

GOD IS . . . INTRODUCTION
WHO IS GOD?

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CHARACTERS - PEOPLE:

PROFESSOR
CHRISTIAN STUDENT
EXTRA STUDENTS
COURT JESTER #1
COURT JESTER #2
JUDGE
JESUS

CHARACTERS - PUPPETS:

SATAN

PROPS:

CLASSROOM SCENE
SCIENCE LAB DESK
DINOSAUR PICTURES
BACKPACKS/NOTEBOOKS
SCIENCE MAGAZINE
EASY CHAIR
TWO COURT JESTER OUTFITS
HANDCUFFS
JUDGE'S BENCH
2 TABLES, 4 CHAIRS
GLASSES & JACKET FOR SATAN PUPPET
PLANETARY SCENE WITH STARS

SPECIAL EFFECTS:

BELL RINGING
SHORT SIREN SOUND
"PERRY MASON" MUSIC

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LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS & PORTABLE STAGE

CUE SONG - OPENING SONG

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS & PORTABLE, UP STAGE RIGHT

Classroom scene, kids at desks or tables, teacher behind "science-lab" desk.

SOUND CUE - BELL RINGING

PROFESSOR: GOOD MORNING CLASS AND WELCOME TO ADVANCED THERMO-DYNAMICS. MY NAME IS PROFESSOR CLAU VON SCIENCESTEIN. SINCE WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WHAT BETTER PLACE TO START THAN AT THE VERY BEGINNING! MANY BILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, FAR OUT IN SPACE, THERE WAS A HUGE EXPLOSION! AND THEN . . . POUFF! PLANET EARTH . . .

STUDENT: (*raising hand*) EXCUSE ME PROFESSOR, BUT THE BIBLE SAYS THAT GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. NOT AN EXPLOSION IN SPACE.

PROF: MY DEAR, SIMPLE-MINDED BOY. CAN YOUR "GOD" THEORY BE PROVEN SCIENTIFICALLY? YES WELL, I THINK NOT. MOVING RIGHT ALONG, NOTE THESE PICTURES OF EARLIEST MAN IN HIS PRIMATE FORM. JUST THINK, IF YOU HAD LIVED 3 BILLION YEARS AGO, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN YOUR GRANDFATHER. (*begins laughing at own joke*)

SOUND CUE - BELL RINGING

PROF: WELL, THERE'S THE BELL. THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. WE'LL CONTINUE THIS DISCUSSION LATER.

Everyone leaves but student.

STUDENT: PROFESSOR . . . I'M BOTHERED ABOUT THE TEACHING TODAY. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT I EVOLVED FROM A MONKEY. I BELIEVE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS, THAT I WAS CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE.

PROF: HERE YOU GO WITH GOD AGAIN . . . WHO IS GOD? CAN YOU PROVE HE EXISTS? YOU CAN'T SEE HIM OR TOUCH HIM.

STUDENT: ONCE YOU ACCEPT HIM, BY FAITH, INTO YOUR HEART, YOU

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KNOW HE'S REAL. AND THE BIBLE EXPLAINS ALL ABOUT WHO GOD IS.

PROF: INTERESTING THEORY, BUT IT'LL TAKE A LOT MORE THAN JUST THIS CONVERSATION TO CONVINC ME THERE IS A GOD. GOOD DAY!

Student turns to leave and looks up and offers a quick prayer - teacher hears and begins to mock him.

STUDENT: LORD, . . . SHOW HIM WHO YOU ARE, . . . SOMEHOW. . .

PROF: HE THINKS HE CAN CONVINC ME TO BELIEVE IN GOD! A MAN OF SCIENCE DOESN'T NEED GOD. I NEED PROOF!

LIGHT CUE - DOWN STAGE RIGHT, UP SINGERS & PORTABLE

CUE SONG - I AM A K-I-D

LIGHT CUE - DOWN SINGERS & PORTABLE, UP STAGE RIGHT

Professor begins reading his science magazine and falls asleep in chair. Two court jesters enter and stand behind and on either side of the professor.

