

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."(Jude 3)*

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Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Josh Price  
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### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **LADIES CLASS**

10:00 am Tuesday  
mornings

## **A Message To Our Visitors**

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.

## **THOSE TO SERVE**

### **Announcements:**

Richard Price

### **Lead Singing:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Kevin Smith

### **Scripture Reading:**

Kyle Hobbs

### **Lord's Table**

Josh Fulcher  
Mitchell Smith  
Andy Johnson  
Kyle Hobbs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Chris Smith

### **Greeters (East)**

Ron and Joanne

### **Greeters (West)**

Kay and Linda

### **LESSON**

**AM:** Unfathomable

**Scripture reading:**

John 1:1-3

**PM:** Fruits of the Spirit

(part 3)

**Scripture reading:**

Philippians 4:5-9

# WHO MADE GOD?

*By: Wayne Jackson*

“Where did God come from? Who made him?”

This is a frequently asked question, and it may be addressed in two basic ways.

The most direct answer is the one supplied by the Scriptures themselves. And that will settle the issue for those who have confidence in the credibility of the sacred Book.

Secondly, however, one may pursue the inquiry by means of the process of logical reasoning.

## The Biblical View

The view regarding God that is set forth consistently in the Bible is this: He did not come from anywhere. No one made the Creator of the universe. He had no beginning, and will have no ending. He is the eternal, self-existing Being.

Here is what the Bible says about who made God:

God is eternal

God is everlasting in nature (Isa. 40:28), which is to say, he is eternal as to his very essence (Rom. 16:26; 1 Tim. 1:17). His existence is “from everlasting to everlasting.”

Before the material creation was spoken into existence, he always was (Psa. 90:2).

God is self-existing

The Lord revealed himself to Moses as the “I AM THAT I AM” (Ex. 3:14). The “I AM” expression is related to the Hebrew name for God, Yahweh (LORD — KJV, or Jehovah — see ASV footnote). This was the most sacred name for God.

The term Yahweh occurs more than 6,800 times in the Old Testament. The word is believed to be a form of the verb hayah, which signifies “to be,” ultimately meaning “the eternal One” or “self-existing One.” God’s existence is underived; no one made him. He simply always was.

The Logical View

The eternity of the Creator may be argued in another way as well. Consider the following logical line of argument.

The universe must have been created by something. If there ever was a time when nothing at all existed, then there would be absolutely nothing today.

It is an axiomatic truth that if nothing exists, then “nothing” will be the case — always, for nothing simply remains nothing — forever! Nothing plus nothing equals nothing.

If there is absolutely nothing but nothing, there cannot ever be something. “Nothing” and “something” — applied to the same object, at the same time — are mutually exclusive terms.

Something has always existed

Since it is the case that something does now exist, one

must logically conclude that something has existed always.

Let us state the matter again: If nothing cannot produce something, and yet something exists, then it follows necessarily that something has existed always.

The question then becomes this. What is the “something” that has been in existence always?

An eternal non-material spirit being

In logic, the “law of the excluded middle” states that a thing either is, or it is not. A line either is straight, or it is not straight.

Let us apply this principle to the matter at hand.

Something has existed forever. That “something” must be either material in nature or non-material.

If it can be demonstrated that the eternal “something” is not material in nature, then it must follow that the eternal “something” is non-material in nature.

Another term for the “non-material” would be “spirit.” The question now becomes — what does the available evidence reveal? Is it the case that “matter” has existed forever, or does the evidence argue that the eternal “something” is non-matter, i.e., spirit?

Matter is not eternal

The most reputable scientists in the world concede that matter is not eternal. In his book, *Until the Sun Dies*, Dr. Robert Jastrow, founder of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies and a professed agnostic, describes his perception of the initial creation of the universe.

He speaks of that moment when “the first particles of matter appear” (21, emphasis added), thus, prior to that moment, matter did not exist. Subsequently, he declares emphatically that “modern science denies an eternal existence to the Universe?” (30).

There is not a particle of evidence that the universe has existed forever. The very fact that scientists attempt to assign an “age” to the universe is revealing within itself.

A non-material, spirit must have always existed

In view of the foregoing — namely that something has always existed, and yet that “something” is not of a material nature — the student of logic is irresistibly forced to the conclusion that the “something” that is eternal is non-material.

That non-material eternal something must be spirit in its essence.

The Scriptures identify that spirit Being as God. “God is spirit?” (Jn. 4:24) — an uncreated, eternal Spirit Being.

Both Scripture and logic, then, in marvelous concert, testify to the fact that God is eternal. He had no origin. He is the everlasting I AM. No one “made” him. He simply IS.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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### Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 (**Andy Johnson**) meets today.
- ⇒ **Team workgroups:** To find out which team you are on, see the bulletin board.
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to services.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday:** On 10-29 we will have a potluck and song service.
- ⇒ **Congregation visit:** 10-29 we will visit Dexter as a congregation. They start at 5.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Nov 7th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Pantry/Food Drive:** On Nov 18 we will have a food drive to help give food to those in need. Please see the pantry item each week and bring items in to start helping prepare for this event.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Cranberry Sauce
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

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### Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Richard Jones (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Kim Scott
- ⇒ Kristen Scott
- ⇒ Sue Owczyk (Peggy N. sister)
- ⇒ Sonny McManus (Member at Seven Oaks, has colon cancer)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, has throat cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Billy and Cindy Potts (Wesley's uncle and aunt have cancer)
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

## **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear the Word  
*(Rom 10:17)*

Believe the Word  
*(John 8:24)*

Repent  
*(Luke 13:3)*

Confess Christ  
*(Rom 10:10)*  
*(Acts 8:37)*

Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

Remain Faithful  
*(Rev 2:10)*  
*(Acts 8:12-24)*

Heaven can be your  
home if you obey God!  
*(Heb 5:8-9)*

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[www.coldwatercoc.org](http://www.coldwatercoc.org).  
You will find bulletins,  
sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.



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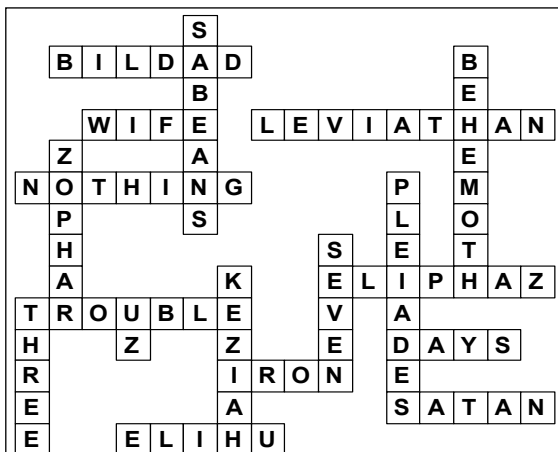
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**Bible question:** Who was killed while he slept in the tent of Jael?

**Last week's question and answer:** What leader was told to tear down his father's altar to Baal?  
 Answer: Gideon (Judges 6:25)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams