FOREWORD

Welcome to our Bible study on *Wars—Spiritual and Physical*. Like most of us, you worry about your physical survival. Each day is a routine: Wake up, shower, put on clean clothes, eat breakfast, travel to work, be productive at work, finish job, return home, eat supper, watch the news, go to bed, and get a good sleep. "*Another day, another dollar,*" as saying goes. Most of us get so engrossed in this physical life that we forget about the activities in the **spirit world**, where much of our troubles originate. You, and the rest of us, need to take time out and dedicate a few hours a week to seriously study your future. Join a Bible Study group to learn, analyze, converse, plan, and prepare for the near future. Your life, now and forever, depends on it. Even now, you are in midst of a **spiritual war**, which we will study.



Our guide is the "Word of God," from which we take our worldview perspective. We read, analyze, decipher, filter, and judge everything from that standpoint. It's our "eye glass" to see the "seen" and "unseen" universes we live in. The Bible helps us "know" and "see" our Lord. Our Creator gave His creatures **free-will** to follow Him or make alternative choices. Evil spirits put a relentless pressure on us to **sin** that will separate us from our God. They put us under stress while we are trying to make a <u>salvation decision</u> of eternal consequence.

SPIRITUAL WAR: The first war occurred in Heaven. Evil spirits invented and made war.

"There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon [and his angels] ... [the rebels] prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceive th the whole world: he [and his angels] was cast out into the earth" (Rev. 12:7-9). Then the fallen angels spread sin, war, and death against, among, and between the earthlings.

This might sound odd but in this war: **Sin** is an offensive **weapon of war** for fallen angels. **Love**, **Scripture**, and **spiritual gifts** are our defensive "**instruments of war**." Our prototype for fighting the demons is Christ, who prays first; then uses the "*Sword of the Spirit*" (*Bible*) to combat the devils. Physical weapons of war are useless against demons (evil spirits).

PHYSICAL WAR: Humans engage in wars, which are strategized and incited by the devils.

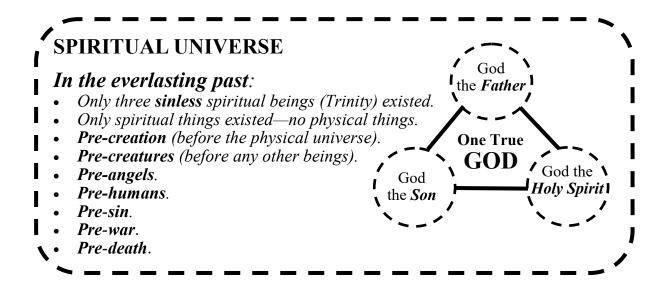
Humans continually fight among themselves; thinking people of a different country, religion, or race are their enemies. One group is pitted against another; surmising they are foes: Arabs against Jews. Chinese against Japanese. Cowboys against Indians. Whites against Blacks. Democrats against Republicans. Communistic Russians against democratic Americans.

But, all humans are brothers and sisters. **No human** is an **enemy** to another **human**. Satan has fooled us into believing that our brothers are our enemies. The **true archenemies** of mankind are **evil spirits**, who try to lure us into sin and separate us from our Heavenly Father.

PEACE—WAR QUARANTINED: Prince of Peace reigns over Christ-like citizens forever.

"They [warriors] shall beat their [people-killing] swords into plowshares ... Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Micah 4:3). "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying ... no more pain, for the former things [sin, violence, war, death] have passed away" (Rev. 21:4). "God is love" (1 John 4:16). "Love [Omnipotent God] never fails" (1 Cor. 13:8). Ultimately, God always win. So, join Him, fight alongside Him, but not against Him. Praise God.

Chapter 1: The Spirit—God the Creator



EVERLASTING to EVERLASTING

Welcome to our Bible study on Wars— **Spiritual and Physical**. To understand these wars, particularly spiritual war, we need to go back to the beginning—the everlasting past. A time when nothing existed but the Triune God.

Before the Creator constructed the physical universe, no other beings or things existed. The spiritual universe was a sinless environment. It was crystal clear without any sin.

Why would we care about who lived in the eternal past? Because people are told to serve and worship only their one true God. "For it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" Matt. 4:10).

In the everlasting past is where we find our 4. Eternal. "Now unto the King eternal, One True God. "But the Lord is the true God; He is the <u>living God</u>" (Jer. 10:10).

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world [physical universe], even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psa. 90:2).

The ever-existent God has no beginning and no end. Creation and creatures had births. So, don't worship them. Anybody* or anything that has a beginning can never be call "God." No more such unique title is given out.

* Special exception for the Mediator Christ.

