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**Discover the Mysteries of Life.**



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**Let's suppose that you lived along the beach.  
One morning you get up early and decide to walk along the sandy shore.  
It is a magnificent scene. The rising sun's rays dance off the water. Waves crash on the shore.**



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**As you walk down the beach in quietness, you notice a set of footprints in the sand in front of you.  
Then you notice a second and a third set of footprints.  
You look as far as you can down the beach but you don't see anyone.**

**What do all these footprints tell you? They say simply this — although you can't see anyone, someone was there.  
Someone walked down the beach before you.  
Let me ask you another question.**



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**If you stand outdoors and look around, what do you see?  
Grass, trees, hills or mountains, flowers, streams or lakes of water, maybe animals.**



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**And as you stand there, what are you standing on?  
Yes, you're standing on the ground-the surface of the earth.**



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**Look up, and what do you see?**



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**In the daytime, you might see the sun, the sky, or clouds.**

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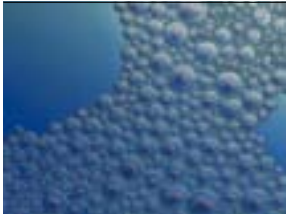
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At night, you might see thousands upon thousands of stars– or perhaps the moon.



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Just how did it get here?  
How did YOU get here?  
Who made you?



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Some say that life began with just simple cells in the sea–  
Those cells grew into tiny living things made of many cells.

Then those little living things changed over millions of years  
into little creatures that could move from the sea to dry land,  
where they grew legs.



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Millions of people all through time have believed something  
entirely different about how the universe, the earth, and all  
living things came to exist.

They believe that a Creator-God made it all.  
But which God?



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People worship many gods today: Buddha, Mohammed,  
Shinto, the gods of the Hindus, and others.

The followers of these gods claim theirs is the supreme god.



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But do you know that of all the gods in the world, only one of  
them ever claimed to be the Creator of everything?  
And that God is the God of the Holy Bible.

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So we're going to find out what we can from the Bible about the God of all creation.



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If you see a house, do you ever assume that somehow the house just made itself?  
No. You realize that someone made that house.



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If you see a road, do you think the road just made itself – or that someone made it? And roads and houses are far more simple than worlds and people.

So when you look at people and animals and stars, doesn't it just make sense to conclude that someone made them all? Someone designed these things, then made them.



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We will begin to learn about the God who claims to be the Designer and Creator of everything.

Let's start with what His book, the Bible, says about His work in creating this earth and our universe.  
First let's look at what happened on day one.



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(Text: Genesis 1:1)  
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."  
Genesis 1:1



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(Text: Genesis 1:3)  
"Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light."  
Genesis 1:3

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(Text 2 slides: Genesis 1:4, 5)

**“And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.**

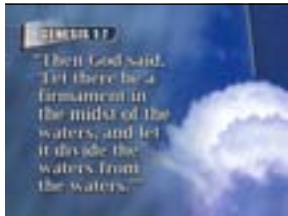


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**So the evening and the morning were the first day.”**

**Genesis 1:5**

**On the first day of the week God created this earth. He created light and began the cycle of days and nights.**



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(Text: Genesis 1:6) Day Two

**“Then God said, ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.’”**

**Genesis 1:6**

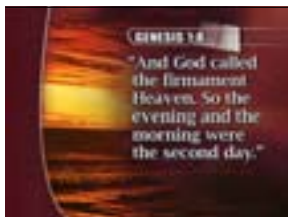


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(Text: Genesis 1: 7)

**“...and it was so.”**

**Genesis 1:7**



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(Text: Genesis 1:8)

**“And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.”**

**Genesis 1:8**

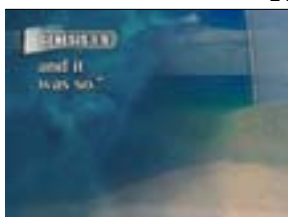
**On day two, God made the sky above us, and separated the water on the earth from the water in the clouds and sky.**



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(Text 2 slides: Genesis 1:9) Day Three

**“Then God said, ‘Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear’;**



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**and it was so**

**Genesis 1:9**

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(Text 2 slides: Genesis 1:11)

