

**THINKING ABOUT THE BEGINNING**  
**PART 1: EXPLAINING OUR ORIGINS**  
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“...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.” Romans 1:20 (NIV)

**EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES**

**OPTION 1: \_\_\_\_\_: All that exists was created by a Creator God**

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.” Psalm 19:1-4 (NIV)

**OPTION 2: \_\_\_\_\_: All that exists came to be through**  
**Natural processes, i.e. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and**

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• **Two Types Of Science**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - the Scientific Method:  
Uses observable, repeatable experiments in a controlled environment.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - theorizing about how something (e.g. the cosmos, the earth, life) originated; not observable or repeatable.

• **Two Types Of Evolutionary Theory**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - all living creatures are modified descendants of a common ancestor that lived long ago.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - every new species that has ever appeared can be explained by descent with modifications. These modifications are the result of natural selection acting on random genetic mutations.

- **Micro-Evolution v. Macro Evolution**
  - **Micro – Adaptation within kind**
  - **Macro – Adaptation across kind**

### **EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE**

1. **THE \_\_\_\_\_**
  - **Fossils of numerous varieties appear suddenly in the geologic record.**
2. **THE SECOND LAW OF \_\_\_\_\_**
  - **Without additional energy, things naturally tend to breakdown.**
3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Which conclusion appears more reasonably consistent with the evidence – Intelligent Design or Random Chance?**
4. \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Even the simplest organisms appear to be irreducibly complex.**

**OPTION 3: \_\_\_\_\_: All that exists defies a purely natural explanation at this time**