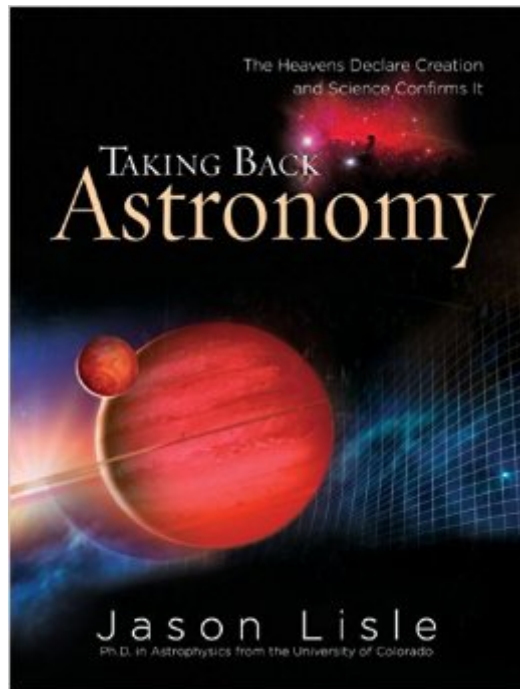


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# Taking Back Astronomy: The Heavens Declare Creation



## Synopsis

"This book is meant to be an introduction only - a starting point to a biblical view of the universe. . . . Who knows what amazing truths are waiting to be discovered if only the shackles of secular thinking are removed. Now is the time of discovery..." Take a breathtaking look at the universe that is comprehensive guide to the heavens! Sit back and explore the world at your fingertips in this book which: Explains the scale and size of the universe that is hard for our minds to imagine - yet can only indicate the Master's hand at work. Over 50 full-color, rarely seen photos of stars, nebulas, and galaxies. Filled with facts that challenge secular theories and models of the universe - how it began and how it continues to amaze the scientific community. Explores numerous evidences that point to a young universe: magnetic poles of planets, the spiral shape of galaxies, comets and how long scientists think they can last, and much more. With a doctorate in astrophysics from the University of Colorado, Dr. Jason Lisle is your guide to the universe beyond our world in this remarkable book. Step out among the stars and experience the truly awesome power of God through this glimpse of His vast creation.

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The purpose of this book is to provide an introductory resource in the field of astronomy which interprets evidences from a biblical creation perspective. The book explores passages of Scripture which conflict with the current opinion of the majority of scientists regarding, among others, the age of the universe, the so-called "distant starlight problem," and the idea of extra-terrestrial life. In Lisle's words, "Many people think the creation versus evolution debate is about evidence, and although the

evidence is important, evidence is always interpreted through a person's world view. So the debate is really about world views. The debate is over which interpretation of the evidence is best. Think about it this way: both creationists and evolutionists have the same evidence. They have access to the same fossils and the same rocks. They study the same principles of genetics, chemistry and physics. They observe the same universe. Why then do they draw such different conclusions when it comes to matters of origins? Ultimately, it is because they have different world views, and so they interpret the same evidence differently."Lisle has created this book to help us understand Astronomy through the biblical world view. There are five chapters: The Splendor of God's Creation, The Universe Confirms the Bible, The Age of the Universe, The Bible and Modern Astronomy, and War of the World Views. The comprehension level is about 9th grade and up, but used as family reading in small chunks and depending upon the interest of the child, it could be used for other grade levels.

This is a very interesting book. From a formal point of view it is simply outstanding, with a very nice layout and wonderful pictures of the Universe. Substantively, the book makes a very important point that I would like to mention. We all interpret the evidence according to our world view. If one starts from naturalist assumptions about the Universe (v.g. the Universe is all there is; the Universe arose by itself and is evolving), one will naturally try to explain the data according to this model, accommodating by adding assumptions, explaining away or even dismissing all evidence that doesn't immediately fit. There are many scientific problems with the naturalistic evolutionary model of the Universe (v.g. where did matter and energy come from? What caused the alleged Big Bang? Was there an early inflation of the Universe? If so, what started it? And what stopped it? Why are galaxies quantized? Why do "earlier" galaxies look mature? Why are comets still moving around? Why are nebulas expanding? What caused nebulas gravitational collapse? Where did the moon come from? Where was the moon 2 billion years ago? Why is there a "faint Sun" paradox?). In spite of the huge scientific problems facing the naturalist evolutionary model of the Universe, from which the above mentioned are but a few examples, the naturalists will hold on to this paradigm, even if it means building a precarious castle of assumptions over assumptions. The reason for that is that this model is the only alternative they have to creationism. If they abandon their model they will become creationists, something they want at all costs to avoid. For many naturalists promoting this model is the only way to advance their academic careers and to get a pay check from their superiors.

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