

January 1 Answers

- 1) God is the **creator** of the universe. He has always existed, for He is **uncaused**, **eternal** and **transcendent**. The **Father** created the world through the **Son** (cf. John 1:3; Col 1:16), and the Holy **Spirit** was there, “hovering over the face of the waters” (Gen 1:2b). God’s **creativity** and **power** are revealed in each of the days of creation. God is also **omniscient** (all-knowing). He **foreknew** the fall of man before creation, and He planned to send the Son as a **sacrifice** for “the sins of the whole world” (Acts 2:22–23; 1 John 2:2).
- 2) God **spoke** the universe into existence out of **nothing**. His creative activity took place during six, 24-hour **days**, and on the seventh day He rested. This example of **work** and **rest** was intended to be a **pattern** for us to follow (cf. Exod 16; 20:8–11). God made man and woman in His **image**, and they became the **model** for marriage. Sadly, the beauty of God’s “very good” creation was marred by two falls: the fall of **Satan** and the fall of **man**. Through one man, Adam, **sin** entered the world, and **death** through sin (Rom 5:12). The entire universe is now suffering the effects of mankind’s sin (Rom 8:22).