

# God & Science



*The heavens display God's splendor  
And the expanse exhibits his artwork  
They declare God's glory every day  
And every night they dispense knowledge.*

*Psalm 19*

*Damascus Road Community Church*

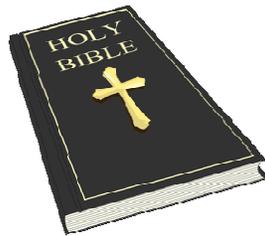
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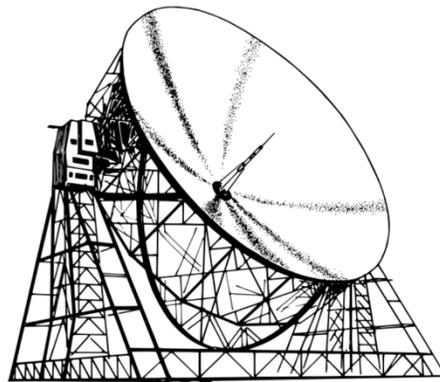
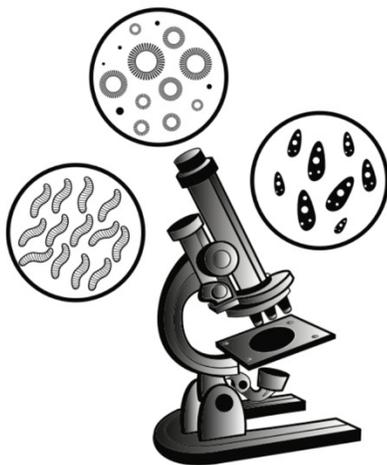
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# *The Bible Tells Us About **Who** Created the Universe*

*In the beginning, God created  
the heavens and the earth  
(Genesis 1:1)*



*Scientists Explore  
**How** God Created the Universe  
& How it Works*



# How Old is The Universe?

Some Christians believe that the 6 days of creation in Genesis were literal days and others believe that each “day” represents a much longer period of time.

The precise age of the universe is not known. Some Christians believe in a young earth (literal 6 days of creation) and others believe in an old earth. It’s okay that Christians have different views on these topics. The thing that unites us is a belief that the universe was created by God.

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# A Big Bang?

Some scientists believe the universe started from a single place and grew out from there. This was a very hot and violent explosion which scientists fondly call a “Big Bang.”

Scientists can explain much of what happened after the Big Bang, but not who caused the Big Bang.

**DRCC affirms** that God *could* have created the universe with a Big Bang.

# What About Evolution?

- Evolution is a process of gradual changes which enable a living thing to survive and multiply.
- DRCC affirms that God-guided, or “theistic” evolution may have been how God created...or God could have chosen another way to make his creation.
- DRCC rejects atheistic evolution, or any other explanation for our universe, without God’s guidance.

# Scientists & God

Most (76%) of Scientists identify with a religious group

Many (48%) scientists believe that religion and science help each other.

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Some scientists do not believe in God.

They believe the universe is all there is.

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Watch the video "*Fine Tuning of the Universe*"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EE76nwimuT0>

Watch the video 2x and then write what you think about God and the universe.

# Being Human

*So God created humanity in his own image, he created them male and female.  
(Genesis 1:27)*

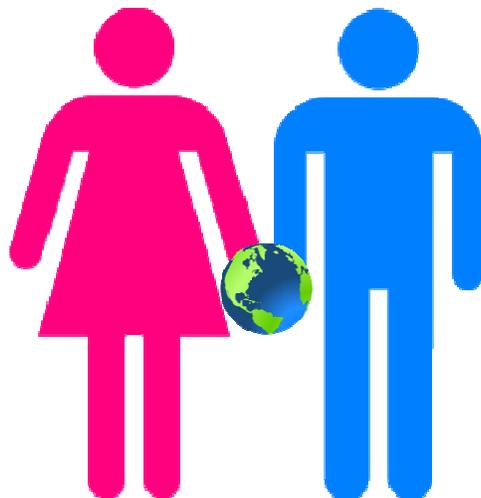
## **DRCC affirms:**

The Bible is authentic and true.

God has a unique purpose for men and women – we are to be his representatives, honoring him, and caring for the temple of his creation as God cares for us.

## **DRCC rejects:**

The idea that God does not exist – that we have no purpose other than to survive and please ourselves.



# One Universe



God is present here.

# To Explore Further

Here are some fun ways to explore God's creation:

I confess an interest in octopuses. They are very strange and amazing! - <https://octolab.tv>

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For special kids (I'm one of them), check out Jordan Hilkwitz:

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/psi-vid/an-autistic-boys-answer-youtube-science/>

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Several simple and fun science activities:

<https://www.thoughtco.com/kitchen-science-experiments-for-kids-604169>