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## Live Classes

# Exploring Creation with High School Astronomy

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## Syllabus

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## Personal Note from Instructor:

Ever gazed at the night sky and wondered, *What's out there?* What are all those lights? Join me for an amazing journey through outer **space**.

In this **live, interactive course**, you'll explore God's universe through a **biblical lens**. We'll explore every module answering mind-expanding questions like: how does that planet support life on earth?

With thought-provoking questions, interactive discussions, and no experiments or exams (the math is optional), this course is designed to inspire curiosity and reveal the rational truth of The Intelligent Designer

So, join me, Larry Blythe as we investigate the wonders of the heavens, challenge false worldviews about origins, and build a solid foundation in astronomical science from the true and biblical worldview. The universe is waiting to be explored.

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## Recommended Grade Level:

High School.

## Prerequisites:



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None.

## Live Lecture Date & Time:

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 AM ET

*NOTE: The instructor does not require attendance of the live lectures but highly recommends students attend as many of the live lectures as possible to take advantage of live Q&A. Lectures are recorded and posted on the course Canvas page under the associated week and module. If you miss a lecture, please watch the recording. You can also use the recording for review as you prepare for the online exam.*

## Description:

This course is specifically titled "Exploring CREATION..." It is meant to be an introduction only - a starting point to a biblical, truthful, and rational view of the universe. Amazing truths are waiting to be discovered if only the shackles of secular thinking are removed. Prepare for this journey of discovery...

You will be learning how to defend the Masterful Design of the Universe by a Timeless, Spaceless, Immaterial Being – God, and how every observable thing in the Cosmos absolutely and thunderously shouts unmistakable design and original creation by an intelligent Mind.

This Live course will help you understand the true vastness of all God's creation. We will travel together through our universe to see how finely tuned it is bringing us to the only rational, reasonable conclusion: Only God's account of origins makes sense of scientific observations and provides rational justification for the methods of science and reasoning. It is not random but rather specifically designed by a Great Mind.

You see, as biblical creationists we expect that the universe would be understandable, and operate in a uniform, logical fashion since it was created by a logical God who constantly upholds it by His consistent power. Without biblical creation, science itself would not be possible.

We interpret cosmic evidence in light of biblical history which is very consistent with biblical creation. Furthermore, God designed the human mind allowing us to study and understand aspects of the universe. No field of science (and technology) would be possible if the universe were just a cosmic accident. All fields of science require an orderly, rational universe.

Astronomy is a natural science in the sense that astronomers study nature. There is nothing in the definition or methods of astronomy that requires it to be “naturalistic” (to exclude the supernatural). There is nothing in astronomy that precludes the possibility that God created the universe in six regular days as He said He did in Genesis. In fact, if God were not constantly upholding the universe in a consistent way, science would not be possible.

In this course, students will complete all On Your Own questions except advanced math equations. Detailed answers for all of the On Your Own Questions are provided in the back of the textbook.

#### BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE CLASS:

- Weekly 60-minute lectures with Q&A. Lectures will be based on the Apologia text AND other materials. We will not necessarily cover every point on every page of the Apologia textbook. Lectures are not always coordinated with the weekly reading.

## Required Class Materials:

1. Apologia text: Exploring Creation with High School Astronomy
2. Taking Back Astronomy, Jason Lisle,  
<https://answersingenesis.org/store/product/taking-back-astronomy/?sku=10-2-252>
3. Falling Flat: A Refutation of Flat Earth Claims, 2019, Danny R. Faulkner, ISBN: 978-1-68344-206-6, <https://www.masterbooks.com/falling-flat/> or: <https://creationtoday.org/product/debunking-flat-earth/>
4. Astronomy Pocket Guide,  
<https://answersingenesis.org/store/product/astronomy-pocket-guide/>
5. The following 2 companion texts should be hardcover. But if you need to purchase the eBooks instead for cost reduction, please do so.

- 1) The Created Cosmos, Faulkner,  
<https://answersingenesis.org/store/product/created-cosmos-book/>
- 2) The Expanse of Heaven: Where Creation & Astronomy Intersect, Faulkner, <https://answersingenesis.org/store/product/expanse-heaven>

## Recommended Class Materials:

All textbooks above

## Course Topics:

- Mysteries of the Universe
- The History of Astronomy
- Understanding the Basics
- Our Solar System
- The Sun
- The Inner Planets
- The Moon
- Telescopes
- The Outer Planets
- Dwarf Planets & The Asteroid Belt
- The Universe
- The Stars
- Galaxies
- Celestial Navigation

## Assignment Structure:

1. Weekly reading from various texts
2. Occasional Quizzes including short book or chapter summaries
3. On Your Own Questions completed

## Grading:

All grading is numerical, not letter grading. Points are awarded per weekly assignments (see above).

- 70%: Weekly reading quizzes. Your grade will be determined by weekly reading assignments called “quizzes.” They simply ask if you have read the assignments. Do they include other questions??? Hmmmm maybe...
- 15%: “On Your Own” questions to be turned in weekly
- 15%: Occasional video projects – assigned videos to watch at home

## Due Dates and Late Policy:

N/A

## Instructor Availability for Questions:

Via live class discussions and email during the week.