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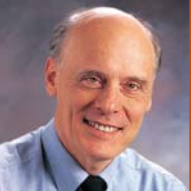
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# Journey Toward Creation

A breathtaking guided tour  
through space and time  
back to the beginning  
of the universe

DVD Study Guide ◦ Tyler S. Green



## A Message from Dr. Hugh Ross

I hope this discussion guide will energize your church or small group with excitement over the unique era in which we live and over the amazing advances in astrophysics. The guide can be used to facilitate a classroom, small group, or large group discussion based on the DVD, *Journey Toward Creation*. The DVD was inspired by the research in my book, *The Creator and the Cosmos*.

Never before has science provided so many powerful new reasons to believe in the God of the Bible.

*Hugh Ross*

Groups may use the video for any number of sessions. We suggest either two or four. For two one-hour sessions, follow each segment with a 10-15 minute discussion.

For four one-hour sessions, follow each segment with a 30-45 minute discussion.



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## Section 1

# Introduction

Chapters 1-14 • Running Time: 22 Minutes

1. What was your understanding of the “big bang” prior to watching this program? Positive or negative?
2. Has your view of the big bang changed?
3. Prior to watching this DVD, what was your understanding about how the Moon came into existence?
4. Does the thought that the Moon was formed by a seemingly natural, cataclysmic event diminish God’s power or magnify it?
5. What does the Moon-formation event reveal about God’s planning and power?
6. What does the design of our solar system and its bodies, such as the Moon and Jupiter, tell us about the Creator?
7. How do you feel as you ponder how much care the Creator has taken to make a home for us?



## Section 2

# Stars and Galaxies

Chapters 15-23 • Running Time: 23 Minutes

1. Prior to watching this program, had you ever thought about the effects of stars and the shape of our galaxy for maintaining life on Earth?
2. When you consider the many factors required for life to exist on any planet, such as the just-right galaxy in the just-right location orbiting the just-right star, what implications do you see for speculations about the existence of aliens on other planets?
3. Does the fact that God waited and prepared through almost 14 billion years before creating humanity diminish His power?
4. What features of our galaxy and planet result from God's waiting billions of years before creating life?
5. Could life as we know it exist *without* billions of years of star formation, supernovae explosions, and the formation of a rocky planet?



## Section 3

# Not “Just Another” Planet

Chapters 24-37 • Running Time: 23 Minutes

1. According to the materialist worldview, the Earth is not special; it’s just a pale blue dot—one planet among many that probably contain life. How have recent scientific discoveries called into question the classic formation of the Copernican principle (the idea that the Earth is not unique)?
2. Even though the Earth is not at the “geographic” center of the universe, does that mean it is not special?
3. Given the remarkable fine-tuning of the universe and the acknowledgement by some scientists that the universe appears to be designed, what do you think prevents some scientists from believing in a Creator?



## Section 4: Bonus Feature

# Who is the Creator?

With Greg Koukl • Running Time: 33 Minutes

1. How do science and theology intersect with one another?
2. What do you think about the idea of testing your beliefs?
3. Do you think Christians should put the Bible to the test when it touches on scientific issues?
4. Do you think religious claims can and should be scientifically tested?