


1. Logic

How are the five cards logically related to each other? Fill in the 4 blanks.



God is the creator and ruler of the world

Isaiah 40:12-26

1.



Shove off, God I'm in charge No to your rule!

Genesis 3:1-13


2.



Jesus' 1st coming
Forgiveness of sin

Isaiah 53:3-12

3.



God cursed the world

Genesis 3:14-24

4.



Jesus' 2nd coming
Bringing in God's new world

Isaiah 65:17-25

2. Judgement Day

Gospel Logic primarily clarifies the difference between Jesus' 1st and 2nd comings. But the important biblical idea of *judgement day* is not explicitly mentioned.

1. How would you explain *final judgement day* within each of (a) sin, (b) Jesus' 1st coming, and (c) Jesus' 2nd coming?
2. Which approach do you personally prefer, and why?

3. God as creator and ruler

Imagine you are discussing the theme of *God as creator and ruler of the world* with a non-Christian friend.

What question(s) would you want to put to your friend, to help them engage with the idea?



Isaiah 40:12-26 (NIVUK)

- creator power (40:12)

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?
Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket,
or weighed the mountains on the scales
and the hills in a balance?

- creator wisdom (40:13-14)

¹³ Who can fathom the Spirit^a of the LORD,
or instruct the LORD as his counsellor?
¹⁴ Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him,
and who taught him the right way?
Who was it that taught him knowledge,
or showed him the path of understanding?

- creator magnitude (40:15-17)

¹⁵ Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket;
they are regarded as dust on the scales;
he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.
¹⁶ Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires,
nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.

- creator vs idols (40:18-20)

God >> human >> carved idol

¹⁷ Before him all the nations are as nothing;
they are regarded by him as worthless
and less than nothing.
¹⁸ With whom, then, will you compare God?
To what image will you liken him?

¹⁹ As for an idol, a metalworker casts it,
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold
and fashions silver chains for it.

²⁰ A person too poor to present such an offering
selects wood that will not rot;
they look for a skilled worker
to set up an idol that will not topple.

- creator timelessness (40:21)

²¹ Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

^a Or *mind*

²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.

- creator vs human leaders
(40:22-25)

He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

²³ He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

²⁴ No sooner are they planted,
no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
than he blows on them and they wither,
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

²⁵ 'To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?' says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
who created all these?

- creator vs outer space (40:26)

He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.

Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

121 reading with a non-Christian friend

Reading the Bible with a non-Christian friend needn't be complex or intimidating! For each segment:

1. What is it saying? (e.g. How does the text describe God? What imagery caught your eye?)
2. What do you make of it? (e.g. How persuaded are you by these verses? How much do you agree?)
3. What difference(s) would it make if you believed this?
4. What questions do you have?

4. Fit with the rest of the gospel

How do the other gospel ideas get undermined if God were *not* creator nor ruler of the world?

1. Sinful rebellion against God



2. The cursedness of our world



3. Jesus providing forgiveness of sin



4. God's promised new world



Next meeting (Sun 31 May):

- Gospel logic #2 – Genesis 3:1-13
- No car parking restrictions