

## The God of all Power

February 6, 2010 – by Phil Eby From the series “The God We Worship”  
Good Shepherd Community Church

- The moon weighs 81 billion tons. (skygaze.com)
- The Sun provides our planet with 126,000,000,000,000 horsepower of energy every day. This means that 54,000 horsepower is delivered to every man, woman and child on earth in each twenty four hour period. This amount of energy equals only about two billionths of the total energy broadcast into our solar system by the Sun each day. (skygaze.com)
- If the earth were the size of a quarter, the sun would be as large as a 9 foot ball and would be located a football field distance from the earth. If the entire solar system were the size of a quarter, the sun would be visible only under a microscope, and the nearest star would be 300 feet away. If our whole galaxy were the size of a quarter, our solar system would be less than the size of a molecule. Other galaxies would be from a foot to 1,000 feet away. (skygaze.com)
- Astronomers have calculated that the stars in the Milky Way, the galaxy to which the sun belongs, number in the hundreds of billions. The Milky Way is only one of several hundred million such galaxies within the viewing range of the larger modern telescopes (history.com)
- Current estimates as with regards to the size of the Universe pegs it at a width of 150 billion light years. (universetoday.com)

All of this had a **beginning**.

**Why is it important that the universe had a beginning?**

1. For our **faith**.

Genesis 1:1 NIV <sup>1</sup> *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

2. For our faith to be **culturally** relevant

3. For our **daily lives**.

**So how do we know that the universe was created?**

(from Dr. William Lane Craig – reasonablefaith.org – presentation at Saddleback Church 09/09 on *How did the universe begin?*)

**Al-Ghazali – 12<sup>th</sup> century Muslim philosopher**

**Ghazali’s argument**

1. **Whatever begins to exist has a cause**.
  - a. Something can’t come from nothing.
  - b. If something can come from nothing, then it’s inexplicable why things aren’t constantly coming into being.
  - c. Common experience and scientific evidence confirm this premise.

**2. The universe began to exist.**

- a. Philosophical reasons – it's impossible for there to be an infinite number of events. Hilbert's Hotel – German mathematician David Hilbert
- b. Scientific reasons – 2003, 3 scientists (Bord, Vilenkin, Gooth) PROVED that any expanding universe must be finite

**3. The universe has a cause.**

**Properties of the cause of the universe**

1. Non temporal (timeless)
2. Non spatial (spaceless)
3. Changeless
4. Immaterial
5. Unimaginably powerful
6. Personal

**Who is this God we worship?**

**He's the GOD OF ALL POWER!**

hubblesite.org

**Application – Because God is the creator of the universe it should ...**

**1. Cause us to seek him**

*Psalm 14:1-2 NIV<sup>1</sup> The fool says in his heart, "There is no God. "They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. <sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.*

**2. Cause us to trust him**

*Isaiah 40:27-31 NIV<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

**3. Cause us to worship him**

*Colossians 1:15-17 NIV<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

*Revelation 4:11 NIV<sup>11</sup> "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."*