connection card in your program.

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- Tell about when you first came into this world? Where were you born? Who was present? Were there complications?
- Did you go from being a naturalist (evolution) to believing that God created everything? What caused you to change?
- Rich mentioned how the universe, with all its vastness and complexity, tell us a lot about God (see notes for help). What does it say about God that's particularly meaningful to you and why?
- What is a situation in your life right now where you're limited in what you can do and where you need the unlimited God to intervene?