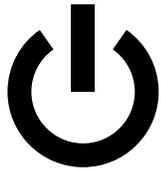


Speaker: Don DeYoung & Nate Bosch **Title:** Bible & the Space Age

Key Verses: Genesis 1:14; Psalm 8:3; 19:1–3; 33:7; 89:2; 115:16

Summary: God's creativity and wisdom are on display in the heavens.



Power Up: Take a moment to prepare

The heavens declare God's glory, says the Psalmist (19:1). Describe what awes you when you lift your eyes to the heavens.



Replay: Take some time to watch

Note the flow of Don's and Nate's talk: **1)** the sun and its implications; **2)** the moon and its implications; **3)** the stars and its implications.



Comment: Take some time to talk

What is the difference between astronomy and astrology?

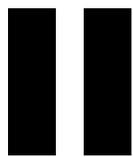
What is good evidence that the Nebular Theory of Creation is false?

What does $E=MC^2$ tell us about the sun's energy? How much energy does a pen have? What would happen if people could harness it?

Don and Nate share several examples of God's creativity, wisdom, and faithfulness. *What are some of their examples?* Be specific.

What does Ex Nihilo mean? What is the Steady State Theory? What is the Big Bang Theory? What other creation theories exist?

Read 1 Peter 3:15. *How does this verse complement Don's advice for addressing opposition at school? What case for God could you make based upon your scientific understanding of Creation?*



Pause: Take a moment to pray

Thank God for the sun, moon, and stars. Thank Him for the beauty, wisdom, and balance in holding the universe together. Ask Him for greater awareness of His intelligent design and opportunities to speak about it.



Take Action: Take a step forward

If this whirlwind tour of the cosmos did not awe you, pick up your Bible. Read Job 38–40, a conversation God has with Job about His power in creation. As you read, ask God to humble you. He is bigger than you are!

Bonus Features | Additional Notes and Quotes from DeYoung & Bosch

Power Track Summary: What does the Bible tell us about the Big Bang Theory, age of the cosmos, new planets, and aliens? Scripture is an unfailing guide to understanding our universe. This Power Track explores the Bible for answers to our big questions about space.

About the Speakers: Drs. DeYoung and Bosch teach in the Science Department at Grace College. They are long-time Power Track speakers at Momentum.

God Made the Sun

Astronomy is the study of the physical universe, including planets, stars, and celestial matter.

Astrology is the study of the star patterns and constellations to predict the future.

“The sun gives off more energy in one second than earth has created since creation.”

What keeps the sun going? Nuclear fusion ($E = mc^2$); it turns hydrogen into helium... “God created [nuclear fusion], but we haven’t been able to replicate it and harness.”

“If a pen turned into energy, it could fuel your entire county for a year. Matter is like frozen energy. It’s amazing how God makes that work.”

Nebula Theory: If this is true, the sun should be turning rapidly; it turns lazily.

“The way God has set up this earth, perfect and balanced, is we have the photosynthesizers doing photosynthesis and then we have the animals and bacteria doing the opposite. And those two are working together in concert.”

1 Peter 3:15

God Made the Moon

The moon landing happened 50 years ago (1969). The moon is 240,000 miles away.

Purposes of the Moon: Nightlight, clock, compass, calendar, stabilizes seasons, tide, life,

“Tides keep oceans life healthy. Half of our oxygen is provided by sea plants!”

God Made the Stars

Total solar eclipse expected in April 2024.

Shooting star is a small bit of space debris that enter the earth’s atmosphere.

What is a Light Year? How far light travels in a given year = 6,000,000,000,000 miles in a year.

Creation Theories: Ex Nihilo, Big Bang, Steady State, Multiple Universe Theory