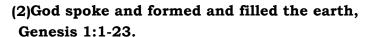
## (1) God spoke and the universe came into being, Genesis 1:1, cf. Hebrews 11:1-3.

- <u>FAITH</u>. <u>BELIEVE GOD</u>. The one and only way by which we understand the origins of the universe.
- (Hebrews 11:1–2 NIV84) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.



• <u>First Five Days</u>: In five days God formed the Earth and filled it with light, sun and moon, plant life and filled the water and the sky with swarms of swimming, flying creatures.

(3)God spoke the universe into being and his eternal power and divine nature are clearly and continuously displayed and perceived, cf. Psalm 19:1-4, Romans 1:20.

• (Romans 1:20 NCV) There are things about him that people cannot see—his eternal power and all the things that make him God. But since the beginning of the world those things have been easy to understand by what God has made. So people have no excuse for the bad things they do.



■ WE UNDERSTAND CREATION BY BELIEVING GOD ...

•(Hebrews 11:3 ESV) By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

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■ THE ONE WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS—HE IS GOD ...

•(Isaiah 45:18 ESV) For thus says **the LORD, who created the heavens** (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the LORD, and there is no other."

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## ■ God set the earth on its foundations ...

- (Psalm 104:5–9 ESV) **He set the earth on its foundations,** so that it should never be moved. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.
- The slant of the earth, tilted at an angle of 23°, gives us our seasons. If it was not tilted exactly at 23° we would not only lose our seasons but life itself—as the vapors from the ocean would move north and south, piling up continents of ice. If our moon were closer, our tides would daily inundate whole continents" (Kent Hughes).

## ■ THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD ...

• (Psalm 19:1–4 NLT) The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. 2 Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. 3 They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. 4 Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun.

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