

## *Define nothing.*

*Where would you begin?*

*If I told you that there is an object hidden to the right of this question (it is not the blue square) how would you describe it? Where would you begin to study it?*

*Rule #1 and only 1.*

*The Bible is the only authority on this topic.*





**Can we truly understand Prophecy, Foreknowledge or events  
before they happen? YES, WE CAN !**

We are going to challenge much of what Modern Americans believe about “Before Creation, The Trinity, The Tree of Life, and Jesus as the Alfa and Omega”. (Lifeway Research)

I consider this a journey in a time machine (our Bible) before time, before space, and before Creation.

According to research, most Americans accept Christmas as the Birth of Jesus. There are three (3) categories in this Life Way Research: USA Adults, Active Christian Church goers, and Unaffiliated non-church goers.

Percentage below who agreed with each of the following statements about Jesus:

1<sup>st</sup> is US Adults; 2<sup>nd</sup> is Active Christians; and 3<sup>rd</sup> is non-affiliated.

1. Jesus is the Son of God. 80%, 98%, and 48%

2. Jesus was born more than 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem.  
72%, 95%, and 33%

3. Jesus is the Son of God, existing before creation.  
41%, 63%, and 15%

Read John 1:1-4

There are six (6) statements about something in the beginning. What are they?

Gary, read John 17: 24. Give us your commentary on this verse.

All, Read John 8:58. Why did this create such a stir among the Jewish leaders?

The next issue is Genesis 1, John 1: 4-5. Anita what is the Gap Theory and how does it fit into this context of Before Time-Before Space?

Now, Genesis presents another issue. 1: 26a should clarify the Trinity.

Two (2) thoughts from opposing philosophers.

**Philosopher 1- C.S. Lewis, from “Mere Christianity”**

**“if you picture Time as a straight line along which we must travel, then you must picture God as the whole page on which the line is drawn. We come to the parts of the line one by one: we must leave A behind before we get to B and cannot reach C until we leave B behind. (Linear motion) God is above, outside, all around and contains the whole line, and sees it all at the same time.**

**Philosopher 2 - Stephen Hawking’s ideas on the nature of black holes and the big bang. “This might seem far removed from earthly life, but they stem from the kinds of questions that children and curious adults contemplate: Why can’t we move around in time the way we do in space? Why do we seem to be stuck on a relentless one-way conveyor belt into the future?” “Was there a beginning of the universe, and if so, what happened before?”**

**How does Ephesians 1:4 relate to the Tree of Life-Book of Life?**

**(SUE)**

- 1. Who was Jude of the Bible. Jude 25 gives a clear understanding of what was before all things. **WANDA****
- 2. Can instructions from the Old Testament help us know even the “old things” are important to God, the Father? Deuteronomy 29: 29 and Isiah 46:9-10 **SUSAN****
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- 4. What happened, as indicated by Hebrews 1:1-8, before time and creation started? **(TOM)****

- 1. Can 1st Timothy 1:17, and Psalms 90:1-2 give us an eternal application in “unto the ages of the ages,”. Apply this to “time-creation” past. (CHAROLETE)**
- 2. From what we have studied to this point “He alone possesses immortality” implies who? This is extremely important. Do not miss the importance of this statement. (1 Timothy 6:15-16)**
- 3. Can Colossians 1:15-17 help us understand this and all thrones and powers before time and creation? (JOHN)**
- 4. Now tie it all together. Romans 1:18-21 stands on solid ground about the authority of “time and creation” as their judge”. Explain! (All)**
- 5. Does Titus 1:1-2 define time and creation? Anyone**



**Pre-existence is defined as “existence in a former state or previous to something else.”**

**If Jesus did not exist before the beginning with God, then John 1:1-2 is not true. **Yes No****

**If Jesus did not exist before the beginning, you must conclude that Jesus was not God and was created. **Yes No****

**If Jesus was created, he could not live a perfect life and die for our sins and therefore, Jesus isn't the only way. **Yes No****

**Jesus had to be God, part of the Trinity, One God. **Yes No****

**Before Creation and the physical and spiritual world, there was history independent of creation. **Yes No****

**Before energy, time, and space all things were spoken into existence. **Yes No****

**God existed and made angels and other divine beings before humanity was created. **Yes No****

**Scripture gives us some clues as to that part of history in eternity past which preceded human life. **Yes No****

**This is important to know for sure? **Why?****