

CREATION: BY CHANCE OR BY CHOICE?

Materialism: everything that exists is fundamentally of one source - matter

Spirituality: the fullness of reality comes from the uncreated/eternal/spiritual

...Is the universe here by chance or by choice?

...Both are belief systems!

Chance: An Impersonal, Material Philosophy/Model

- Everything created has a material cause

...chance mutations and natural selection produce life as we know it

...there is no real distinction between mind and matter

...selfhood, consciousness, "you-ness" is basically an illusion

Choice: A Personal, Spiritual Philosophy/Model - Gen 1:1

- Everything created is made and maintained by a Personal God - Gen 1:2; Jo 1:1-3; Col 1:15-17

...God is the primary, instrumental, and final cause of life as we know it

...His creation is categorical and chronological - Gen 1

...As absolute Creator He is the standard for absolute truth and morality - Ex 20:1-20;
Jo 14:6; Col 3:17

...He gives immediate purpose and ultimate meaning to all of life - Is 43:7; 45:18;
Eph 1:3-6; 3:8-12

We Live in a God-chosen, God-created World - Ps 95:6-7; 100:1-3; 139:13-16

...He made the choice to create us - Ps 139:13-16

...He made the promise to reveal Himself to all who seek Him - Heb 11:6