WHO is the ONE TRUE GOD?

God is love, Spirit, unchangeable, eternal, and sinless—only a few of the many awesome attributes that the Bible tells us about God.

- 1. **Love**. "God is love" (1 John 4:16). God's character and nature is love. His will is love among all His creatures and creation. Our Abba Father loves us as His little children.
- 2. **Spirit**. "God is a spirit" (John 4:24). A spirit is not affected by physical things matter and time. God never grows old.
- 3. Unchangeable. "I am the Lord, I change not" (Mal. 3:6). "Jesus the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). Physical things are ever-changing, thus there's time.
- immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever" (1 Tim. 1:17).
- 5. **Sinless**. "In Him [God the Son] there is no sin [He is sinless]" (1 John 3:5). Love and sinlessness separates God from "gods."
- 6. God of gods. "For Adonai your God is God of gods [angels]" (Deut. 10:17 CJB). In this book, we'll treat angels as "gods" or "sons of God," for they're God's creatures. God is omniscient (aware of all) and omnipotent (all-powerful). "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev. 19:6).

THE TRINITY

"There are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word [Christ], and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one" (1 John 5:7). The three congruently coincide in "one" Triune God. In geometry, congruent means coinciding exactly when superimposed. Coincide means to fit in same space and time. Coincide also means being in a complete agreement. The three spirits completely agree as "one."

GOD the FATHER

Jesus instructed believers to address God as "Our Heavenly Father," even though in some religions, like Islam, it's presumptuous to call God your Father and you're His child.

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father [God] which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread" (Matt. 6:9-11).

While the callous deities of pagan religions merely want homage and obedience from their devotees, our Abba Father is a concerned real father to us, because He loves us. For the glory and pleasure of God is why we exist today.

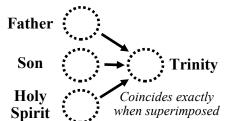
GOD the HOLY SPIRIT

First of all, the Holy Spirit is a being, not an impersonal energy or "force." A person has feelings and reasoning power. Forces do not. The Holy Spirit should not be confused with other indwelling powers, e.g.: Egyptian "ka," Grecian "pneuma," Indian "prana," African "ase," Hawaiian "mana," Chinese "chi, qi," Taoist "life-force," or Star Wars "the force."

"The **Comforter**, which is the **Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach you** all things, and bring all things to your remembrance" (John 14:26).

"When [during Pentecost] he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will **guide** you **into all truth** ... and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me [Christ]" (John 16:13-14).

"When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting ... They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues [Heavenly languages], as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).



TRINITY:
Three Spirits
congruently
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"one"
Triune God

GOD the SON (JESUS CHRIST)

From the **spirit** world, God the Spirit created the <u>physical</u> cosmos. Spiritual **birthed** physical, so Jesus (physical, **though** spiritual God) is the physical **Son** of the **Spirit** God the Father.

In the eternal past, God the Son always existed as **Spirit**. After creation, when on Earth, He was known as Jesus. Before creatures existed, God knew that He Himself, as Emmanuel, had to come to Earth to save humanity. The sinless Lamb of God had to be crucified to redeem us. "The **Lamb slain** from the **foundation of the** world [creation]" (Rev. 13:8). "For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own **Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh" (Rom. 8:3).

God didn't let His creation run amok. He entered and participated in the creation as one of the creatures (human). He didn't just decree laws, but actually subjected Himself to it and endured it. The Lord did not make His laws impossible or unreasonable for humans to live by.

About two millennia ago, the Son of God wrapped Himself in the human form of a baby. His <u>God</u>hood (Trinity status) didn't cease, but His <u>man</u>hood was added. <u>God Himself</u> had to overcome <u>sin and death</u> as a <u>regular mortal</u>.

Kings, senators, and legislators decree laws, which many don't live by, for people to follow. God lived and endured His own laws showing that His laws can be obeyed and are livable.

"Christ ... Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible ... All things were created by him, and for him ... He is the head of the body, the church ... the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence [authority, supremacy over all]" (Col. 1:7, 15-20).

Christ is the **King** of kings, **Lord** of lords, **God** of gods, and **Spirit** of spirits! Amen.

"From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psa. 90:2).

EVERLASTING PAST:

- Only God existed.
- Love existed.
- No angels existed.
- No humans existed.
- No sin or death existed.

NOW:

- · God exists now.
- Love exists now.
- Angels exist—good and evil.
- Humans exist—good and evil.
- Sin. wars, and death exist.