**"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed,**



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**"and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth;' And it was so." Genesis 1:11**

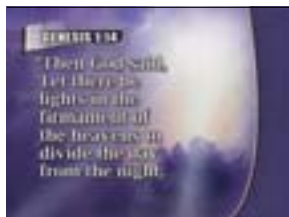


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(Text: Genesis 1:13)

**"So the evening and the morning were the third day." Genesis 1:13**

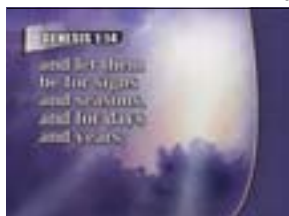
**The third day God made the dry land to appear, created the seas, and covered the earth with plant life.**



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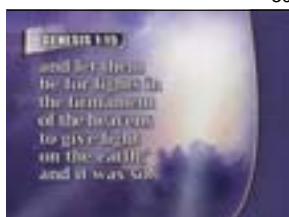
(Text 3 slides: Genesis 1:14, 15) Day Four

**"Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night;**



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**and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;**



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**and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth;' and it was so." Genesis 1:14, 15**



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(Text 2 slides: Genesis 1:18, 19)

**"And God saw that it was good."**



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**"So the evening and the morning were the fourth day."**

**Genesis 1:19.**

**On day four God caused the sun and moon to appear in the sky. He also created the stars.**



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**(Text 2 slides: Genesis 1:20) Day Five**

**What did God create on the fifth day?**

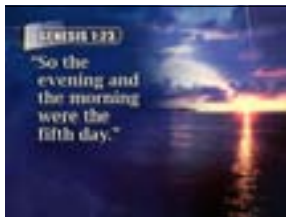
**"Then God said, 'Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures,**



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**and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.'"**

**Genesis 1:20**



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**(Text: Genesis 1:23)**

**"So the evening and the morning were the fifth day."**

**Genesis 1:23. On day five, the Bible says, God made birds and fish and other sea creatures.**

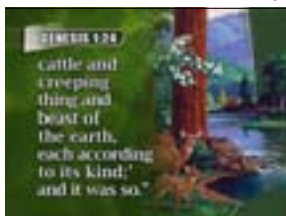


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**(Text 2 slides: Genesis 1:24) Day Six**

**The sixth day of creation was the most important so far:**

**"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind:**



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**cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind'; and it was so."**

**Genesis 1:24**



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**(Text 5 slides: Genesis 1:26, 27)**

**"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;**



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**let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle,**

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**over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”  
Genesis 1:26**



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**So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;**



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**male and female He created them.”**



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**(Text 2 slides: Genesis 1:31)  
“Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.**



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**So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”  
Genesis 1:31  
The sixth day-the day God made animals, and then His crowning creation of all – man – human beings.**



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**Adam and Eve did not just evolve or just happen. The Bible says that God designed their bodies in His image.**



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**He is the Great Engineer – the great Intelligent Designer– who brought us into being!**

## **Day Seven**

**On the seventh day, God’s work of creation was done, so He rested. And He set aside that seventh day as a Sabbath of rest.**

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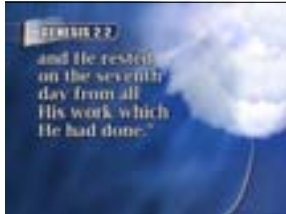
(Text 3 slides: Genesis 2:1, 2)

**"Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.**



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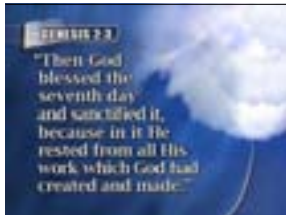
**And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done,**



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**and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done."**

**Genesis 2:1, 2**



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**Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."**

**We'll talk more about this seventh-day Sabbath of rest God made, in a later meeting.**



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**So there we have a brief look at how God created this earth and everything in it, including we human beings.**



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**Lets take a closer look at just what an amazing Designer and Creator He really is.**



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**The human body gives us amazing evidence of design and a designer.**



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**Consider just one part of the human body – the eyes:**



