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# STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

Using a question and answer technique, this study will help you understand the answers to some of life's greatest questions: What is God like? Is the Bible God's Word? What is man's destiny? Can we be certain of life after death?

Find the answers to your questions here!

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## Course Components

This course has two parts: this study course and the exam booklet.

## How To Study

This study has eight chapters, and each chapter has its own exam. Begin by asking God to help you understand the material. Read the chapter through at least twice, once to get a general idea of its contents and then again, slowly, looking up any Bible references given.

Begin studying immediately, or if you are in a group, as soon as the group begins. We suggest that you keep a regular schedule by trying to complete at least one chapter per week.

## **Exams**

In the exam booklet there is one exam for each chapter (exam 1 covers chapter 1 of the course). Do not answer the questions by what you think or have always believed. The questions are designed to find out if you understand the material given in the course.

After you have completed each chapter, review the related exam and see how well you know the answers. If you find that you are having difficulty answering the questions, review the material until you think you can answer the questions. It is important that you read the Bible passages referenced as some questions may be based on the Bible text.

## **How Your Exams Are Graded**

Your instructor will mark any incorrectly answered questions. You will be referred back to the place in the course where the correct answer is to be found. After finishing this course with a passing average, you will be awarded a certificate.

If you enrolled in a class, submit your exam papers to the leader or secretary of the class who will send them for the entire group to the Correspondence School.

See the back of the exam booklet for more information on returning the exams for grading.

# 1

## THE BASIC FACT

### **A Self-Evident Truth**

1. Does the Bible begin by attempting to prove God's existence or by taking it as a fact?

Genesis 1:1 \_\_\_\_\_

2. How does nature, apart from the Bible, reveal the fact that there is a God?

Romans 1:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Date of Creation**

3. According to the Bible, when did God create the universe?

Genesis 1:1 \_\_\_\_\_

### **God Is All-Powerful**

4. To what do the heavens bear witness?

Psalm 19:1 \_\_\_\_\_

5. How does astronomy bear witness to the fact that God is omnipotent (all powerful)?

By telling us of the size, number, orbits, and velocities of the heavenly bodies. The earth, for example, a relatively small planet, weighs six sextillion tons, while the sun is large enough to hold one and a half million worlds the size of our earth. Although it is losing weight at the rate of 4,200,000 tons of heat a second, the sun's mass is so great

that 150 billion years from now it will have diminished by only 1%! The sun itself is a star, one of an estimated ten octillion stars in space and a small star at that. It is estimated that the star Antares could contain 64,000,000 suns as large as ours! Only an all-powerful God could create and place in orbit such enormous masses.

6. What was David's feeling when he considered the heavens?

Psalm 8:3-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. How did Isaiah describe the omnipotence of God?

Isaiah 40:12-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **God Knows Everything**

8. How does astronomy bear witness to the fact that God is omniscient (all-wise)?

By telling us of the complex mechanism of the universe. There are billions of galaxies in space, all moving at fantastic speeds on fixed paths according to changeless laws. They move with such mathematical exactness that astronomers can predict the visit of a comet or the occasion of an eclipse years in advance. Sir James Jeans, the famous British scientist, once stated that the universe was fashioned by a "pure Mathematician."

9. Could the God who conceived all the laws of nature, of which the laws of astronomy are but a fragment, be anything less than all-knowing?

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10. How does David describe the omniscience of God?

Psalm 139:7-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**God Is Everywhere**

11. How does astronomy bear witness to the fact that God is omnipresent (present everywhere)?

Light travels at the speed of 186,300 miles per second. Light reaching the earth today from some of the remotest galaxies is reckoned to have been traveling at that speed for five billion light years to reach us. When we consider the age of the universe and remember that the Creator was present “in the beginning,” it is evident that He must be eternal.

12. How does David describe the omnipresence of God?

Psalm 139:7-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The Limitations of Science**

13. Can we expect science to have all the answers about the origin, nature, and purpose of the universe?

Isaiah 55:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_

14. How did the apostle Paul express the same truth?

Romans 11:33-36 \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. Has science really increased man’s knowledge of ultimate realities? Science has certainly documented a vast array of facts about the universe. But at the same time it has revealed how much man doesn’t know. The more the frontiers of knowledge are pushed back by science, the vaster become the areas of the great unknown. Every question science answers in any given field only seems to raise even more. Yet everywhere there is the same evidence of law and order, of a thinking mind behind it all—the mind of God.

16. Are there some things science will never know? Yes. The origin of the universe, for example, is outside the realm of scientific investigation. The scientist who speaks of “origins” speaks as a philosopher rather than as a scientist. He says what he *thinks*, not what he *knows*. He deals with *theories*, not with *facts*.

17. Since in some realms the scientist cannot speak with authority, how must we accept his statements? By faith.

18. Do the Bible’s statements concerning the origin of the universe have to be accepted by faith too?

Hebrews 11:3 \_\_\_\_\_

19. Since you have a choice either to accept by faith man’s speculations about the origin of things, or accept by faith what God says, which would you prefer to do? Why?

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**Why Become a Believer?**

20. Does God want people to believe in Him?

2 Peter 3:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_



21. Why do some people choose to not believe in God?

Psalm 14:1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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22. Do people really escape the ultimate consequences of their sins by becoming atheists?

Revelation 20:11-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## EXAM BOOKLET AK '11 (1 UNIT) YCLF

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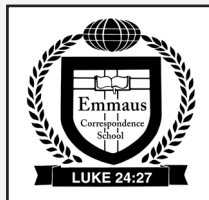
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INSTRUCTOR



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## A NOTE ON THE EXAMS

The exams are designed to check your knowledge of the course material and the Scriptures. After you have studied a chapter, review the exam questions for that lesson. If you have difficulty in answering the questions, re-read the material. If questions contain a Scripture reference, you may use your Bible to help you answer them. If your instructor has provided a single page Answer Sheet, record your answer on that sheet. This exam contains the following types of questions:

### TRUE / FALSE

For these questions, circle the correct answer.

T  F

### WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Questions headed this way are designed to help you express your ideas and feelings. You may freely state your own opinions in answer to such questions.

### RETURNING THE EXAM

See the back of this exam booklet for instructions on returning your exam for grading.

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## CHAPTER 1 EXAM

### THE BASIC FACT

#### EXAM GRADE

*Before starting, write your name & address on the front of this Exam Booklet.*

*Directions: Read each statement carefully and circle the letter of the correct answer: T—if true, or F—if false. Use the separate answer sheet if provided.*

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. The Bible begins by attempting to prove the existence of God.                  | T    F |
| 2. The Bible reveals that God is all-powerful.                                    | T    F |
| 3. The Bible describes God as “a pure Mathematician.”                             | T    F |
| 4. David came to realize that God is omniscient.                                  | T    F |
| 5. God has always existed.                                                        | T    F |
| 6. Science has all the answers.                                                   | T    F |
| 7. Any statement concerning the origin of the universe must be accepted by faith. | T    F |
| 8. God wants people to believe in Him.                                            | T    F |
| 9. The reason people choose to disbelieve in God is moral rather than mental.     | T    F |
| 10. To say that there is no God provides a real escape from the sin question.     | T    F |

### WHAT DO YOU SAY?

What truth about God in this chapter impresses you the most, and why?

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