EVERLASTING FUTURE:

- · God will exist forever.
- Love will exist forever.
- Good angels will live in Heaven. Evil ones in Hell.
- Saved humans will live in Heaven. Sinners in Hell.

Love was the character and nature of God in

Sin. wars, and death will exist only in Hell.

NATURE of GOD—GOD is LOVE

What differentiates our Heavenly Father from "gods" is that He's *ever-existent*, *sinless*, and *love*. What people call "gods" are just creatures (avatars of evil spirits), such as the womanizing, lustful god **Zeus**, who's the child of Cronus and Rhea. The Roman god *Jupiter* is the son of Saturn and Ops.

Jehovah, God of Israel, and **Allah**, god of Muslims, aren't identical. They don't have the same nature. One kindly loves; the other strictly rules.

Islam makes a major emphasis on obedience. If obedience was the only thing that mattered, then Allah would not have wasted his time creating humans; instead he'd have been better served by androids. A robot doesn't intentionally disobey (sin against) its master. It is 100 % obedient.

Christians must be like their loving Father. 7-19 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of **God**; and every one that loveth is **born of God**, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for **God is love**. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him ... Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation [substitute as appeasement] for our sins ... if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world ... Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God ... God is love ... We love him, because he first loved **us**. (1 John 4)

Spiritual, selfless, agape LOVE of GOD

This love (*agape*) is God's nature of true love for all His creatures and creations. Imperfect love are sinful lust (eros), flirting (ludus), possessive (mania), self-love, self-preservation (philautia), friendship, brotherly (phileo), familial (storge), or practical, pragmatic (pragma).

GOD is LOVE

the eternal past and will be in the eternal future. "God is love" (1 John 4:16). God = love. 1-3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not **love** [**God**], I have become as ... clanging cymbal. Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not

love [God], I am nothing. Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor ... though I give my body to be burned, but have not love [God], it profits me nothing.

4-7 Love [God] suffers long and is kind; love [God] does not envy; love [God] does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8-11 Love** [God] never fails ... prophecies, they will fail ... tongues, they will cease ... knowledge, it will vanish away. (1 Cor. 13)

Our Savior is love and conducts Himself in loving others. A **person of love** thinks, lives, and acts outside of his personal self and needs. Love pleases others; sin pleases self. Love will ultimately benefit all creatures and creation.

IN EVERYTHING exercise LOVE

All deeds must be done in love. Not just in science or religion, but in family, business, job, school, government, thought, action, sight, eating, drinking, teaching, etc. Else, humanity will continue to live in an evil world. Everybody should exercise the Fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. **Love** is best for all.

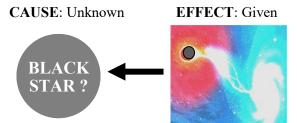
Love (like oil) lubricates the interacting mechanisms of things and beings in the universe. Sin (like friction) impedes its smooth operation.

Existence of the God and spirits

EXISTENCE of GOD

Both science and religion are based on **truth**: One on physical truths, other on spiritual truths. One on <u>law of Physics</u>, other on <u>Law of Love</u>. **Science** must be done with **love** and goodness.

We analyze the existence of God similar to the way scientists deal with unknowns. Astronomers use the **cause-effect** logic to explain the existence of Black Holes, which the human eye can't see. If they can't see the **cause**, then they examine its **effect**. They know there is a Black Star by observing its effect (evidence of star devouring objects) on the stars in its vicinity.



As scientists analyze materials through their physical effects, Saints have faith that God exists by experiencing His spiritual **love** in their lives. Love is the **effect** that verifies He exist. God is an **invisible** (beyond our five senses) **Spirit**, but His **love** materializes in their hearts. **CHARACTERISTIC** and **BEHAVIOR**

If we don't "see" it, then we analyze its effect. Scientists haven't seen an atom with their eyes, yet they have <u>faith</u> it exist by analyzing its behaviors and characteristics (number of weight, elections, neutrons, protons). Chemists categorized elements into Periodic Table according to their atomic structure. Due to its design, atoms **behave** in unique ways. **Noble gases**, e.g., have full valence electron shells. They are stable, inert gases that rarely combine with other atoms. These elements are Helium (He), Neon (Ne), Argon (Ar), Krypton (Kr), etc.

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EXISTENCE of SPIRITS

God is the Holy Spirit. Angels are spirits, who were created by the Creator God. Angels are called "sons of God" or "gods"

AGE of ANGELS? Nearly 5 billion years

When did they start existing? "I [God] laid the foundations of the earth ... and all the sons of God [angels] shouted for joy" (Job 38:4-7). Biblically, the angels existed and observed their Creator forming the Earth. Scientifically, the Earth formed about 4.5 billion years ago.