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**Scientists tell us that the delicate design of the eye's cornea and lens make even the most advanced cameras on earth seem like a child's toys by comparison.**



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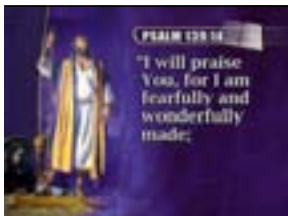
**The eye changes light into messages the brain understands in ways even the most advanced science laboratories on earth can't reproduce.**

**Brain cells change these messages into the miracle of seeing – something nothing else on earth comes even close to doing.**



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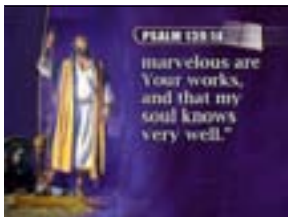
**The human eye gives evidence of a loving Creator who wants us to see the beauties that He has made in all the universe. No wonder the psalmist wrote:**



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**(Text: Psalm 139:14)**

**“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;**



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**Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.” Psalm 139:14.**

**Man's body and mind are very complicated and could only have been designed by a very wise Designer.**



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**But what about the rest of the universe? What evidence do we have that the God of design was at work in creating the entire universe?**

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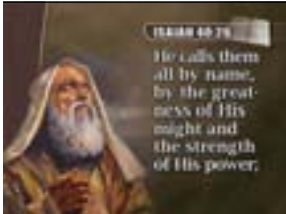
Isaiah, the gospel prophet, challenges all of us to take our eyes off the little things around us and focus them on what God has done in the sky.



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(Text 2 slides: Isaiah 40:26)

“Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number;



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He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power;



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not one is missing.”  
Isaiah 40:26



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Have you ever looked up into the sky at the countless stars above you? Have you wondered where they all could have come from and marveled at how many there are?



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God used an illustration that helps us comprehend a little better the immensity of it all.

He once took Abraham, the father of the Arab and Jewish races, outdoors and challenged him to count the stars.



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(Text: Genesis 15:5)

“Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them. So shall your descendants be.”  
Genesis 15:5.



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Recently an astronomer said that if you could count all the grains of sand on all the seashores in the world, you would have approximately the same number of grains of sand as there are stars in the heavens.

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The next time you are at the beach, try counting a bucketful of sand. Better allow plenty of time!  
Is it any wonder that King David said,



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(Text 2 slides: Psalm 8:3, 4)

“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained,



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what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?”  
Psalm 8:3, 4.



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(Video: 20sec) Have you ever wondered if a powerful God who rules and sustains such a vast universe is actually concerned with us and our problems here on Earth?

Yet Jesus said that not even a sparrow falls to the ground that God does not notice.



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(Text: Matthew 10:31)

“So don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.”  
And to emphasize even more God's love and care, Jesus said,



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(Text: Matthew 10:30)

“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”  
Matthew 10:30.  
What a God!



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What right does the God of the Bible have to claim that everyone should worship Him exclusively?  
The God of the Bible and Christianity claims that He is entitled to our worship and devotion because He is the Creator – God.

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If He is what He claims, and He is the Creator, then He does deserve our worship, don't you agree?

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When John, one of Christ's disciples and the writer of the Bible's last book, Revelation, was in vision on the Isle of Patmos, he was shown a scene in the heavenly throne room. Notice what he saw:

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(Text 4 slides: Revelation 4:10, 11)

**"The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who**

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**lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:**

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**You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power;**

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**for you created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."**

**Revelation 4:10, 11.**

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**These elders before the throne of God are praising and worshipping Him because He is the Creator. This is the same reason we should worship the God of heaven above.**

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**He is the one who made the world and all of us.**

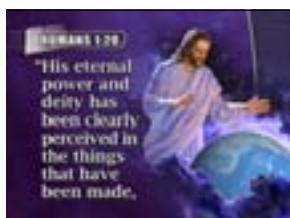
**But, you might ask, what other evidence do we have that God is the Creator? God Himself tells us that there is evidence all around us that He is our Maker.**

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(Text 2 slides: Romans 1:20)

**"His eternal power and deity has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made,**



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**even His eternal power and Godhead."**

