

THE CREATOR

We are talking about religion here, not science, and therefore it is permissible to present the idea that the universe did not begin with a mechanical “Big Bang,” but rather with an act of will by the creator of all reality. The universe was not inevitable. The universe is not an accident, neither is it self-existent. The universe is a work of creation and is therefore wholly subject to the will of the creator.

From a human perspective this creator is unfathomable, but there are qualities that we can recognize. The creator is universal spirit, eternal truth, infinite reality, and the first personality.

The creator is the only stationary, self-contained and changeless being in the whole universe, having no outside, no beyond, no past, and no future. The creator is purposive energy and absolute will, and these are self-existent and universal.

The creator is omnipresent – everywhere present. The creator is omnipotent, unlimited in power, divine in nature, final in will, infinite in attributes, eternal in wisdom, and absolute in reality. Having created all of reality, there is no aspect of it of which the creator is not aware.

The creator has an eternal purpose pertaining to the material, intellectual, and spiritual phenomena of the universe. This purpose is being executed throughout all time.

The universe is not functioning as a mechanical clock. In addition to initiating it, the creator is also controlling it and sustaining it.

Controlling the universe does not mean controlling human behavior, however. As the first and model personality has free will, so also does every creature of human stature in the universe.

The creator is the model for the highest ideals of truth, beauty and goodness. The universe was created in imperfection, destined to evolve to the perfection of its creator. To the extent that we aspire and work towards the highest ideals of truth, beauty and goodness, we advance the evolution of the universe towards perfection.

In the physical universe we may see the ultimate forms of beauty, in the intellectual world we may discern the highest forms of truth, but the goodness of the creator is found only through the spiritual world of personal religious experience.