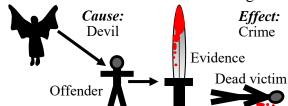
NUMBER of ANGELS—over 100 MILLION

"I [John] heard the voice of many angels ... the number of them was <u>ten thousand times ten thousand</u>" (Rev. 5:11). 10,000² is **100 million**. Whatever the exact number is, Satan turned one third of the angels (~33 million) into evil spirits.

EVIDENCE that FALLEN ANGELS exist

We verify angels' existence by investigating the unknown like a clever detective gathering **evidence** for the court. "Faith is ... [physical] **evidence** of [spiritual] **things not seen**" (Heb. 11:1). From the **evidence** gathered physically, we trace it back to a spirit (invisible evil angel) in the spirit world, where the cause originated.

Here's an illustration: Say there was a crime. As the criminal stabs the victim, some blood spills on his clothes. He hears the police siren. He panics and runs, but drops his weapon in his haste. When the police gets to the crime scene, they see no one but the dead victim. As they search, they find a bloody knife. Later they find the fingerprint of the murderer on the knife, and the victim's blood on the killer's clothing.



The lab verifies that the fingerprint belong to the culprit. A prosecutor proves, by **evidence**, that the offender killed the victim.

Similarly, none has ever seen the wily Devil. But by sin that occurs in the real physical world, Satan ("murderer from the beginning") was exposed as the real cause of sin (crime). He uses human sinners as pawns to do his dirty work. Sin is the **evidence** that proves Satan and other evil spirits exist.

Existence of Spiritual Things—Faith, Love, Sin

EXISTENCE of SPIRITUAL THINGS

Science and humans have difficulty understanding **love**, a spiritual thing. Love doesn't work according to the <u>Law of Physics</u>. Physically, as two meteorites gets farther apart, gravitational attraction weakens. But under the spiritual <u>Law of love</u>, **love** becomes stronger as you take a helpless baby farther away from its loving mother. Spiritual things do exist. People, especially the secular educated, must take spirits and spiritual (eternal) things seriously.

Obviously, the physical universe exist. Our senses detect the material objects around us. We feel, hear, see, taste, and smell them. Scientists explore with **five** senses; but saints must probe with a **sixth** sense, our **spiritual sense**. "The natural **man** [with his five senses] does not receive the [spiritual] things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him ... because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14).

LIVING by FAITH—by SPIRITUAL SENSE

Physically, our five senses are limited by what they can detect. Spiritually, our **faith** can sense spiritual things and spirits, which our human eyes can't "see."

The patriarchs had spiritual sense—faith. They did amazing deeds not understood by faithless people. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony ... who through faith subdued kingdoms ... stopped the mouths of lions ... became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens ... They were stoned, were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword ... afflicted, tormented—of whom the world [faithless people] was not worthy" (Heb. 11:1-38).

Our faith multiples as we read our Bible and are filled with the Holy Spirit. By faith we know that good angels surround, defend, protect, and help us. "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear [respect] Him [God]" (Psa. 34:7).

LIVING without FAITH—Using only five senses

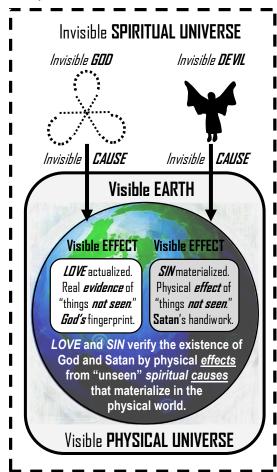
A man and his friends explored the Sterkfontein Caves in South Africa. Regrettably, he got lost and wondered around in a pitch-black cave. It took six weeks to find his starved body. What a tragic news!

But it is also true of unbelievers in spirits. <u>Living</u> <u>without faith</u> is to live in <u>spiritual darkness</u>. Secular education has depleted our awareness of God the Spirit. Scholars are intelligent, but as sinners prefer **darkness**—they don't want their shames exposed. "The Light [Jesus] from heaven came into the world, but they loved the **darkness** more than the Light, for their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). Faith sees Light.

EVIDENCE of spiritual LOVE and SIN

As scientists have "faith" that there are microscopic atoms, which are so small that they're "seen" only by faith, likewise, Christians have faith that an invisible God, spirits, angels, and spiritual things do exist. We know that God exists by the evidence of love He leaves on the hearts of humans. When righteousness occurs, it shows that a real but unseen Lord is active in a human. "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God [abides, lives] in him" (1 John 4:16).

