

“By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God’s command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.” Hebrews 11:3 NLT

## [lectio] // HEBREWS 11:1-12

What we see came from what we cannot see. What a statement. Things that exist, all around us, came about by something not [yet] seen. It had to come from somewhere, from something, didn't it? No, it (meaning EVERYTHING) came from nothing but a thought, an idea, a command. This is why humans struggle, because they can't see, can't "prove" the existence of nothing, the unseen. Science used to be about studying, observing and learning. "sci-ence, noun, the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment." Over the years the definition has drifted to be "proving of facts and a basis of 'truth' across several disciplines." I listened to a fascinating podcast by Radiolab, which basically stated that we do not "know" anything, really. We actually "trust" in others who have told us what they "believe" to be true. For example, who "knows" the distance to the moon or the temperature of the sun? Has someone measured it? Yet if I were to tell you that I know the distance to the moon (238,900 miles) or the temperature of the sun (10,000 Fahrenheit on the surface to 27,000,000 Fahrenheit at its core) it is only because I "trust" or have "faith" in folks smarter than me (yes, I googled it). But have those smarter folks stuck a thermometer on the sun? No, they are guessing! Sure, their guess is backed by a bunch of math and science, but they have not personally observed this measurement. The fact, do we really know much of anything? When it comes down to it, we have ALL exercised faith in someone or something. The author of Hebrews says, those who follow God, have faith that God brought all that exists into being. It's not that I'm against science (I ❤️ science), it's just that secular SCIENTISTS have become arrogant in thinking that they ARE truth, and have a bias that blinds their observation and experiments. They START by stating there is no God, to them it's an impossibility. Even though, in history, all science began with a belief in God, now it's bereft of that premise.

Dad,  
I love creation because I love you. I see it as a beautiful expression of art, colors, angles, dimensions, and depth that are breathtaking! I see you in all of it. I see your un-ending imagination and deep, detailed attention to precision and perfection. But I see all that exists as reflection of your character, not as abandoned chaos of random chance. I'm also able to see that beauty of imagination and creativity in every human being. This allows me to give every person the respect and dignity of being a son or daughter of yours. Everyone of them has purpose and meaning that goes beyond their work or "contribution" to society. They (we) have intrinsic value because we are made in your image. Science not scientists cannot assign that kind of value. I also care for creation because it was one of our first assignments. God followers should be the BEST at tending to the world, keeping it beautiful!

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root