

# Lesson #1: HOW DID WE GET HERE?



**Activity:**  
Observe the  
burning  
candle.



Define the “**BIG BANG**” in your own words:

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Define the “**The GRAND THEORY OF EVOLUTION**” in your own words:

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Define the “**CREATION**” in your own words:

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How was the watch made?  
It *just happened* in a factory explosion? Or...  
Made by an **INTELLIGENT DESIGNER**?

Which is more **REASONABLE TO BELIEVE ...**  
**CREATION** or “**IT JUST HAPPENED?**”

## THE QUESTION IS *NOT* – SCIENCE VS. THE BIBLE

**SIR ISAAC NEWTON** believed that the **DESIGN** in the Universe Is evidence of a Creator.



Sir Isaac Newton, the British scientist, once had a skillful mechanic make him a miniature replica of our solar system. Balls represented the planets and they were geared together by cogs and belts so they would move in harmony when cranked.

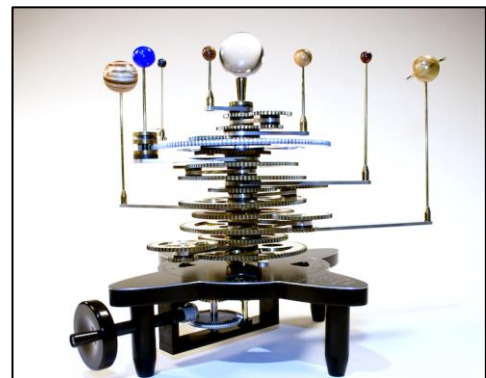
Later, he was visited by a scientist friend who did not believe in God. The scientist saw the mechanism on the table and slowly turned the crank. With admiration he watched the heavenly bodies all move in their relative speed in their orbits.

“My! What an exquisite thing this is!” He exclaimed.  
“Who made it?”

“Nobody!” Newton answered him without looking up from a book.

“Evidently you did not understand my question.” said the friend. “I asked who made this?”

Newton looked up and solemnly assured him,  
“Nobody made it. *It just happened.*”



Then the friend replied with some heat, “You must think I’m a fool! Of course someone made it. And he is a genius! I’d like to know who he is!”

Newton laid his book aside, stood up, and laid his hand on his friend’s shoulder.

“This thing” he said, “is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you know. I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer and maker. Yet you profess to believe that the great original from which the design is taken has come into being without either designer or maker! Now tell me by what sort of reasoning do you reach such a conclusion?”

*(The Minnesota Technology, October, 1957)*

Watch a mechanical Orrery at  
<https://youtu.be/O1m9sBbjCUU>  
Mechanical Orrery (0:52)  
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**Which is more REASONABLE to BELIEVE:  
“IT JUST HAPPENED’...OR INTELLIGENT DESIGNER?”**

# YOUR THOUGHTS:

## BURNING CANDLE ACTIVITY:



Let's talk about it.

- Did the candle begin to burn?
- Or is it reasonable to believe it was always burning?
- Did someone start it? Who? When? How?



**Activity: Look for clues.  
We'll discuss your findings.**



Imagine a friend asks you,  
"Do you believe in God?" "Why?"

How would you answer? (Hint: you are wearing a watch, or holding a cell phone, or riding a bike, etc.)

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Your friend asks, "Can you PROVE it?"

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## HOMEWORK:

Review what you learned with a parent using your notebook.  
**YOU TEACH THEM!** Watch the video together and talk about it.