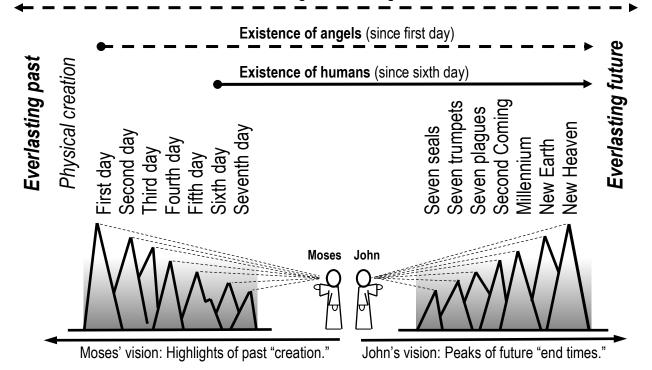
We know that fallen angels exist since they leave **evidence** of their mischievous activities behind. Sins occur when the nefarious spirits are active in our hearts and in our world. Other evidence are child molesting, aborting babies, serial killing, selling addictive drugs, profaning God's name, and other observable evil deeds.



An illustration of the effects (evidence) that God and Satan leave on our physical world.

Existence of God

Everlasting to everlasting



VISION of the PAST

Moses wrote the **Book of Genesis**. He described events that occurred *before* his lifetime. So what he has seen was a vision. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). How, when, and length of time of Creation aren't given in detail. He told us only the "mountain tops" of his vision. But between these peaks are details of "hills, rivers, trees," so to speak.

Scientists might misinterpret that the duration of creation was only 144 (6 x 24) hours. In reality, between the peaks, many events occurred in millions or billions of years.

VISION of the FUTURE

John wrote the **Book of Revelation**. He saw events that will happen long *after* his lifetime. His vision of the "end times" were given in **symbolism**. Between the highlights of the visions, other events will occur. The details of the Seven Seals, Seven Trumpets, and Seven Bowls of Plagues are vaguely understood now. As these events draw closer, they'll focus clearly in our views and minds. Then we'll definitely understand them, and even live out these prophecies.

God gave vision in an abstract **symbolism** for human comprehension and retention.

TOTAL UNIVERSE

The "Total Universe" includes the spiritual and physical universe (creation). The Creator God "spoke" creation into existence and populated it with all the creatures living therein.

SUPREME BEING—Spiritual Creator

The Trinity is the eternal beings of the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Creator made creation (things) and creatures (beings), whether earthly or heavenly.

ANGELIC BEINGS—Spiritual Creatures

"I [John] heard the voice of many angels ... the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand [100 million]" (Rev. 5:11). A third of them (~33 million) became fallen angels and demons.

On the "first day" of Creation, God created angels, who saw the Earth form (~ 4.5 billion years ago), according to science. "I [God] laid the foundations of the earth ... and all the sons of God [angels] shouted for joy" (Job 38:4-7). The angels watched the rain of asteroids, which coalesced into Earth. They've also likely help design and develop many earthly life forms.

HUMAN BEINGS—Physical Creatures

On the "sixth day," God made the first humans and set the couple in the "Garden of Eden." Satan deceived Adam and Eve into sin—starting the downward spiral of human suffering and death.

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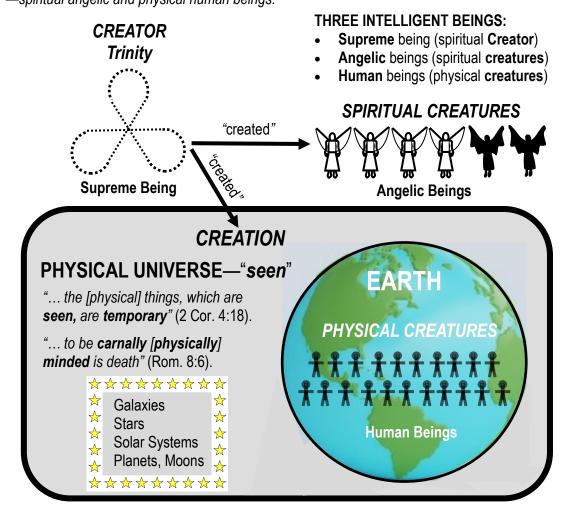
- SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE
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SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE—"not seen"

- "... the [spiritual] things, which are **not seen**, are **eternal**" (2 Cor. 4:18).
- "... to be **spiritually minded** is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

The Spiritual "birthed" the Physical:

Spiritual Creator made creation and creatures
—spiritual angelic and physical human beings.



"By <u>faith</u> we understand that the <u>whole world</u> [physical universe] was made by God's command ... what we [physically] **see** was made **by** something [spiritual] that cannot be **seen**" (Heb. 11:3 ICB).

