I. Three Options concerning ____________

A. Option 1: All came from ________________
   It is ________________ for the universe to have come from something else.

B. Option 2: All came from ________________
   The universe can’t _______  _______ and not _________ simultaneously.

C. Option 3: All came from ________________
   The Bible presents the _______  ______________.

II. God’s Creation of the ______________ (Gen. 1)

A. God made the ____________ and the _________ (1:2–8)
   At the end of day two, the earth was still not ready for ____________.

B. Gave filled the _________ and _____ (1:9–25)
   _______ in the universe is the result of intelligent planning.

C. God created __________ (1:26–31)
   God created humans in His ________, separating them from all other life forms.

III. God’s ______________ for the Universe (Ps. 19:1; Isa. 45:18; Rom. 1:18–21)

A. To bring __________ to His ________ (Ps. 19:1)
   God’s glory is His magnificence, including His _________, wisdom, and beauty.

B. To provide for our ________________ (Isa. 45:18)
   God created the universe for the purpose of ____________ it with humanity.

C. To reveal His _________ and ____________ (Rom. 1:18–21)
   Creation is God’s _____________ revelation to all humanity.
Read each passage and answer the questions to spend personal time with God.

**MONDAY**

*Read Genesis 1:1–8.*

Imagine life without any forms of light. Praise God for creating light!

The people who fear climate change are those who believe the atmosphere formed by chance. Why should believers not fear climate change?

**THURSDAY**

*Read Psalm 19:1.*

What can you learn about God by gazing into the vast night sky?

What can you learn about God by looking closely at a flower or bug?

**TUESDAY**

*Read Genesis 1:9–25.*

The Milky Way Galaxy is about six trillion miles wide. It is one of roughly 200 billion galaxies in the universe. What is your response to God’s incredibly enormous universe?

How do we know birds didn’t evolve from fish?

**FRIDAY**

*Read Isaiah 45:18.*

What about the earth makes it a perfect place for humans, even in its fallen state?

What about the earth do you appreciate the most?

**WEDNESDAY**

*Read Genesis 1:26–31.*

What makes humans different from the rest of creation?

Why should you thank God before each meal?

**SATURDAY**

*Read Romans 1:18–21.*

Why is every person without excuse before God?

Whom do you know who has rejected God and accepted an evolutionary explanation of life? Pray for that person. Be diligent to share God’s truth with him or her.
Could God be the power behind the big bang?

Some, being convinced that what scientists say must be true, have concluded that God must have used the big bang to create the universe. They credit God for being the power behind the big bang. They believe they have brought God and science together.

Big bang proponents have observed that the universe is expanding. They have not observed, however, the origins of the universe. An expanding universe doesn’t mean it had to have originated from one location. Rather, it simply means the universe is expanding.

The Bible uses expansion language to describe God’s work in creation. Psalm 104:2 says God stretched out the heavens (outer space) like a curtain or a tent. Isaiah 42:5, 44:24, and Jeremiah 10:12 also say God stretched out the heavens. An expanding universe isn’t a problem Biblically speaking. The process doesn’t disprove the creation account. Nor does it prove the big bang theory.

So what about those who want to connect God to a big bang? It is possible God used a big bang to create the universe? No, not at all. The Bible uses precise language to prove beyond a doubt that God created the universe in just six twenty-four-hour days (Gen. 1). It then gives a clear timeline of life on earth, making the earth between about 6,000 and 10,000 years old. The big bang theorists believe the universe has been expanding for the last 13 or so billion years. Both can’t be true. Since only God was around for the start of the universe, we by faith trust His Word.

Incidently, the only big bang in the Bible is the bang coming at the end of time when God burns up the earth and does away with the universe as we know it. Peter wrote that the heavens shall pass away with a great noise—a big bang like no one has ever heard (2 Pet. 3:10). The world needs to hear about God’s judgment on sin and the coming big bang. Be diligent to share your faith.
Nearly all products have a “made in” label to identify which country made the product. Why is that? In 1887, England passed a law that forced other countries to include a “made in” label on their products. Germany made copycat British products and sold them as from England. England’s law exposed Germany’s practice and protected the British brands.

Over the next ten years or so, the Germans responded by raising the level of their manufacturing, paying close attention to the details of their products. They became known for their superior engineering. England eventually regretted their law when Germany’s products became superior to their own. A “Made in Germany” label still communicates the product is well-made and engineered to last.

So what would your origin label say? The world believes it would say “Made by Chance.” The Bible says your label would read “Made by God.” The latter means you have value and purpose in God’s eyes!

Memory Verse Review

Memory Verse—Hebrews 11:3

Through faith we understand that the universe was made by God. We need faith because the earth and moon didn’t come with labels telling us God made them. We base our faith on God’s Word. He recorded for us His creation of the universe out of nothing. He made the universe by the word of His mouth.

1. How certain are you that the universe was made by God?
2. How would your life be different if you were a product of random chance rather than part of God’s plan?
3. Who in your life needs to learn God is both creator and Savior?

The universe could not have come from something else, and it could not have sprung from nothing. Both of those ideas defy logic. The Bible tells us the universe came from God. He created it to glorify His name, to provide for our enjoyment, and to testify to His existence, power, and wisdom. We should respond to God’s creation of the universe by praising Him and desiring to know Him and do His will.

Look for the following indicators that you recognize God as your creator.

1. I believe beyond a doubt that God created the universe.
2. I believe all other explanations for the origin of the universe are inherently flawed.
3. I boldly share the Bible’s account of creation.

Additional Memory Verses—Isaiah 45:12; Colossians 1:16; 2 Peter 3:5.