

Lesson #1: The Question... HOW DID WE GET HERE?



2 Possible Answers:

Read the scriptures and answer in your own words
Why do you think we should study Creation vs. Evolution:

Matthew 27:37:

1 Peter 3:15-16:

What are 2 ways that God has revealed His work?

Psalm 19:1:

1 Timothy 3:16-17:

THE QUESTION IS NOT – SCIENCE VS. THE BIBLE

SIR ISAAC NEWTON
(and many other scientists)
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.

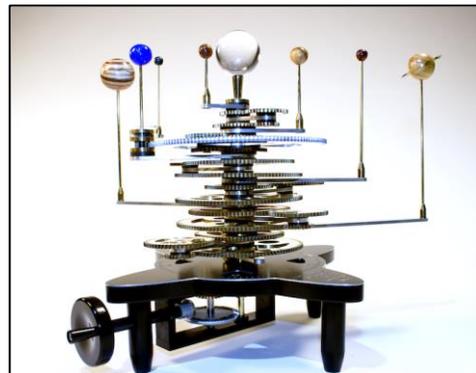
Later, he was visited by a scientist friend who did not believe in God. The scientist saw the mechanism on the table and slowly turned the crank. With admiration he watched the heavenly bodies all move in their relative speed in their orbits.

“My! What an exquisite thing this is!” the visitor 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, Oct. 1957)

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“Newton’s God”
by John 10:10 Project

Which is more REASONABLE to BELIEVE...
IT JUST HAPPENED...OR INTELLIGENT DESIGNER?

WHICH IS MORE REASONABLE TO BELIEVE?

YOUR THOUGHTS:

BURNING CANDLE ACTIVITY



Discuss your observations:

- Could you know how long the candle burned?
- Is it reasonable to believe it was always burning?
- Did someone start it? Who? When? How?

Look for clues. Do you have proof?

Discuss your findings.



How was a watch made?

It *just happened* in an explosion in a factory. Or...

It was made by an **INTELLIGENT DESIGNER?**



WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Imagine a friend asks,

“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.)

Note: You didn't see the watch(phone, etc.) being made, but **WHAT IS MORE...**

HOMEWORK:

Review what you learned with a parent using your notebook. **YOU TEACH THEM!**

Watch a video (see pages 2 or 4) together and talk about it.

