

Beginnings – ORIGIN *(Where did we come from?)*

- **Only Two Choices**
- **Realize the Significance**
- **Is it Faith or Science?**
 - LAB - Lookable, Accessible, Breakable
- **Guess at the Evidence**
- **Inspect the Evidence**
 - Universe = "Decay"
 - Age of the Earth = "Can't Say"
 - Origin of Life by Chance = "No Way"
 - Evolution of Species and Man = "Lacks Genes and Tweens"
- **No Compromise**

DON'T - Death, Orders of Creation, Names in genealogies, Ten Commandments refer to seven-day week

Intent of Life – LIFE *(Why are we here?)*

- **Love - GOD and MAN**
- **Increase - GROW**
- **Faithfulness - Time, Talent, Treasure**
- **Eternity – Past, Present, Future**

Authority – POWER *(Who's in charge?)* A God Who is:

- **Personal and Loving**
- **Omnipotent**
- **Wise and All-Knowing**
- **Everywhere and Eternal**
- **Righteous and Reliable**

Standards – RULES *(What are the rules?)* God's rules are:

- **Revealed supernaturally, not derived by reason**
- **Universal and apply to everyone, everywhere, all the time**
- **Loving**
- **Enforced**
- **Steadfast**

Related Topics

"If Creation took place only a few thousand years ago as taught in the Bible, how has light from stars millions of light years away reached us?"

The simplest explanation is that God made the stars "full grown" with their light paths immediately (supernaturally) established. The Bible says that the lights were made to serve as signs, and it only makes sense that they would have been visible to Adam and Eve on their first night in the garden.

Some creation scientists object to the simple answer because it means that the events we witness from (supposedly) millions of light years away (exploding stars, formation of stars, etc.) didn't really happen. I don't have as much problem with that because it seems to me that all things God originally made would have "appeared" older than they were. But here are a couple other plausible scientific explanations that have also been proposed:

- The speed of light may have decreased, and light initially had an exceedingly high velocity.
- Another theory uses a type of geometry that suggests light travels in a curved space called Riemannian space, and light in such a space could be seen from anywhere in the universe in less than sixteen years.

"Aren't our sun and solar system and planet fairly ordinary in the universe?"

NOT AT ALL. There is such fine tuning for Earth's situation that even atheists acknowledge that the odds of our conditions occurring by chance are astronomical (pun intended ☺). Here are some examples:

- Our sun is the right color. If it was redder or bluer, photosynthesis would be less efficient.
- Our sun is the right mass. If it was larger there would be too much radiation and if it was smaller the earth would have to be closer to it (and more affected by its gravity).
- The earth's distance from the sun is crucial for:
 - A stable water cycle. Too far away, and most water would freeze; too close and most water would boil.
 - Temperatures that support life.
- Gravity, axial tilt, rotation period, magnetic field, and crust thickness for the earth are exactly in balance to create conditions conducive for life.
- The atmosphere's oxygen/nitrogen ratio, carbon dioxide, water vapor and ozone levels are just right for life.
- If the moon was closer to the earth, tides would be greatly increased. High tide waves could sweep across the continents. The seas themselves might heat to the boiling point from the resulting friction. On the other hand, a more distant moon would reduce the tides. Marine life would be endangered by stagnant water!

It appears that the earth's "place in space" is just right for us.