



The Unbelievable Belief



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To believe in Creation is not just a matter of faith, it is also common sense. The French philosopher Voltaire was compelled to recognize that the watch could not have existed if there were not a watchmaker. Before Voltaire Rabbi Akiba also noted: “If a house could not have existed if there were not a builder, a garment if there were not a weaver, and a door if there were not a carpenter, so does the Universe which could not have existed if there were not a Creator” (*Midrash Temurah*, ch. 5).

And yet, faith and common sense are not enough on this matter. Still many believers, Christians and Jews, and many reasonable and intelligent people do not believe in Creation. For Creation

is the most unbelievable belief. Perhaps because Creation is the only event of human history that had no human witness.

This story makes sense, however: It is the only rational explanation for our faith; it is also the only reasonable key to our mystery. So, whether we demand a scientific explanation or prefer to wonder and remain at awe before the unexplainable, we are confronted with the same questions: Why? How?

Scientists, theologians, rabbis may try to answer these questions, through scientific hypothesis, or beautiful stories, but even if we have the answer to the why or the how, we are still left with another question suspended in the void—How long?—yearning for another, the new Creation.