

TOE – THEORY OF EVERYTHING

Do you ever find yourself asking, “Why do I exist? Is there a plan for my life?” If so, you can relate to those who recognize the need of a TOE, a “Theory of Everything.”

Stephen Hawking asks, “Why does the universe go to all the bother of existing? If we find the answers to that, it would be the ultimate triumph of human reason, for then we would know the mind of God.” In his book, The Mind of God, renowned physicist Paul Davies, shares these amazing insights- “I cannot believe that our existence in this universe is a mere quirk of fate, an accident of history ...The universe is no minor by-product of mindless, purposeless forces. It is unfolding according to some plan or blueprint ... We are truly meant to be here.”

However, there are limits to human understanding and with our finite minds, we cannot possibly ever penetrate the veil hiding the infinite God. Deuteronomy 29:29 clarifies this position: “*The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but things revealed belong to us...*” Yes, there is always an element of mystery, but through “*Divine Revelation*,” God can and has already taken the initiative in making Himself known to finite humans like you and me.

Christianity views history as linear, not cyclical. (This truth is confirmed by the 2nd law of thermodynamics). Biblically, history flows according to the command of God. It has a beginning-creation, a middle-incarnation, and an end-the second coming of Christ. It has meaning because God is behind all events and we are assured of the final triumph of good over evil.

Between man and God lies a barrier, caused by sin, that can only be removed from God's side. God, without beginning or end, enters time and space, and intervenes in our human story. In Jesus Christ, the lineage of sinful man and the lineage of a caring God merge into the life of one person, Jesus Christ the God- man.

But only the eyes of faith can see and understand the divine dimensions of history. We were created by God and He has designed a wonderful purpose for our lives, both for time and eternity. We are persons, loved by the God who created us in his image and came to this earth to die for us.

Journalist Dorothy L. Sayers takes us to the heart of the Christian faith: “God loved his own creation so completely that in Christ He became part of it, suffered with and for it, and made it a fellow-worker with Himself in the working out of His own design for it.... Once we accept this, the answers to all our other questions will be found to make sense.”

God has revealed himself to us in three wonderful ways – through *nature*, through the *Bible's written revelation* and, supremely, through *Jesus Christ*. In the weeks ahead, I hope to explore these three revelations in more detail.