COURT JESTER #1: GOOD MORNING!

COURT JESTER #2: OR GOOD EVENING!

BOTH IN UNISON: OR WHICHEVER THE CASE MAY BE.

PROFESSOR: *(jumps up in alarm)* WHO ARE YOU?

COURT JESTER #1: *(becomes philosophical)* DOES ANYONE EVER REALLY KNOW WHO THEY ARE?

PROFESSOR: WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?

COURT JESTER #2: OH, THAT'S AN EASY ONE . . .

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COURT JESTER #1: ARMS OUT IN FRONT PLEASE. (*professor puts arms out and they slap handcuffs on him*)

COURT JESTER #2: YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

SOUND CUE - VERY SHORT SIREN SOUND

COURT JESTER #1: RIGHT THIS WAY PLEASE. (*they lead him off to courtroom scene*)

LIGHT CUE - DOWN STAGE RIGHT, UP STAGE LEFT

SOUND CUE - PERRY MASON MUSIC

COURT JESTER #2: COURT WILL NOW COME TO ORDER! THE HONORABLE JUDGE JAMES T. JUSTICE PRESIDING.

COURT JESTER #1: RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND PLEASE.

COURT JESTER #2: DO YOU PROMISE TO LOVE, HONOR, AND CHERISH . . .
OOPS! SORRY, WRONG OATH! PROMISE TO TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?

Professor shakes his head yes and turns towards the judge.

PROF: BUT YOUR HONOR, HOW CAN I DEFEND MYSELF? I DON'T HAVE A LAWYER, AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I'VE BEEN ARRESTED!

COURT JESTER #1: (*chimes in*) HE'S SO IMPATIENT!

JUDGE: DEFENSE HAS BEEN PRE-ARRANGED. PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT.

Professor walks over towards the two tables, looks at both of them, unsure as to which one he should sit at. Decides on the table where the Satan puppet is.

JUDGE: YOU HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF THE CRIME OF LEADING CHILDREN ASTRAY. HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

PROFESSOR: (*leaping up*) NOT GUILTY! I'VE SPENT MY ENTIRE LIFE TEACHING CHILDREN.

JUDGE: YES, WELL, IT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN TEACHING THEM THAT'S IN QUESTION.

Professor sits down again and begins talking to the Satan puppet.

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SATAN: (*acting very "lawyerly"*) TODAY YOUR HONOR, WE WILL PROVE TO THE COURT WHERE THE WORLD CAME FROM, AND WHEN.

PROF: (*gets a little nervous and stage whispers to him*) SCIENCE CAN'T REALLY PROVE THE EXACT DATE, YET . . .

SATAN: (*continuing on*) THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION BACKED WITH SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE!

PROF: (*getting increasingly more nervous*) WELL, ACTUALLY, WE'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO REPEAT EVOLUTION IN ANY EXPERIMENT . . .

SATAN: (*shushing the Prof and finishing his statements with a flourish*) AND THE FACT THAT THE UNIVERSE AND LIFE WERE A RESULT OF A LUCKY SERIES OF ACCIDENTS.

PROF: (*trying to defend himself*) WELL, THAT IS THE POPULAR THEORY AT THIS TIME . . . (*professor stage whispers to puppet*) WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT IT ALMOSTS SOUNDS RIDICULOUS!

SATAN: (*peers over glasses at professor*) OH REALLY!!

JUDGE: WELL . . . IF YOU CAN PROVE ALL THESE THINGS AS COUNSEL HAS SAID, THAN THIS WILL BE INTERESTING. SHOW US YOUR EVIDENCE.

SATAN: (*pushes professor forward, then abandons him*) GO GET EM!!

PROF: (*stands up and goes before judge*) SCIENCE CAN INDEED PROVE MANY THINGS YOUR HONOR, BUT THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION HAS NOT EXACTLY BEEN VERIFIED BY SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS. BUT, THESE THEORIES ARE WIDELY ACCEPTED AS BEING THE TRUTH!

