

Voice Command

We will never determine the origin of matter through scientific studies, if we exclude God from the equation. *“By wisdom the LORD founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens. By his knowledge the deep fountains of the earth burst forth, and the clouds poured down rain”* (Proverbs 3:19-20, NLT). *“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created”* (Revelation 4:11). For the vast majority of people, there is only one way to know how and why the universe came into being: by believing what God says in the Bible.

“By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, their starry hosts by the breath of his mouth....For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm” (Psalm 33:6,9. Emphasis added.) If there is such a thing as advanced science, *this is it!* (And the Bible disclosed it no less than 3500 years ago!) It was God’s omnipotent word – his “voice command” – that created matter.

“God...gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist” (Romans 4:17). *“Through faith we understand that the world came into being by the command of God, so that what is seen does not owe its existence to that which is visible”* (Hebrews 11:3, Weymouth). The visible comes from the invisible by **the power of the spoken word** – no longer an alien concept among critical thinkers, but yet to be taken seriously and grasped by many an able scientist.

“...long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed...” (2 Peter 3:5).

Speech recognition was invented a mere 40 years ago. It was made available to consumers only 20 years ago.

Not only did God create everything by voice command but, *“The Son is...sustaining all things by his powerful word”* (Hebrews 1:3). God is able to speak things into existence and then to maintain them, because of the extraordinary force (energy) behind his words. And, *“By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men...The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare”* (2 Peter 3:7,10). By the way, this was written about 2000 years ago.

Christ himself is called Logos – the Word. *“...his name is the Word of God”* (Revelation 19:13). *“In the beginning [‘before the world began,’ John 17:5] was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning [of our world]. Through him all things were made [came into being]; without [apart from] him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men [humans]. The light shines [appears] in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it”* (John 1:1-5).

I don’t know what you think, but while I am definitely awed by God’s power to speak things into existence, I am far more impressed by the power of his marvelous mercy and love, as demonstrated by his bighearted, self-sacrificing plan of salvation. And I am equally impressed that he wants to have a personal relationship with you and me.

Anyway, we can know who we are and why we are here. The textbook has already been written. It is futile to look beyond the Bible. Do you want to make the greatest discovery of

your life? Ask God to open your spiritual eyes so that you can see the truths found in his Word. If you don't find fault, you'll find faith. It's fitting that you do it as humbly, as earnestly and as honestly as you possibly can. That is the appropriate approach toward God. Without this attitude, the Bible will remain a closed book to you. Keep in mind that you are dealing with none other than the originator and sustainer of the universe. ◇◇