

Just when I think I have a pretty good grasp on what I think I know, I get slapped in the face with new information that forces me to face how little I really do know. I hope what I just wrote makes sense. Specifically, I'm referring to God's Word, the Bible. The acronym I learned as an early Christian, B-Basic, I-Instructions, B-Before, L-Leaving, E-Earth, has never been truer for me.

The Bible is God's love letter to us, and yet so much more. His Word is alive. It is as relevant today as when it was being written. No matter how many times I read familiar verses or chapters, I learn something brand new. Recently I started taking part in two Bible studies at church. One is a study for ladies and is an in-depth look at the book of Ephesians. So far we have visited the first ten verses in the first chapter, and I am absolutely blown away.

How great is God's love for us, his chosen people, Jew, and Gentile alike, and this has been so from the very beginning. How can we not praise him for his grace, his lavish gifts of blessings, and the freedom we have in Jesus Christ?

The other Bible study I'm taking is an apologetics class, where we are learning better how to defend and share our faith. The word apologetics was confusing for me, so assuming it might be for you as well, I made an inquiry with Dr. Google:

***"Apologetics is the religious discipline of defending religious doctrines through systematic argumentation and discourse."***

Sounds pretty accurate to me. In this study, we're not learning how to 'apologize' for our faith, but how to "be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks, and to give the reason for the hope that we have" (1 Peter 3:15). We've just completed the second week together, and I feel like my mind could explode with the information I've taken in these past few days.

I never thought I would say this, let alone write it down, but this week I have learned that not only was the big bang possible, but I've also learned that the science behind the possibility of the big bang points directly to, "In the beginning, God..." (Genesis 1:1).

It is the 'when,' or the time when everything began that we may not see eye to eye. Textbooks in public schools tell us that the beginning of the universe started with an itty-bitty molecule that came from nothing and exploded into 'something' potentially millions, or even billions of years ago. The ordered world where we now live was the result.

Personally, I believe that about 6,000 + years ago, God spoke a single sentence (uni-verse), and then, BANG! The Creator started shaping and molding his masterpiece, including the planets and stars, the oceans, and mountains. And then he made us, in His image.

Which theory is more believable? Something cannot come from nothing. There must be a cause to the effect.

I've believed for a very long time that the earth was much younger than what we have been taught. And I confess, I was adamant that the big bang theory was a joke. But following my recent studies, **I am once again in awe of my Creator, as he has revealed to us scientific proof of the beginning, His beginning.**

Through the study of God's Word, taught by those much more intelligent than me, I am once again reminded that my faith in a Sovereign Creator is undeniable spiritually, and absolutely defensible scientifically. I challenge you to seek the truth for yourself. To God, be the glory.

Blessings,

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***"The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands."***

Psalm 19:1

