

MAIN POINT

Everything and everyone was created by our sovereign and powerful God.

INTRODUCTION

Describe your favorite work of art, meal, or piece of music. What are the characteristics? What does this piece reveal about the artist, chef, or musician?

What were you taught in school about the origin of the universe? Does this teaching adequately explain what you see in the world?

Many hold to the belief that everything came from nothing, that life came from non-life. Yet, the very existence of the universe points to a cause. One of the traditional “proofs” for the existence of God is the cosmological argument. This apologetic argument—based on the fact that everything in the universe has a cause—claims that the universe itself must also have a cause. And this cause, which must be greater than the universe, must be God.

DISCUSSION

> **READ GENESIS 1:1,25 AND PSALM 19:1-4.**

What do we learn about God from the account of creation in Genesis 1:1?

What is significant and logical about the order of creation? What did God say about each day of creation (see Genesis 1:10,18, 21)?

What are some of the clues in nature that point us to the existence of a Creator?

How do the heavens declare the glory of God? How have you experienced this personally?

Read Psalm 139:13-14. According to this passage, how much was/is God involved in your creation, development, and purpose for life?

How do the truths described in these passages refute the theory that mankind is the result of millions of years of random mutations?

Although those who reject God today don't typically turn to carved idols, they will worship something. What are some things people worship? What are the consequences for those who reject God?

Read Romans 2:13-16. How is the existence of common human morality evidence of a divine Creator?

APPLICATION

What are some ways you can engage in gracious conversation about God with those you know who doubt His existence (See 1 Peter 3:15)?