

Questions for Lesson 9: Space, Time, and God

1. What is God?

Answer: A spiritual being existing in a higher dimension than our own.

2. Why is it erroneous to say God is masculine or feminine?

Answer: God is a spirit and spirits aren't sexual. God is referred to in masculine terms when force, power, violence, war, and provision of needs are involved. When the context involves compassion, love, nurturing a feminine reference is given. Remember that there is no neuter in Hebrew.

3. What language does God speak?

Answer: God reads our hearts and minds no matter what our speech expression might be. Hebrew and Greek were the languages of people who accepted God's message and became His people. In today's world how we dress, shape our physical appearance, or organize our worship is not an issue with God. We tend to think that what is done in our culture is what everyone should do. However, biblical commands talk about singing, teaching, praying, etc. and these can be done in an infinite number of ways all of which are acceptable to God.

4. How is it possible for God to hear a person in China and the United States praying when they pray at the same time and are thousands of miles apart?

Answer: If God doesn't experience time, he can listen to one prayer and then go and listen to the other and no time would have passed for him. Remember that how far you go depends on how long you drive, and for God since time doesn't pass He is everywhere at once in physical terms.

5. How do we know that particles like quarks exist when we can't see, hear, touch, smell, or taste them?

Answer: We do experiments that help establish the properties of the particles. In the case of quarks we watch what happens when we destroy a proton or a neutron or an electron. The products of such changes tell us what some of the quark's properties are. By making a list we can determine a dossier of what quarks are and what they can do. The same thing is done when describing God. This is what all of nuclear studies are about and how knowledge is gained.

6. Who created God?

Answer: The question makes an assumption that is invalid--that there was a time when God did not exist. You would have to believe that time and space existed before God did. But God created both of these--a point the evidence for the big bang confirms. From our perspective, God has always been, but that is a very limited perspective. We have a booklet titled "Who Created God" if you are interested in further study.

7. If a cube had crossed flatland instead of a sphere, what would the man in Flatland have seen assuming the cube's base was parallel to flatland?

Answer: A large square would have appeared out of nothing and stayed until the

cube exited Flatland, and then instantly there would have been nothing. If a pyramid crossed, the man in Flatland would see a square that got smaller until it became a point. If you are troubled explaining this, try having a kid who says he understands do it. Usually more artistic kids will see this immediately.

8. What are the four steps or choices that make up our argument for the existence of God?

Answer: A) Was there a beginning? The evidence is there was.

(B) Was the beginning caused? To maintain it was uncaused leads us to have to believe that something came from nothing which violates the conservation laws of science.

(C) If it was caused, was the cause blind chance or an intelligence? There is massive evidence that chance doesn't explain what we see in the creation.

(D) What has to be the relationship of the cause to space and time? It has to be an agent outside of time and space. Only God fits all of these four steps.