

SCIENCE vs. GOD

There are many scientific myths and theories that popped up over the ages, like how the earth was flat, The Big Bang, Human Evolution and more. Some people still believe The Big Bang, which is quite surprising to me as it isn't very logical. You can think of it in this way: Suppose you are out there building a house of sticks. If you toss those sticks into the air, will they fall into place perfectly to make a house? I don't think so! There must be a creator to make that house. The earth couldn't have appeared out of nowhere, could it? The first book of the Bible, Genesis chapter 1 verse 1, records: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth".

The Human Evolution theory isn't any closer to the truth either. Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them". If God was the one who had created us humans, how could we have evolved from monkeys?

Now to answer that flat earth problem, Isaiah records something quite interesting for us, especially because he lived so long ago. Isaiah 40:22: "It is He (God) that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:"

Wow. Let's digest that a little. Isaiah wrote that "God sitteth upon the circle of the earth". Does that ring a bell? It does tell us something about the earth's shape — round, like a circle. Now, it says that the "inhabitants are grasshoppers". It is comparing us, humans, (the inhabitants of the earth) to grasshoppers, that are small, and seemingly insignificant. Even though we humans take pride in ourselves, we have limits, and our minds are finite. There are many mysteries out there that we are yet to find out, like the Bermuda Triangle and the traditional children's question: "What's beyond the universe?" We will never have the answers to these questions. But God knows the answers.

God is omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (all knowing) and omnipresent (all present). He chose not to reveal these answers to us. The reason is unknown although there is a possibility that it is because of our finite mind, that we will not understand even if he reveals these answers to us. God even knows the number of hairs we have on our head! Unfortunately, we are not God. We will never be God.

But we used to be pure and perfect in God's image, before sin came and ruined everything.

Sin first entered this world when our first parents, Adam and Eve sinned against God. They ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, even after being instructed not to do so by God. From then, sin came, and we started to do bad things. Sin is disobedience to God. Sin is despising the authority of God. We were evil in the sight of the Lord. Romans 3:10 says, "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one". The subsequent verses of Romans Chapter 3 lists out the horrible things that we do in a very extreme manner. We are all under the bondage of sin and none of us can escape it. You and I are sinners, and we cannot do anything to save ourselves. We are as filthy rags in front of God, who is holy and cannot tolerate sin. Oh dear!

But God, who is loving and kind, has a plan. A redemption plan to save us.

God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sins. He died on the cross for us and his blood washed away our sins. We will not have to face the consequences of sin anymore! John 3:16 describes this for us: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”.

Sin is extremely serious, and we cannot take it lightly. We must repent of our sins so that we will be forgiven by God. If we do not believe in Jesus and repent of our sins, we will be sent to a horrible place called Hell after we die. Hell is a place of burning fire, where we will be tormented forever. Hell is unlike Heaven, which instead is a place full of God’s light and glory, and will be our final destination if we believe in Jesus. John 3:18 says, “He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God”.

If we believe in Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour, we are freed from sin. But we will continue sinning due to our sinful nature, and Satan, God’s enemy, will always be trying to tempt us. However, we can always come back to God in repentance through prayer, our means of communication with God, and he will forgive us.

There is only one way to be saved by God. Jesus says in John 14:6, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me”.

To become a Christian, there are 2 simple steps:

1. Believe in Jesus and accept the fact that you are a sinner, like everyone else.
2. Trust in Jesus and walk closely with Him for the rest of your life.

Here’s a simple prayer for guidance:

Dear Jesus, please come into my heart today. I am sorry for all the wrong things that I have done. May you wash my sins away and make me as white as snow. Help me to walk closer to you. May you strengthen my faith as I continue to grow in you. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.

After believing in Jesus, we must trust in him and depend on him to help us. Here is what God tells us through his Word:

- Isaiah 41:10: “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: by not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness”.
- Psalm 91:2: “I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in Him will I trust”.
- Romans 8:28: “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose”.

We must also be a good testimony to others by showing the fruit of the Spirit:

- Galatians 5: 22-23: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law”.

Exhibit the fruit of the Spirit, share the gospel and read your bible daily for a healthy spiritual life!