JUDGE: BY WHOM? YOU WANT THIS COURT TO BELIEVE THAT WE STARTED OUT AS MONKEYS AND ENDED UP AS HUMANS? SINCE YOU HAVE NO PROVABLE EVIDENCE, THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIND YOU GUILTY.

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PROF: *(runs over to Satan's table, grabs him by the jacket)* WHAT KIND OF LAWYER ARE YOU? YOU DIDN'T DEFEND ME AT ALL!

Satan just shrugs. Jesus rises and begins to walk over to the professor.

JESUS: HE IS NOT YOUR DEFENSE. HE IS THE "ACCUSER" AND YOU HAVE BEEN BLINDED BY HIS LIES. REVEAL YOURSELF, SATAN!

Satan removes disguise.

JESUS: *(speaking to professor)* YOU SPEAK OF SCIENCE, AND THE BEGINNING, BUT WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH OR FORMED YOU IN YOUR MOTHER'S WOMB?

LIGHT CUE - ALL HOUSE & STAGE LIGHTS DOWN
BLACK LIGHT UP CENTER STAGE

JESUS: *(takes the professor over to planetary scene and points out the stars)* DO YOU SEE THE MULTITUDES OF STARS IN THE SKY? I KNOW THE NUMBER OF STARS AND CALL EACH ONE BY NAME. THROUGH ME ALL THINGS WERE CREATED, AND APART FROM ME NOTHING WAS CREATED!

PROF: I DIDN'T KNOW! HOW COULD I HAVE KNOWN? I'M SORRY! *(falls to knees and keeps his head bowed during next song)*

LIGHT CUE - REMAIN SAME ON STAGE, SOFT LIGHT ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - HOLY GOD (older kids); MERCY (younger kids)

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS

JESUS: *(touching professor's head)* YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE!

Professor keeps apologizing over and over and asking for forgiveness. Jesus and the court people (except for court jesters) disappear. Court jesters go to professor and help him up.

LIGHT CUE - UP CENTER STAGE, HOUSE LIGHTS UP

COURT JESTER #1: YOUR TIME IS UP!

COURT JESTER #2: YOU MUST GO QUICKLY!

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PROFESSOR: *(fearful)* GO WHERE? WHERE ARE YOU SENDING ME?

COURT JESTER #1: BACK FROM WHERE YOU CAME, SILLY.

COURT JESTER #2: YOU'VE GOT VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.

Jesters take him back and place him in his chair, he returns quickly to sleep.

LIGHT CUE - DOWN CENTER STAGE, UP STAGE RIGHT

SOUND CUE - BELL RINGING

Kids have not entered yet.

PROF: *(looking up)* LORD, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'VE DONE IT, BUT YOU'VE CHANGED MY HEART AND SHOWN ME REAL TRUTH. FORGIVE ME FOR MY PAST, AND COME INTO MY HEART AND HELP ME TO LEARN MORE OF YOU. IN JESUS NAME. AMEN

Kids enter.

PROF: *(very excited, grabs student)* YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED! THERE WERE THESE COURT JESTERS, AND SATAN, AND A JUDGE, AND JESUS!

Students look very puzzled, prof sees that he's making no sense to the kids.

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PROF: GOD ANSWERED YOUR PRAYER! HE SHOWED ME A MIRACLE!
WHAT I HAVE BELIEVED AND TAUGHT ALL ALONG WAS WRONG.
WE DIDN'T COME FROM MONKEYS, WE WERE CREATED, BY GOD.
HE HAS SHOWN ME THE TRUTH, AND I WANT TO SPEND MY LIFE
LIVING FOR HIM AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHO HE IS. NOW . . .
IT'S TIME TO GET "DOWN TO BUSINESS!"

LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS & PORTABLE

CUE SONG - DOWN TO BUSINESS

WORSHIP LEADER: Closing Comments.

REPEAT AFTER ME:

FOR BY HIM
ALL THINGS WERE CREATED
THAT ARE IN HEAVEN
AND THAT ARE ON EARTH.

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WORSHIP LEADER: Closing Prayer

CLOSING SONG