**Romans 1:20**

**Since creation, there has been evidence in all created things that God is the Maker of all of these things.**



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**Just like the footprints on the sand.**

**We knew someone had been there even if we had never seen that person.**



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**And when you see all the things around you that had to be created by somebody, those things are like footprints that tell you Someone must exist who made all these things.**



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**God the Father, as the Bible calls Him, was not alone in His work of creation.**

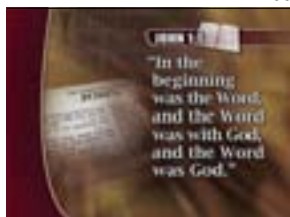


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(Text: Genesis 1 :26)

**In Genesis it says "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."**

**The gospel of John develops this even more.**



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(Text 3 slides: John 1:1-3)

**"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. And the Word was God.**



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**He was in the beginning with God.**



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**All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."**



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**(Text 2 slides: John 1:14)  
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,**



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**the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."  
John 1:14.**



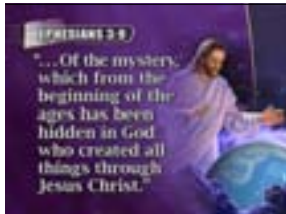
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**(Video: 3 sec)  
The Bible speaks of what we know as the Godhead: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Godhead consists of three persons, all thinking alike, yet all separate.**



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**Jesus cooperated with the Father to create everything.**



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**(Text: Ephesians 3:9)  
"Of the mystery which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ."**

**Every good and perfect gift that man has ever had or will ever have came into being as the Creator gives the human race all of the blessings available.**



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**Not only did God make man in His image and give him a beautiful universe to live in, but He is also mindful of man's needs:**

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(Text: Psalm 145:15, 16)

**“The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season.**



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**You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.”**

**Psalm 145:15, 16.**



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**Let’s take a look at just a few of the ways God cares for the needs of His creatures.**

**Consider the water you drink. It is older than the pyramids — as old as the hills.**



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**Water may be polluted by chemicals or wastes, but let the sun evaporate or lift it into the atmosphere,**



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**and it becomes clean and usable again and again, distributed by the rain, dew, or snow.**

**What a tremendous water system God designed!**



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**And there is God’s great power plant in the sky – our sun! Think for a moment:**



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**If the sun were a little bigger or a little closer to Earth, our oceans would boil away.**



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**If the sun were just a little smaller or a little farther away, our atmosphere would freeze. Either way, life could not exist on Earth.**

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**But God not only created all things, He sustains all things!  
The air we breathe is a gift of God: The Bible says,**



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**(Text: Job 12:10)**

**"In whose hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind?"**

**Job 12:10.**



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**God designed the universe, and He knew just the right formula for the air we breathe to sustain life and health on Earth.**



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**(Video 3 seconds)**

**He knew the right amount of Nitrogen, Oxygen, Argon, and Carbon Dioxide to mix into the atmosphere.**

**That certainly couldn't just happen!**



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**There is no end to the wonders in our natural world-no end to God's care for His creatures.**

**Think of the migration of the birds, one of the greatest puzzles of nature.**



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**How can birds weighing less than an ounce navigate thousands of miles nonstop to a destination they have never seen?**



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**How could fish find streams where their lives began, 1,200 miles across unmapped oceans?**

**How did they learn to know when and where to go?**



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**Who taught the honeybee to make the honeycomb which is such an engineering marvel, and with a brain no larger than a pinhead?**

**Who is the Mastermind behind it all? Job tells us:**

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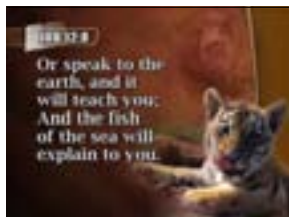
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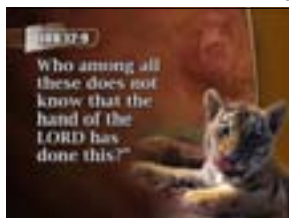
(Text 3 slides: Job 12:7-9)

**"But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you;**



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**or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you.**