The Bible contradicts the <u>theory of **multi-universes**</u> (beyond two), speculated by scientists and movies. The Scripture does not mention other intelligent beings (<u>outer space aliens</u>) beyond humans and angels. <u>Time Travel</u> isn't possible, since God won't allow a time-traveler to undo our Savior's work of redemption.

SEEKING for THE TRUTH

Both science and Bible seek after the truth. Science emphasizes knowledge and proven facts, while the Bible focuses on character and behavior.

If the Bible is a lie, *then* there's no love, no sin, no war, no death. If no forgiveness, Jesus died in vain.

If science isn't true, *then* computers, planes, and cars won't work. Astronomy, biology, chemistry, Periodic Table, mathematics, and physics would all be false.

If science and Bible differ, then one is false. Time travel, 11-dimensions, and multi-universe are ideas, not facts. An idea is like a free-floating balloon unless it is anchored down to a scientific or biblical truth.

Science and Bible pursue the same truth differently. But they are two sides of the same coin. One is a godly side, while the





other has become a secular (Godless—"no God") side. Science done without God results in unloving deeds and products, such as nuclear bombs and weapons.

Devout saints have faith in God, spirits, and spiritual things. Scientists have no faith spiritual laws, but have faith in physical laws. It's true that Hydrogen behaves like it has one electron, proton, and neutron. Oxygen acts like it has eights. They combine to form water (H₂O). Atoms are so tiny, we "see" them only by faith. **Understanding SPIRITS, SPIRITUAL**

We use **parables** and **analogies** to explain spiritual concepts that are hard to understand to people. Animals are land-bounded creatures; birds are air-oriented fowls. Saints are like doves, while physicists are like heavy elephants. Secular scientists and schools deny spiritual concepts, since their *only world* is physically based. They're trapped in an exclusively materialistic "box" called the "physical universe."

Like an elephant weighed down to Earth, physicists are pinned in a "box" and won't venture (fly) out. To live outside the box, one must leap out, explore, and thrive in the spiritual universe; like a dove that takes its first dive into the air and starts flying in the wind. "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit [born-again Spirit-filled Christian]" (John 3:8).

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). "When he, the Spirit of truth [Holy Spirit], is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

CREATION is made up of Creator's Words

Should Christians believe in science? Yes. Conversely, scientists must believe in God and Bible. There are **two** universes (physical and spiritual), not 10 or multiple universes. Humans are influenced and affected by both worlds whether they like it or not. Spiritual beings can tempt us with sin that can kill us.

Philosophers Leucippus and Democritus theorized of atomism (all things made of atoms). Pythagoras thought on subatomic level and said that all things are made up of string sounds. Electrons, neutrons, and protons are made up of waves and vibrations. The cosmos is like an orchestra of musical strings.

Some scientists, like Michio Kaku, believe in the "<u>String Theory</u>", like Pythagoras sound theory. Such beliefs, based on sounds, are what the Bible says that everything is made up—God's words.

"By faith we understand that the universe was created by **God's word**, so that what can be seen [physically] was made out of what cannot be seen [spiritually]" (Heb.11:3).

God **spoke** the creation into existence. So, creation is made up of words (sounds, notes, vibrations, waves). Living beings are structured with genetic DNA. Likewise atoms, matter, and energy <u>might be</u> structured with a "*DNA-like string*" of words.

A "word' can be a sound or "bit" structured like computer language at the quantum level. A **bit**, in computer science, is a binary digit (*1* or *0*). A **byte** is 8 bits. A **word** is a mixture of 16, 32, or 64 **bits** string depending on the computer processor design. A **string** is a continuous sequence of bits.

God's Word might be like a computer program for each object in creation: atom, dust, stone, tree, forest, hill, planet, wind, sea, cell, eye, brain, bones, etc.

If objects in creation aren't words, why does nature so readily obedient to its Creator? God says, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth. It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please. It shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isa. 55:11).

Why did the wind and sea obey Christ? "He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still!' The wind ceased and there was a great calm ... They ... said to one another, 'Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!'" (Mark 4:39).

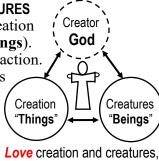
"The truth is, you can say ... 'Go, mountain, fall into the sea.' If you have no doubts in your mind and believe that what you say will happen, then God will do it for you" (Mark 11:23). God actualizes faith.

CREATOR, CREATION, CREATURES

Our Creator God made creation (things), then creatures (beings). He made laws for their interaction.

The Law of Physics governs creation that science study.

