#### **Conversation Starters**

- What comes to your mind, spirit, or emotions when you hear science and religion?
- Why do you think that is?

## Discuss

The Second Law of Thermodynamics contends that the universe is running out of usable energy. It's idea has been supported through the leading hypothesis for the beginning of the universe which is the "Big Bang Theory." Considering the Big Bang further leads us to raise further questions such as the origins of matter and the laws of physics, among others.

- What is your view on the origins of the universe?
- How would you explain where matter in the universe came from?
- How does cause and effect thinking shape how you think of the origins of the universe?

The Greek philosopher Plato first shaped the thinking that all designs imply a designer. Science has taught us that there is staggering design and order to the universe, which is uniquely suited to human life. In the Bible, God's declaration at the end of creation was related to how good the universe was for human life.

"God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good." (<u>Genesis 1:31, NLT</u>)

- What comes to your mind when you stop and look at creation around us?
- How do you account for the design and order of the universe?
- How does God fit into the picture?

Humans are different from every other living creature. Regardless of our individual beliefs, it appears that human beings across all civilizations have a deep spiritual hunger. There's also an inner sense of morality, or an innate sense of right and wrong.

- Where do you think human personality comes from?
- How do you account for the spiritual hunger in humans across civilizations?
- Where do you think morality comes from?

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#### **Next Steps**

The Bible teaches us that there was a God who created the universe, including men and women made in His image and made the Earth the perfect place for us to live. And He did it so that we could have a relationship with Him. Is there anything about science that is keeping you from including God in the picture?

Feb. 1: The Science of God Virtual Discussion

Feb. 1: Financial Peace University Online

Feb. 8: The Writings: Big Picture Bible Study (Mondays)

Feb. 10: The Writings: Big Picture Bible Study (Wednesdays)

## **Continued Reading**

Read Genesis 1:31.

## Prayer

God, we can't help but be amazed at all that you have created. Thank you for creating us and loving us. As we think about science and wonder about how you did all of this, give us wisdom and help us to know that we can come to you with all of our questions.



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