

## 2. The Word above all

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A few days ago, according to the eminent British theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking in a new book, God did not create the universe and the "Big Bang" was an inevitable consequence of the laws of physics. He has suffered ALS since he was a young man, yet he is known as the brightest mind in the realm of physics and is also known as an atheist.

In "The Grand Design," co-authored with U.S. physicist Leonard Mlodinow, Hawking says a new series of theories made a creator of the universe redundant, according to the Times newspaper which published extracts on Thursday, September 2nd, 2010.

"Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing. Spontaneous creation is the reason there is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist," Hawking writes. "It is not necessary to invoke God to light the blue touch paper and set the universe going."

Hawking, 68, who won global recognition with his 1988 book "A Brief History of Time," an account of the origins of the universe, is renowned for his work on black holes, cosmology and quantum gravity.

His new fancy theory of no-creation-by-god should be discarded because it violates the basic elementary rule of physics 101. His theoretical concept of quantum gravity and the matters that generated the so-called Big Bang could not possibly happen, because there was nothing in the beginning in their own admission. Nothing means nothing – no quantum gravity, no gas and no amino acid that is the basic ingredient for protein of any biological being.

How can he insist that there was nothing in the beginning, but something mystically appeared to jump start the Big Bang? Where do these 'somethings' come from? If you believe that silly theory, I have an ocean front property to sell you in Sahuarita.

The universe has the signature of God in every aspect. Whether Dr. Stephen Hawking wants to deny God's creation facts or not, it is true. All things were made through Jesus and without Him nothing was made that was made.

### A. JESUS FROM THE BEGINNING

*John 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.*

Apostle John was writing this Gospel in common Greek which is known as Koine Greek which was used by common Greek people. It was not the same kind of complicated Greek that Dr. Luke, the author of the Gospel of Luke used.

I am sure that y'all noticed the pronoun of 'the Word' is 'He' now. As I mentioned last week, we all know that this 'He' is Jesus. As same as now, there were plenty of people who claimed that Jesus was not God two thousand years ago. We can find in 2 John:

*2 John 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*

According to apostle John, anyone who claims that Jesus is anything other than God is a deceiver and an antichrist. Some would think, "Gee, John, were you having a

bad apostle day or something? Isn't that too harsh to call those sincerely believing Mormons and Jehovah's Witness as antichrists?" Not according to apostle John and Paul in the Bible.

*Galatians 1:6-9 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.*

That is including an angel with a golden plate that was mentioned in the Mormon Bible.

By the way, a side note, a FoxNews personality Glenn Beck organized a conservative political rally in Washington, DC recently. During the rally, he claimed that his religion, Mormonism, is a part of Christianity. No, thousand times, no, Mr. Beck.

Mormonism claims that Jesus is a separate god from the Father (Elohim). They say, "He was created as a spirit child by the Father and Mother in heaven. He is the elder brother of all men and spirit beings. His body was created through sexual union between Elohim and Mary. Jesus was married. His death on the cross does not provide full atonement for all sin, but does provide everyone with resurrection." That is straight from the pit of hell. According to our Bible, Jesus is God, period.

## **B. JESUS THE CREATOR**

*John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

How did Jesus create all things? Did He use the same kind of method that we use "trials and trials"? Absolutely not. The Lord Jesus simply spoke.

*Genesis 1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

For us, the more we speak, the more we tend to put ourselves into trouble. But God's Word is so precise that He created everything perfectly with the only exception of the first man and woman, Adam and Eve.

*Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

*Genesis 2:21-22 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.*

Great theologian Jack Laverty once said, "Ever since God created the woman, the man and the animals have not rested." I think that is an awful thing for him to say.

It is not unusual for many Christians to think that God is no longer speaking. They say, "If He does, He only speaks it to a few selected Christian leaders." Actually, there are several TV evangelists who claim that they are the only ones who get to have special messages from God directly, not the common people like us.

God's Word has not 'spoken', rather still is 'speaking'. The Bible is the written Word of God, and because it is written, it is confined and limited by the necessities of ink and paper. But in truth, we can hear the Voice of God through it, if we are willing to hear Him.

The Voice of God is a friendly voice. No one need fear to listen to it unless he has already made up his mind to resist it.

Each day with your Bible outspread before you alone, you can draw near to the Lord and begin to hear Him speak to you in your heart through His Word, the Bible. Let Him speak to you from His Book. It would be great if you have a note pad to write down what the Lord says to you. Put the date on it. Own it, live in His Word each day, and see yourself walking closer to Him than ever before.

The times are noisy and your ears are weary with the thousands of noises which continuously assault you and your heart. Make a time and make a spot where you can spend some time with the Lord, even if it is only fifteen minutes a day. It is good for your soul. And you are not too busy that you can not make that fifteen minutes.

God's written Word in the Bible can have power only because it corresponds to God's Word in the universe. It is the present Voice of God which makes the written Word all powerful. Otherwise, it would lie locked in slumber within the covers of a book.

The Word of God is quick and powerful without failure. In the beginning He spoke to nothing, and it became something. Chaos heard it and became order, darkness heard it and became light.

*Colossians 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*

You see, while a believer of Jesus Christ would fall on his knees to worship the Lord when he encounters the awesomeness of Almighty God, an unbeliever like Dr. Stephen Hawking would get on his knees to examine, to find the cause and the how of things and the worst of all they mock at God even though they have no understanding.

### **C. JESUS THE LIFE GIVER**

*John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

The Word is the source of all life. The ancient Greek word translated 'life' is 'zoe', which means "the life principle," not 'bios', which is mere 'biological life'. This life is the light of men, speaking of spiritual light as well as natural light. It isn't that the Word "contains" life and light; He is life and light.

It means that without Jesus, we are spiritually dead and in darkness. We are lost. Since man has an inborn fear towards both death and darkness, he tends to grasp for any kind of assurance even if he has to generate one by himself. That is the basis for cult.

The word 'Life' is one of the key words in John's Gospel. It is used thirty-six times. What are the essentials for human life? There are at least four: light, air, water, and food. Jesus is all of these!

- Jesus is the Light of life and the Light of the world.

*John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

- Jesus is the "Sun of righteousness".

*Malachi 4:2 But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-*

fed calves.

- By His Holy Spirit, He gives us the “breath of life”  
*John 3:8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*
- Jesus is the Living Water.  
*John 7:37-38 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”*
- Jesus is the Living Bread of Life that came down from heaven and He is life.  
*John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.  
John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

#### **D. JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

*John 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

Light and darkness are recurring themes in John’s Gospel. God is light while satan is “the power of darkness”. People love either the light or the darkness, and this love controls their actions.

*John 3:19-21 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.*

You would think that blind sinners would welcome the light, but such is not always the case. The coming of the true light brought conflict as the powers of darkness opposed it. They’d rather make fun of the Gospel and the truth of God in the Bible since they choose not to comprehend by their own choice.

Whenever Jesus taught a spiritual truth, His listeners interpreted it in a material or physical way. The light of God was unable to penetrate the darkness of their minds because they chose to hide inside of their spiritual dungeon so that they didn’t have to hear the truth.

Right now some of you are hiding inside of your own spiritual dungeon so that you don’t hear the truth of God. He wants to set you free from the bondage that satan has upon you. You don’t have to live in darkness. You can step out of darkness into the Light of the world.

#### **E. APPLICATIONS**

1) God’s Word is STILL SPEAKING. All we have to do is listen to Him through the Bible

2) Jesus gives life more abundantly to those who diligently seek Him. Seek Him everyday.