

## GOD REVEALED IN CREATION

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**“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.” (Rom 1:20 NIV)**

Two things are “clearly seen” and “understood” about God from creation. (1) His eternal power. (2) His divine nature. If we do not see this, we are without excuse.

### HIS ETERNAL POWER

First let us discuss “power”. Nothing moves without it. This is obvious. When the electricity goes off the electric motor stops. Electrical energy, as just one of many examples of power, can be produced in a variety of ways. Every way known to man, however, only involves the transformation of energy from one form to another. We cannot “create electricity” from nothing. In fact we cannot create anything. We produce energy by starting with something that has already been created. We have to start with coal, gas, rivers, etc. In fact, the first and most basic law of science is that no energy can either be created or destroyed. When we burn coal, we do not destroy it, we only change it from a solid to a gas. The second most basic law of science involves entropy. That word literally means “turning inward”. Satellites, for example, can never have an eternal orbit. They invariably “turn inward”. This is a fact of science. There is no such thing as perpetual motion. Therefore we must conclude that the earth cannot have been eternally in orbit. Like a gigantic clock the universe is winding down and wearing out. These two basic laws of science are called the first and second laws of thermodynamics. They are obvious. Based upon these facts we are forced to conclude that the power that created the universe is different from any power known to science. Therefore it is appropriately called in Scripture “eternal power”. This fact is so obvious that it should be “clearly seen” and “understood”. Those who do not see it are without excuse.

### HIS DIVINE NATURE

Secondly, the “divine nature” of God is clearly seen and understood in creation. We live in a “space, mass, time” continuum. Space is the unseen background where everything happens. Mass = the phenomena occurring in space. And time is what enables us to experience phenomena. There is no empty space for everywhere there is space there are heat waves, light waves, or objects, etc. We could not experience this phenomena however, without time. The God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit created a universe that reflected the very essence of His being. We live in a universe of three dimensions, not two or four. Remarkably, each of these three dimensions also has three dimensions.

Space, for example, is three dimensional. The reality of space is length, breadth, and height. Length is invisible until it has width and cannot be experienced until it has depth. Each dimension is equal and necessary. The reality, or volume of space, is reached by multiplying length x breadth x height. As you know,  $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$ .

The reality of what happens in space is also a trinity. The energy in the universe is manifest in motion and experienced in the phenomena which it produces. It is invisible in the first dimension, it is seen in the second dimension, and experienced in the third.

Time is also a trinity of future, present, and past. All was once the future, all becomes the present, and all becomes the past. Each one of the three is the whole, yet is represented by three distinct concepts. The future is the unseen reservoir of time, seen in the present, and when experienced becomes the past.

### CLEARLY SEEN AND WITHOUT EXCUSE

It is appointed unto every man once to die and after that the Judgement (Heb. 9:27). How tragic that many will face death and Judgement without thinking rationally about the consequences of their actions. If you do not see the “eternal power” and “divine nature” of God in what He has created, you will stand before Him in Judgement “without excuse”.