

Nature Reveals God's Attributes

Open-Book Review

Use this week's ThinkCube to answer the following questions. The purpose isn't to test your memory, but to help you recognize what creation reveals about God's majesty, wisdom, character, constancy, goodness, and infinite nature.

PREMISE 1

Creation Reveals the Majesty of God

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1. According to Psalm 19:1–4, what does creation continually declare?

- A. The glory and craftsmanship of God
- B. That nature is self-created
- C. That beauty has no meaning
- D. That God cannot be known through creation

2. Which features of creation are presented as reflecting God's majesty?

- A. Beauty, order, power, immensity, life, and complexity
- B. Only size and age
- C. Randomness and disorder
- D. Only things visible through a telescope

3. Why compare creation to the work of an artist or craftsman?

- A. The character and ability of a maker can be reflected in what he makes
- B. Nature is literally a painting
- C. Artists create without intelligence
- D. Creation has no relationship to its Creator

4. What does Earth's extraordinary diversity and grandeur invite us to consider?

- A. Creation is a visible display of God's creative power and glory
- B. Beauty proves nature has no purpose
- C. Life is common everywhere we observe
- D. Grandeur makes a Creator unnecessary

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1. How do creation's beauty, immensity, order, and complexity testify to God's majesty?
2. If a work can reveal something about its maker, what does the grandeur of creation suggest about its Creator?

PREMISE 2

Creation Reveals the Infinite Wisdom of God

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1. What does the enormous number of scientific fields studying nature illustrate?

- A. Creation contains immense layers of order, complexity, and intelligibility
- B. Nature is too chaotic to investigate
- C. Scientific disciplines have nothing in common
- D. Physical reality cannot be understood

2. Why are the discoverable laws and structures of nature significant?

- A. They reflect an ordered creation capable of being rationally studied
- B. They continually change without pattern
- C. They eliminate the need for intelligence
- D. They apply only on Earth

3. What does the complexity of living systems suggest from the ThinkCube's perspective?

- A. Extraordinary wisdom and intelligence behind their design
- B. Complexity requires no explanation
- C. Biological systems lack organization
- D. Life contains no information

4. What attribute of God is especially reflected in creation's depth and coherence?

- A. Infinite wisdom
- B. Physical limitation
- C. Dependence on nature
- D. Changeability

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1. Why can scientific discovery be understood as uncovering wisdom built into creation rather than explaining that wisdom away?
2. If nature is deeply ordered and intelligible, what best explains the source of that order?

PREMISE 3

Creation Reveals God's Perfect Character

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1. What does it mean to say God's attributes are infinite?

- A. His perfections have no limit
- B. His character changes with circumstances
- C. Only His power is unlimited
- D. His moral qualities are human inventions

2. How does nature reflect God as an ordered lawgiver?

- A. Through consistent laws, predictable cycles, and coherent structure
- B. Through constant lawlessness
- C. Through the absence of patterns
- D. Through unpredictable physical constants

3. What does God's benevolence mean?

- A. His goodness, kindness, and gracious provision
- B. His dependence on creation
- C. His inability to judge
- D. His changing moral standards

4. Which are examples of what Christians call common grace?

- A. Rain, sunlight, food, natural resources, beauty, and enjoyment
- B. Only explicitly religious experiences
- C. Only resources used by Christians
- D. Nothing found in the natural world

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1. How can creation point not only to God's power but also to His orderliness, goodness, and care?
2. What do the order, provision, abundance, and beauty of nature suggest about the character of its Creator?

PREMISE 4

Creation Reveals the Unchangeableness of God

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1. What does immutable mean?

- A. Unchanging
- B. Invisible
- C. Created
- D. Unknowable

2. Which natural patterns illustrate constancy?

- A. Seasons, tides, planetary motion, physical laws, and the water cycle
- B. Random events only
- C. Human fashions and opinions
- D. Political systems

3. Why is predictability in nature important to this argument?

- A. Stable patterns reflect constancy, order, and reliability
- B. It proves physical laws change daily
- C. It makes scientific prediction impossible
- D. It shows nature has no structure

4. What assurance does God's immutability give believers?

- A. His character, faithfulness, and promises remain dependable
- B. God changes whenever circumstances change
- C. His moral character develops over time
- D. His purposes are unknowable

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1. How can creation's stability illustrate God's unchanging and dependable character?
2. What does the remarkable constancy of the laws and cycles upon which life depends suggest about their Creator?

PREMISE 5

Creation Reveals God's Benevolence and Care

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1. What does common grace describe?

- A. God's undeserved kindness and provision extended broadly throughout creation
- B. Salvation earned through nature
- C. Blessings available only to believers
- D. The idea that creation needs no sustainer

2. Which features of Earth demonstrate generous provision?

- A. Food, water, medicines, materials, beauty, and life-supporting systems
- B. Only minerals and rocks
- C. Only things humans manufacture
- D. Resources found equally on every observed planet

3. Why emphasize beauty in addition to survival needs?

- A. Creation provides enjoyment and wonder beyond bare functionality
- B. Beauty is necessary only for photosynthesis
- C. Beauty has no relationship to human experience
- D. Survival requires every flower color and landscape

4. What attribute is reflected in creation's abundance and provision?

- A. God's goodness and benevolence
- B. God's weakness
- C. God's dependence
- D. God's uncertainty

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1. How does the provision built into creation testify to God's goodness and care?
2. If nature were designed only for bare survival, how would you explain its extraordinary beauty, variety, enjoyment, and abundance?

PREMISE 6

Creation Points to God's Infinite Nature

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1. What does God's infinitude mean?

- A. God is without limits and is not bound by time or space
- B. God is very large but still finite
- C. God is part of the physical universe
- D. God changes as the universe changes

2. Which aspects of creation reflect God's infinitude?

- A. Vast scale, complexity, order, beauty, and sustaining power
- B. Only Earth's physical size
- C. Human technology alone
- D. Randomness and limitation

3. What does creation ex nihilo mean?

- A. God created without using pre-existing physical material
- B. God rearranged an eternal universe
- C. Nature created God
- D. Matter created itself

4. According to Romans 1:20, what can be perceived through what has been made?

- A. God's eternal power and divine nature
- B. That God has no attributes
- C. That creation explains itself
- D. Only facts about human culture

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1. How do the scale, order, complexity, and existence of creation point toward a Creator who transcends creation itself?
2. What kind of power would be required to bring the entire physical universe into existence?