The **Law of Love** urges creatures (spiritual angels and physical humans) to loving character and deeds, which religions study.



but worship only Creator

Our Maker wants harmony and love between all His creatures and creation for the optimum interaction of all lives. Love is the ultimate benefit for all.

CREATOR

God made everything for His **pleasure** and **glory**. "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Rev. 4:11). year (orbit) takes 165 Earth years. He made creatures with **free-will**. He could have made robots (obedient programmed things), but He made children (self-determining **beings**) to—by their own free-will—love, glorify, and worship Him.

Use or misuse of free-will has led to good or evil deeds, depending on the being's intention: Sin is exploitation of others to profit oneself. Love benefits all, including all creatures and creations.

So, science must be done with love for all in mind. It should not be misused to create nuclear bombs, abortion facility, and people-destroying technology.

"The natural man [e.g., secular scientist] does not receive [spiritual understanding of] the things of the *Spirit of God*" (1 Cor. 2:14).

An Intelligent Designer (**being**) conceived, formed, and purposely made the **physical universe**: atoms, electrons, protons, neutrons, neutrinos, black holes, binary stars, quasars, pulsars, supernovas, galaxies, planets, moons, sky, oceans, and all other **things**.

It's the reverse of what scientists believe: **things** evolved into intelligent **beings**. But things naturally tends toward randomness and entropy, not order. Too many complex, intricate designs in nature contradict that life and intelligence happened accidently.

The same Intelligent Designer (Creator) that made the spiritual things also designed the physical things. So, there's a correlation between the spiritual and physical entities. Jesus used parable to explain the spiritually "unseen" by using physically "seen" things. This similarity is faith (sixth sense) for our eyes to "see" the "unseen" spiritual universe.

CREATION

"In the beginning God [being] created the heavens and the earth [things]" (Gen. 1:1).

First day: God created light (v. 3-5). He made galaxies, stars (lights), Sun, and angels. "DAY"—ONE relative 360° ROTATION

Creation "day" (biblical) isn't identical to a 24-hour day (science)—Earth's one rotation.

"Be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years [orbits] as one day [object own complete rotation]" (2 Pet. 3:8).

A "day" is an object's own 360° rotation. A "year" is its orbit around another object. Jupiter rotates in **9.9** Earth hours. Venus' day is **5,832** Earth hours. Its **day** (243 Earth days) exceeds its year (225 Earth days)! Mercury's year is **88** Earth days or 3 months. Neptune's

Let your imagination run wild. Scientists estimate that the universe has 10 trillion (10¹³) galaxies, 10^{24} stars, and 10^{25} planets.

An illustration: An object's "day" could be millions or billions of years! Obsvr1 lived on Planet-Z before the Hadean Eon, ~ 4.6 billion years ago. Planet-Z is so near to a Black Hole that it barely rotates (like tidally locked moon "staring" at Earth). Its "daytime" ("star rise" to "star down") takes 300 million orbits (180° rotation). Its "nighttime" ("dusk to dawn") takes another $3x10^8$ years. At the next star-rise (360°), he sees that the Sun, solar system, planets, and Earth had formed. They all coalesced in one "day" ($6x10^8$ orbits or years). It was a very, very long "first day" for Obsvr1.

Second day: Firmament (sky) (v. 6-8). **Third day:** Land, seas, vegetation (v. 9-13). **Fourth day:** Day, years, seasons (v. 14-19). **CREATURES**

Fifth day, God created the sea, land, and air **creatures**: fish, animals, and birds.

Sixth day, God made human creatures. "Then God said, 'Let Us [**Trinit**y] make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have **dominion** over the fish ... fowl ... cattle ... earth ... God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good [state of sinlessness] " (Gen. 1:26-31).

Seventh day, God rested from His work. Likewise, we are available to work six days, but rest on our seventh day—Worship Day.

Views on Creation

CREATION—BIBLICAL VIEW

The Creator made everything. The physical creation was conceived, planned, created, and sustained by an Intelligent Designer. Believers use the Bible to explain the world they live in. Though science and Bible don't exactly agree, they are gradually merging together about the details of creation. The Bible is steadfast to its word, while science keeps refining its guesses until its hypothesis becomes an actual fact. God loves the truth. We're all seeking for the truth.

I (author) believe in **physical science**: the basic truths of astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, and physics, not in extreme ideas of multi-universes, time travel, or 11-dimensions.

I have faith in **religion**: the basic truths of the Bible—Holy Scriptures. That there exist spirits, spiritual things, and spiritual universe.

