

Alfa and Omega of the Universe

Introduction

The sun rises in the morning and sets in the evening and we have day and night. Seasons change and years pass by. The same cycle continues which began millions of years ago.

Do you think that the universe and all the things therein are just accident? How did all these things come to being? Did they happen to come into existence on random? Or did someone create them?

There have been so many notions and assumptions about the **beginning of the universe** and mankind, but human knowledge or scientific conclusion has not been able to give us an authentic information regarding all these. But The Bible is the only book that gives us authentic information regarding the same.

While learning the Bible we may keep in mind that it is not written to teach us Physics, Biology, Zoology or Anthropology but to reveal the eternal plan of God regarding His redemptive work. This explains why the Bible is silent on some topics while it is quite eloquent on others (Deu.29:29). Some aspects are kept as mystery for a time and revealed later, for example, The Church etc. With regards to human comprehension, many things are revealed according to our growth and requirement.

For instance suppose a girl asks two questions to her mother on her birth day:

1. How is this birthday cake made?
2. How was I born?

To answer the first question her mother will explain the full recipe such as the ingredients used, mixing, baking, icing etc. But for the second question the answer will be very short, which she can only understand when she has grown to maturity.

We must be thankful to God because He has not kept back anything which is profitable for us (Acts.20:20) but has given everything

we need for life and godliness (2Peter 1:3). It is His desire that we learn it from the very childhood because the Holy Scriptures are able to make us wise for salvation (2Timo.3:15)

As you know there are 66 books in the Bible, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The Old Testament covers a period of about 3,600 years, in which the first book Genesis (50 Chapters) itself covers a period of 2,300 years, and again the first five chapters of Genesis covers the history of about 1,600 years. If we split the first verse of the first chapter, it unfolds the **account of creation millions of years ago**. In short it is impossible and irrelevant to give all the details of every subject in the Bible. Then how much is written in the Bible and for what?

John says "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in His name" (John.20:21) "If everyone of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written" (Jn.21:25)

What is meant by Alpha and Omega?

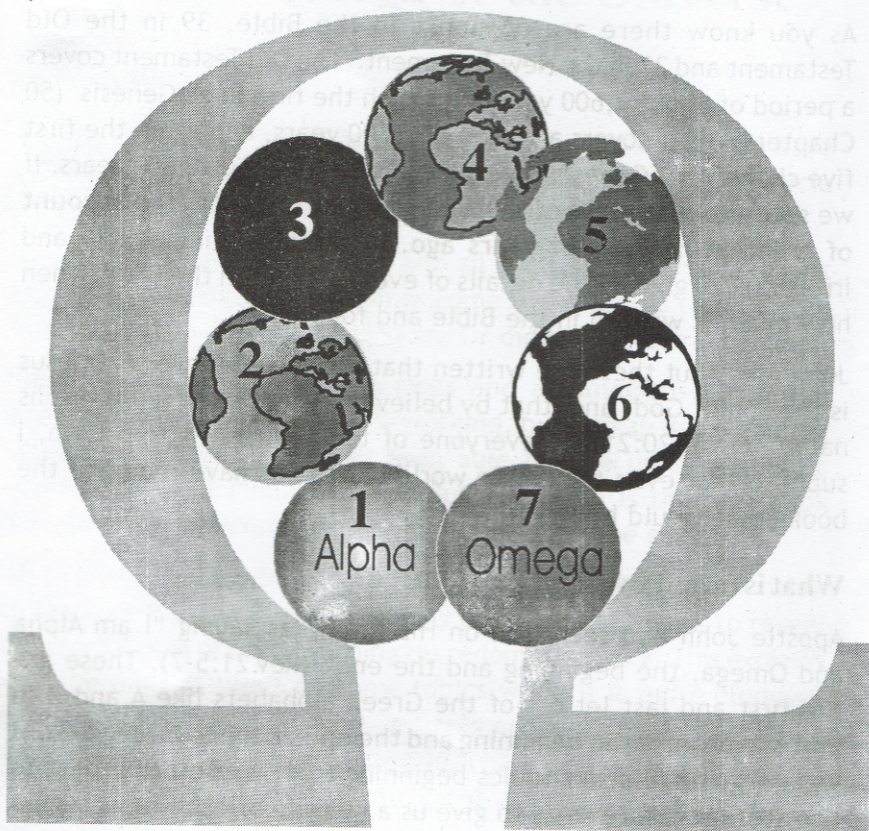
Apostle John had seen God on His throne as saying "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end" (Rev.21:5-7). These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabets like A and Z in English, meaning **the beginning and the end**. In the following lessons we are going to cover topics beginning from the **eternal past** to the **eternal future** so as to give us a glimpse of each topic, while at the same time prompting us to learn more and more about these subjects. To help you with more materials on the subjects some best sources available are "Glimpses of eternity" by Dr.Thomas Mathews, Udaipur and "Dispensational truth" by Rev.Clarence Larkin. Some materials may be available on the internet also.

Exercise

- 1. What do you understand by the term Alfa and Omega? How do you relate it with the universe in the Bible?*

God's Plan Revealed in the Bible

Eternal Past to Eternal Future



1. Eternal Past - Ps. 90:2, Pr. 8:22
2. Lucifer's Reign - Isa. 14:12, Ezek. 28:13
3. Chaotic Earth - Gen. 1:2
4. Re- Creation - Gen. 1:3-2:25
5. Flood to 2nd Coming - Gen.8, 1Thess. 4:16
6. Rapture to Judgement - Rev. 4 to 20
7. Future - Rev. 21-22