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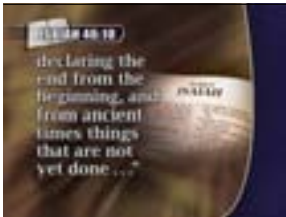
**Doesn't it give you peace of mind to know that God can handle everything in the universe and in your personal life?**

**No problem is too small to bring to the God of the galaxies. God knows everything – He even knows it all ahead to time.**



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**(Text 2 slides: Isaiah 46:9)  
He says, "I am God, and there is none like me,**



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**declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done."  
Isaiah 46:10**



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**What peace and confidence we can have knowing that nothing can happen to us that is too hard for God to take care of. But best of all,**



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**(Text: 1 John 4:8)  
"God is love."  
Jesus said:**



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**(Text: John 16:27)  
"The Father himself loves you..."**



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**(Video: 10 sec) Does it surprise you that the mighty God who created and sustains such a colossal, complete universe could be concerned about you?**



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It is staggering to contemplate God's unlimited power, His deep wisdom, and His ability to be everywhere. But love is something we can understand. And there is nothing in all the world that can separate us from God's love!



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(Text 4 slides: Romans 8:38, 39) "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers,



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nor things present nor things to come,



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nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God



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which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
Romans 8:38,39.



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God loves us when we are lovable-but also when we are unlovable. Do you realize that?  
He loves us whether we are black or white, male or female, beautiful or ugly. There is nobody else like that!  
But most important, He loves us forever!



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(Text: Jeremiah 31:3)  
"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love."



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(Text: Psalm 100:5)  
David wrote: "The Lord is good and His love endures forever."  
Psalm 100:5.

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**God never gives up on us! He is with us every moment we live and will never leave us!**

**And as if there still might be some doubt in our minds about His love, God explains it in such simple terms that we can easily understand:**



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**(Text 3 slides: Isaiah 49:15,16)**

**"Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb?"**



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**Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you.**



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**See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands..."**  
**Isaiah 49:16.**



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**God tried to demonstrate His love to man, but words and messages sent by prophets and angels were not enough. We didn't get the message.**



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**So God then sent His Son. Jesus was the perfect revelation of the personality and character of His Father.**



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**(Text: John 14:9)**

**He said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father."**



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**If we really want to know what God is like and how He feels about us, we need to study the life of Jesus. He took our nature, that He might reach our needs. He preached the good news of salvation to the poor. He healed the brokenhearted and gave sight to the blind.**

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**He fed the hungry and ate with the people in their homes. He forgave their sins and gave them hope for the future.**



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**His face was the first face many saw.  
His voice the first many ever heard.  
He spread life and joy throughout the villages and towns where He walked.**

**His life was one of self-denial and thoughtful care for others.**



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**As we see the shame, the insults, and humiliation He endured, His death at Calvary and His broken heart, we begin to understand a little bit of the love of God for His children.**



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**(Text: John 3:16)  
“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,**



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**that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”  
John 3:16.**



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**Who is this God of the Universe?  
He is the powerful Creator.  
He is the amazing provider.  
He is the incredible designer.  
He is the loving Father.**



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**Many years ago a little boy was in a tragic accident. He was rushed to the hospital in critical condition.  
The boy needed an immediate blood transfusion. No donor could be found.**

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**His father had the same blood type and agreed to donate blood.**

**The doctor's began to do a direct blood transfusions from the father's arm to the son.**

**As the blood flowed directly from his arm through a plastic tube into his son's still still body, he looked up at the physician and with tears in his voice said,**

**"Doctor, if you need to, take it all. Doctor, I am willing to give all my blood for my son."**



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**Our heavenly Father looked at the world He created and saw it lost in sin.**

**He gave all heaven could give in His son.**

**Jesus said, "Father, if you need to, take it all. Take every drop of my blood to save my son, my daughter, my friend."**



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**How can you turn away from such love?**

**An all-powerful, loving God made you.**

**When the human race sinned, He gave His all for you.**

**You matter to Him. He loves you with an amazing love.**

**As we bow our heads to pray tonight, would you like to lift your hand and say, "Lord, I open my heart to your love right now. Thank you for creating me and redeeming me. I give my life to you right now."**