CREATOR—"THE WORD"

"In the beginning was the Word [Christ] and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... All things were made by him" (John 1:1-3) "Christ ... is the image of the invisible God ... For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and ... earth, visible and invisible ... all things were created by him, and for him:

consist [are upheld]" (Col.1:7,15-17). TIME—MEASUREMENT of CHANGE

He is before all things, and by him all things

When God made the first atom, which internally started changing, is when we can logically say "time" began. When the structure of matter alters, we say it "changed" or "got old." When the spin of objects, such as the Sun and Earth—relative to each other—has cycled; we say that "time" or "a day" has passed. Physical things are ever-changing; spiritual things are stable.

If God shrunk the universe to the size of a basketball, then time is set to the ball holder's (God's) time. "God's minute" is everywhere a minute in the ball (universe). It's all the same time even if the spin rate of an electron, atom, planet, or star varies, despite the imagination of quantum physics or science-fiction movies.

GOD'S TRUTH is true everywhere

Similar to God's minute, **God's Truth** is the Truth everywhere, despite what philosophers, scientists, religionists, politicians, or fictional movies might say. True religion and true science are the two sides of the same coin (Truth). (Heb. 11:3).

CREATION— SCIENTIFIC VIEW

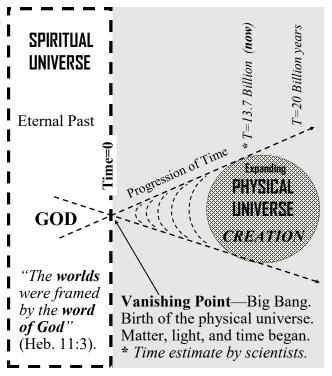
Astronomers used the "scientific method" to formulate the Big Bang theory to explain the origin of the universe. Next page compares Bible and science beliefs about creation. In their own ways, they basically agree. The Lord is a God of order, not confusion (1 Cor. 14:33). He loves the truth, is 100 % honest, hates lying, dislikes false weight measurement, is orderly, methodical, factual, like a ... a true scientist.

BIG BANG, EXPANDING UNIVERSE

In 1929, from Edwin Hubble's work, astronomers knew that the universe was expanding, i.e., yesterday the cosmos was smaller than today and tomorrow it'll be larger than now. If we "rewind" time, we see the universe shrink to a single point (singularity). Even before that, where did the singularity come from? Matter and energy don't just materialize from nothing or from nowhere, according to science.

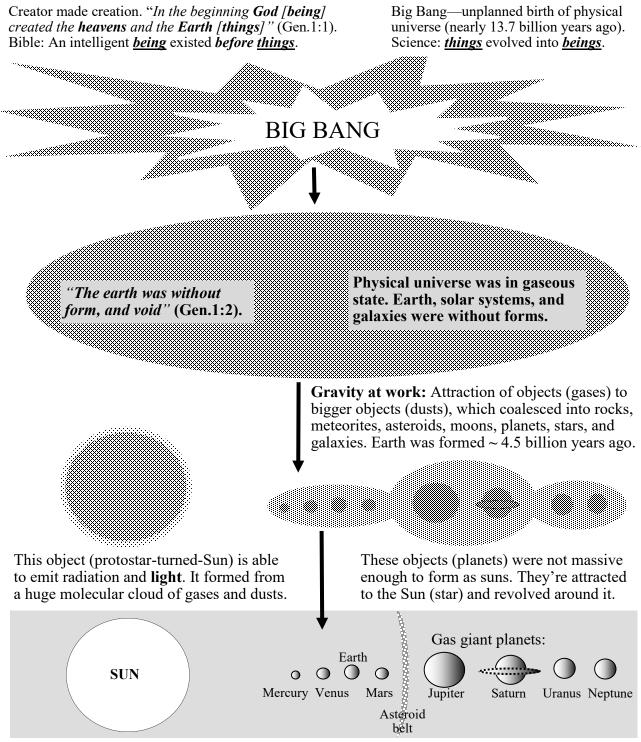
WHAT or WHO is the FIRST CAUSE?

Creation was the effect, but what or **who** is the cause? There was a time when **no** physical thing existed. So, creation originated from the spiritual side. Only God (First Cause) is on the other side of **time** = **0** vanishing point. Thus, only the Creator could have made creation. The Scripture says, "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Matt. 19:26).



Biblical and Scientific Beliefs Comparison

Intelligent beings can design, create, and control things.



"God said, Let there be **light**: and there was light ... God divided the light from the darkness" (Gen.1:3-4).

The Sun is our main source of light and warmth during the day. The reflection of light on the moon is our light at night.

An illustration of **comparative view** of the **formation** of the **physical universe** by **Bible** and **science**. The gap between Religion and Science will close as more truth and information are discovered.