

Edward Christian Church- **“God: Who is He?” -pt8a Jan 24, 2017**

Characteristics of Each Member of the Trinity

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, anyone who comes to Him must believe that he exists / he rewards those who earnestly seek him" -Heb 11:6

Reflect on the Four Ways by Which God Reveals Himself

If God truly is **knowable**—and **He is**—the **question** we need to ask is, *"How can we come to Him?"* **God has revealed** facts about **Himself** / His **nature** in different **ways** so that we can **know** Him. **What** are these **ways**?

Through Creation

"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." -Romans 1:20

No one would **argue** that the **universe** is **not** an overwhelmingly **complex** / majestic **creation**. Even **scientists** agree that there **had to be a beginning**. A scientific **law** says that **something cannot** come from **nothing**. That **law** is called *"first cause."*

In **Job 38**, Job is **arguing** with **God** and seeking **answers** about the **world** around **him**. **Look** at how **God** replies...

- **The Formation of the World**

"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone?" -Job 38:4-6

- **The Vast Universe**

"Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons or lead out the Bear with its cubs (32)

- **The Balance of Land / Water**

"Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt?'" (8-11)

- **The Division of Day / Night**

"Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place?" (12)

- **The Life/ Death Cycle**

"Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you... gates of the shadow of death?" (17)

- **The Seasons and Weather**

"Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of the hail, which I reserve for times of trouble, for days of war and battle? What is the way to the place where the lightning is dispersed, or the place where the east winds are scattered over the earth? Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm." -Job 38:22-25

Is it possible that all this detailed perfection could be the result of a big explosion, or did it come about as a result of the carefully designed plan of an infinite God? The likelihood of a random explosion resulting in the origin of the universe might be compared to the likelihood of an explosion in a print shop resulting in the creation of a book! The idea is absurd and totally irrational!