

SCIENCE AND HEAVEN

SPACE, STARS, AND OTHER SIGNS IN THE SKY

*“And God called the firmament Heaven.
And the evening and the morning were the second day.”*

~ Genesis 1:8

1. Science and Heaven

- a. Science is popularly assumed to be against God, “going to heaven” a superstitious idea.
- b. NASA = men with knowledge; BIBLE = men with no evidence ← false witness.
- c. Many people believe the lie that more knowledge of space proves faith in God false.
- d. *“The good thing about science is that it is true whether or not you believe in it.”*
- e. Carl Sagan’s, *A Pale Blue Dot*, a picture of Earth from a probe 4 billion miles away.

2. Show us a sign

- a. Foolish men have been asking for a sign from heaven for millennia - Matt 16:1-4
- b. “sign” = a visible mark, banner, token, evidence, proof. e.g. signal ~ a sign giving info.
- c. The clearest and best place for a sign would be heaven - every eye can see it (Rev 1:7)
- d. The 2nd thing God made: Heaven - Gen 1:6-8 (No, firmament doesn’t mean solid dome)
- e. The 4th day he put things in Heaven “for signs” - sun, moon, stars - Gen 1:14-19
- f. Heaven from Old English “home of God” is now called space, he is the God of heaven.
- g. This gap is not something that we don’t know, but something we can know.

3. The Heaven of Heavens

- a. Sagan - *“The universe is a pretty big place.... [it] seems like an awful waste of space”*
- b. Space is not silent - “The heavens declare the glory of God” - Psa 19:1-6
- c. *“the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him”* - 2 Chron 2:5-6, 1 Kings 4:29
- d. Solomon knew a great God through the largeness of heaven - Isa 66:1-2, Ro 10:17-18
- e. God is not small, neither is his mercy, truth, glory - Psa 103:11, 108:4-5, 113:4-6, 148:13
- f. There is no space God is not - Psa 139:7-9, 12-17, John 3:13
- g. The biggest sign of God’s greatness and power is heaven (if you have eyes to see)

4. Eyes to See

- a. If we look at Heaven with the knowledge of God, we see more than darkness - Ps 8:3-5
- b. The Bible taught a third heaven before “outer space” - 2 Cor 12:12
- c. God says we cannot tell the stars (number them) - Gen 15:5, Psa 147:4, Jer 33:22
- d. The sun is shrinking, the moon is departing, the stars are fully formed.
- e. The planets have rings, Hubble saw more galaxies, Einstein had to admit a beginning.
- f. Man is alone, the goldilocks zone, direction, time, constellations. Job 9:9, 38:31-32
- g. Heavy elements, supernovas, stardust? Gen 2:7, every time we look we see evidence.
- h. Scientists are not gods, but God is a scientist - Isa 40:12-13

5. Heavens Give Knowledge

- a. Space is not empty, it gives knowledge about what we don’t see (God) - Rom 1:20
- b. “God is not there”, but heaven is unsearchable - Prov 25:3, Eph 3:18
- c. The study of the heavens is the study of invisible things (dark matter – Job 38:19-20)
- d. Without God’s word we turn into astrologers, worshipers of stars - Isa 47:13, Jer 10:2
- e. God’s ways are higher than ours as the heaven is high - Isa 55:9
- f. The word of God is settled not on the Earth, but in the heaven - Ps 119:89
- g. No height can separate us from the love of God (that’s a big promise!) - Rom 8:39
- h. One day he will use heaven for a greater sign - Luke 21:25, Acts 2:19-20, Rev 6:14-15