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**STEPHEN HAWKING AND GOD**

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Service Times

**Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

What lies beneath  
(Pro 14:13, Ps 34:18)

PM Sermon:

Why I am a member of the church  
of Christ - Lesson 4 - Because it  
teaches that the kingdom has been  
established and Christ is now  
reigning. (Acts 2:16-21)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

The Christian Do's - Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47  
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

For the Record: 11/17

AM Bible Class: 25  
AM Worship: 31  
PM Worship: 20  
Contribution: \$2629  
Weekly Budget: \$2800  
Wednesday Night Bible Class: 18

Stephen Hawking has long been recognized in the scientific world as a renowned scientist in the area of the origin of the Earth. He has long held that there is no need to believe in God to explain the origin of the universe, but apparently did not rule out God having some influence on the origin of the universe. Now, he has a new book coming out in which he argues that God did not create the universe and that the “Big Bang” was an inevitable consequence of the laws of physics.

In a recent article from Reuters (news.yahoo.com, 9-2-10), Hawking is quoted as follows: “Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing. Spontaneous creation is the reason there is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist” (This is from Hawking’s new book The Grand Design.). He also states “That makes the coincidences of our planetary conditions – the single Sun, the lucky combination of Earth-Sun distance and solar mass, far less remarkable, and far less compelling evidence that the Earth was carefully designed just to please us human beings”.

Think about the first statement above. Hawking, a renowned scientist, states that the universe created itself from nothing. Spontaneous generation (creation, as he calls it) has long been proven by scientist (Pasteur, most notably) to be impossible. In fact, pure logic would tell us that there is no means by which something that is not living can decide to start living. And, where does Hawking think gravity comes from? Gravity is what each rotating sphere in the universe generates because of its rotation. How can there be gravity when nothing exists?!

Then, he dares to say that our single Sun and the “lucky combination”(?) of the Earth-Sun distance, etc. are not evidence of a designed universe!!! From the chaos that is known as the Big Bang came a single Sun and perfect distance between this Sun and the Earth? This would be beyond a “lucky combination”. This would be impossible. Order has never come out of chaos. And, Hawking is a “renowned” scientist?!

“For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, and every man a liar...”(Rom. 3:3,4)

**The Truth**

Alexander Campbell said, “Often have I said, and often have I written, that truth, truth eternal and divine, is now, and long has been with me the pearl of great price. To her I, with the blessing of God, sacrifice everything. But on no altar will I offer her a victim. If I have lost sight of her, God who searcheth the

hearts knows I have not done it intentionally. With all my heart have I sought truth, and know I have found it.”

Should this not be the sentiment of every Christian, yea, of every human being? Remember, Jesus said, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (Jn. 8:32). Solomon declared, “Buy the truth, and sell it not; Yea, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding” (Pro. 23:23).

\*Taken from “The Preachers PC” by Tom Moore of the Park Heights church of Christ, Hamilton, Texas\*

## **Announcements**

### Men's Meeting

Our next men's meeting will be December 1st after evening services.

### Recent Prayer Requests

Ruth (Darla's sister) – is recovering from surgery.

Larry Overson – (friend of Denise) who is suffering from cancer.

Thurman Smith- (Dad of Dan Smith) is in a rehabilitation center in Collinsville.

Dan Smith's Mother in law – is in the hospital and not doing well.

Patti Payne – has some health concerns and is waiting further info from her doctors.

Ed's brother wife Roxy – has Alzheimer's and is in a home in Jacksonville, IL.

Barbara Coats – will be having another surgery again soon.

**Please keep all of these in your prayers.**

**Please keep the following in the prayers.**

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma and Ruth (Darla's sisters)

John Babb

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Kenny Payne