

The Origin of All Things

The great German astronomer Kepler made what is now a prayer for many dedicated Christians, a short but very theological sound prayer.

“O God, I thank you that you have permitted me to think your thoughts after You.”

This prayer is theologically sound because it acknowledges the priority of God in the universe.

Genesis 1:1 [NIV] *“In the beginning God ...”*

This is undoubtedly the most important statement in the whole of the Christian Bible.

It is in God that all things begin, even all our thoughts.

Note the words of Augustine:-

“But Thou, O Lord, who ever livest, and in whom nothing dies, since before the world was, and indeed, before all that can be called ‘before’, thou existed, and art the God and Lord of all creatures; and with thee fixedly abide the causes of all unstable things and the changing sources of all things changeable, and the eternal reasons of all things reasoning and temporal.”

Whatever new thing anyone discovers is already old, for it is but the present expression of a previous thought of God.

The idea of something precedes the thing itself.

When ideas raise thoughts in the thinker’s mind these are the ancient thoughts of God, however imperfectly understood.

Psalms 139:1-2 [NIV] *“O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.”*

The Hebrew word translated “afar” is “râchôq” meaning long ago or of old. Our thoughts are **not** original.

Psalms 139:4 [NIV] *“Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.”*

God knows beforehand what we are about to say.

How is this?

Humans are locked in time and space, God operates outside of time and space, He is eternal and omnipresent, everywhere present at the same time.

Psalms 139:7-12 [NIV] *“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, ‘Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,’ even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.”*

There is no escaping the presence and influence of God.

Jeremiah 23:23-24 [NIV] *“Am I only a God nearby,” declares the LORD, “and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD.”*

God is always near to every human being.

All this is very difficult for our finite mind to understand and accept, we have to accept it as fact in faith.

When a true thought enters any human’s mind, be the saint or sinner, it must of necessity be God’s thought, for God is the origin of every true thought or action.

That is why many real truths are spoken or written by people other than Christians.

Should an atheist, for instance, state that two times two equals four, he would be stating a truth and thinking God’s thought after him, even though he might deny that God exists at all.

Note now a very important statement.

In their search for facts humans have confused facts with truth.

John 8:31-32 [NIV] *“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

These words of Jesus Christ have been wrenched from their context and used to stir people to the pursuit of knowledge, facts, of many kinds with the expectation of being made “free”, by knowledge.

This is **not** what Jesus Christ had in mind when He uttered the words as the context shows.

Such “truths” as humans discover in the earth beneath and in the astronomical heavens above are **not** really truths but facts.

We call them truths but they are but parts of the jigsaw puzzle of the universe and when fitted together provide at least a hint of what the vast physical creation of God is like.

They are **not** truths and certainly **not** the truth that Jesus Christ was talking about.

John 14:6 [NIV] *“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.”*

The word truth should be spelt with a capital “T” for it is Jesus Christ who is the Creator God of all that exists.

John 1:1-4, 14 [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.” ... “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

Jesus Christ became a human being to show us what God is like, His nature and character.

Jesus Christ is the truth and reveals the true God.

John 14:8-11 [NIV] *“Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own.*

Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.”

When we look at and meditate on the words and life of Jesus Christ we see and know the true God.

The human mind requires an answer to the question concerning the origin and nature of all we see about us.

The world as we find it must be accounted for in some way.

Philosophers and scientists have sought to account for our physical world, and in their labours they have come upon many useful and inspiring **facts**.

But they have **not** found the final truth.

The truth comes only by revelation and illumination.

Those who believe the revelation in the Christian Bible know that the whole universe is a creation, the work of a Creator God.

The Christian Bible reveals that the universe is **not** eternal because it had a beginning, and it is **not** the result of a series of coincidences whereby an all but infinite number of matching parts accidentally found each other, fell into place and began to live.

To believe such an origin demands a vast amount of faith and credulity.

Romans 1:20-21 [Living Bible] *“Since earliest times men have seen the earth and sky and all God made and have known of His existence [as Creator of all they see] and a great eternal power, so they will have no excuse, when they stand before [the Creator] God at judgement day. Yes they knew about Him all right, but they wouldn’t admit it or worship Him or even thank Him for all His daily care, and after a while they began to think up silly ideas of what God was like and what He wanted them to do. The result was that their foolish minds became dark and confused.”*

God doesn’t need to perform miracles to convince atheism, because what He has created proves who He is, the Creator of all things, and the One who now sustains all He has created.

Colossians 1:15-17 [NIV] *“He [Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”*

The context of this passage of scripture shows it is Jesus Christ who is the One that is being referred to.

All who have faith in what God has revealed in His Word, the Christian Bible, do **not** depend upon speculation.

Hebrews 11:3 [NIV] *“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”*

Faith is an organ of revealed knowledge, the truth.

Genesis 1:1 [NIV] *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

John 1:1-3 [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. **Through him all things were made;** without him nothing was made that has been made.”*

The One we know as Jesus Christ is the Word that spoke and all things to come into existence out of nothing.

In the beginning was God and nothing else.

It is the Son of God, our Creator who is the Truth that makes us free.

Not facts, not scientific knowledge, but Eternal Truth who delivers us from our sin created eternal death and offers us the freedom of eternal life.

John 17:3 [NIV] *“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”*

The knowledge of what God the Father has done for all humanity through His eternal Son, Jesus Christ, the Word who brought all things into existence.

Not only is the origin of all things revealed in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, but also the nature of all things as well.

The origin of all things is spirit.

The unseen basis of all created physical things is a spiritual power and energy.

This “*physical*” universe is a spiritual moral universe, it is governed by spiritual moral laws and will be judged in the end by spiritual moral laws.

Job 32:8 [NIV] *“But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding,”* [**Proverbs 20:27; 1 Corinthians 2:11**].

Humans alone of all living creatures possess moral perception and are answerable to the spiritual laws that pervade and sustain the universe.

The human material concept of the origin of all things is “*in the beginning was matter.*”

The revealed truth of the origin of all things is “*in the beginning was God.*”

Romans 1:18-20 [NIV] *“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”*

The wrath of God is directed against all humans who suppress the truth by promoting “*materialism*” through the theory of evolution that tries, unsuccessfully, to prove the origin of all things without a Creator God.

Why do they do this?

Because they do **not** want to believe they are accountable to the Creator God who gave them life and sustains their life.

Accountable for how they conduct this life they have received.

2 Corinthians 5:10 [NIV] *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”*

This is going to happen whether we believe it or not.

Do you want to face Jesus Christ, the Word who is the originator of all the universe, and tell Him by what we believe and how we lived that He is **not** the origin of all things?

I know I never want to be in such a horrific situation.