

God the Programmer

Our own technology is showing us new possibilities that make God's six-day creation, by commands alone, more plausible. The virtual universes and avatars of computer games are created by programmers using words - not ordinary words but words of power or commands. In skilful hands the commands of a programming language can make a populated, colourful and exciting virtual universe out of unseen binary code.

The binary code of the universe

The word of God made this universe and all things therein out of things that are not seen - the binary code of the universe.

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"* (Rom 1:20 AV)

*"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that **things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."*** (Heb 11:3 AV)

What is the binary code of the universe? From my layman's understanding (not) of sub-atomic physics I have gathered that the smallest, unseen building blocks of creation are waves and particles. Observational science (the genuine science that observes God's creation rather than speculative science which tends to exclude God) has shown that a particle can be a wave and that a wave can be a particle. So they coined the term wavicles. The universe at the sub-atomic, unseen level is binary and therefore programmable. Each of our senses (sight, hearing etc.) has been designed to experience creation within a particular range of binary wavicle vibration. Light is a faster wavicle vibration than sound so our eyes see and our ears hear. The universe is programmable and it has a programmer who is also a programming language.

His Word is like a programming command language

God the programming language is his WORD, Jesus Christ.

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him;** and without him was not any thing made that was made."* (John 1:1-3 AV)

*"And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, **who created all things by Jesus Christ:"** (Ephesians 3:9 AV)*

*"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son,*

whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds;**"
(Heb 1:1-2 AV)

"Through faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."
(Heb 11:3 AV)

The Son of God is the Word of God "by whom also he made the worlds". God did not utilise a programming language as such – his Son (his Word) IS a living and all-powerful programming language. He commands and it is so.

His Word not only created this universe but continues to UPHOLD it.

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;" (Hebrews 1:3 AV)

Programmer as game creator and tester

If a computer games programmer is to create a game that is an exciting and engrossing experience for the player, he must PUT HIMSELF INTO THE POINT OF VIEW OF A PLAYER as he creates the environment, possibilities and characters of the game with his programming language, or command language.

I believe that scripture strongly points to God doing just this when he created the heaven and the earth and all things therein. God first became like a 'player of the game' and created the heaven and the earth and all things therein by his WORD from the point of view of an EXPERIENCER of them.

God became "the angel of the Lord", Jesus Christ, and created all things BY HIM and FOR HIM. Jesus Christ had glory with the Father BEFORE THE WORLD WAS.

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with **the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**" (John 17:5 AV)

To do this effectively, before the world was, the angel of the Lord must have similar senses of sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste to his intended experiencers or 'game players' – humans. Would this not make him the FIRSTBORN OF EVERY CREATURE?

"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom are all things**, and we by him." (1 Corinthians 8:6 AV)

"Who is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible

and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:
all things were created by him, and for him:" (Colossians 1:15-16 AV)

The angel of the Lord, Jesus Christ, was with the Father from the beginning but was not flesh and blood at this time. He had a glorious, celestial body and was only clothed with flesh and blood for 33 years after being born of the Virgin Mary. During this time his glory was somehow cloaked except for the brief time he allowed Peter, James and John to see it.

"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."
(John 8:58 AV)

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self **with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**" (John 17:5 AV)

"And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light." (Matthew 17:1-2 AV)

God created the heaven and the earth for the enjoyment of his created 'players' – men and women, initially created in HIS OWN IMAGE – the form of the angel of the Lord that he took to create the heaven and the earth.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Genesis 1:27 AV)

He then gave them the "breath of life" and quickened them. He brought them to life.

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Genesis 2:7 AV)

The angel of the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom he created all things, walked in the garden he had created with the first human couple he had created - Adam and Eve.

"And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden." (Genesis 3:8 AV)

Nearest world first

I believe that Genesis 1:1 is an OVERVIEW of the creation week described in the verses that follow.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1 AV)

God created THIS WORLD FIRST - BEFORE he went on to create the sun, moon and the millions of stars and other worlds in his universe. God made the WORLDS (note plural - Hebrews 1:2 and 11:3) by Jesus Christ;

“And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in **God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:**” (Ephesians 3:9 AV)

The earth was formless and void – all seems to have been waters. God’s starting stuff from which he created all things was a formless void of waters.

“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” (Genesis 1:2 AV)

God also illuminated his creation on the first day. The sun was not created at this point so the light must have been the light of God himself (who dwells in unapproachable light – 1 Timothy 6:16). Paul was blinded by this light, above the brightness of the sun, on the road to Damascus (Acts 26:13).

“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” (Genesis 1:3-5 AV)

God divided the waters with the firmament called heaven on the second day.

“And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.” (Genesis 1:6-8 AV)

There was no dry land on our world until the third day. Planet Earth also got its name on the third day.

“And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day.” (Genesis 1:9-13 AV)

Other WORLDS (other than our world - Hebrews 1:2 and 11:3) were not created until the fourth day.

“And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.” (Genesis 1:14-19 AV)

The angel of the Lord, the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, BY WHOM AND FOR WHOM all things were created (Colossians 1:16), DID NOT HAVE TO MOVE FROM WHERE HE STARTED, even before he created the formless void of waters on day one. By the end of day six he was able to walk around in his Garden of Eden in the company of his first human couple – Adam and Eve.

God’s program is his predestinated purpose.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.” (Romans 8:28 AV)

“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:” (Ephesians 1:11 AV)

“According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:” (Ephesians 3:11 AV)

“Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,” (2 Timothy 1:9 AV)

The Spirit – the third person of God

Where does the third person of God, the Holy Spirit, fit into this concept? When we are controlling an avatar in a computer game, what is it that IDENTIFIES us with our avatar and experience emotions vicariously through him or her? It can only be our SPIRIT which is able to identify with a distant form beyond the reach of our bodies. We also identify with our heroes of movies, music and sport in much the same way, although we have no controller to manipulate them with.

My experience is that the Holy Spirit overshadows and quickens my spirit. If I see myself as an avatar in a programmed universe then I must see the Spirit of God as being the programmer himself identifying with me and becoming present in my consciousness from his ‘workstation’ (throne) in heaven. Believing on his Son (his Word, his programming language) and having his Word residing and activated in my heart, puts me into his purpose (his program) and puts his purpose into me.

Perhaps my mother was onto the virtual nature of life, the universe and everything when she sang to me as a child –

“Row, row, row your boat,
gently down the stream,
merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
life is but a dream.”

No disrespect intended

I mean no disrespect to God by using these crude devices from our technology to help myself and others understand just what is going on. It goes without saying that the best efforts of our technology are billions of light years short of God’s ways. I hope you agree though, that spiritual matters are more easily grasped with a familiar illustration. I am aware that the word ‘avatar’, widely used in computer gaming, has its source in the Hindu religion. I am only using it in its popular, computer gaming sense and don’t believe it is profitable to mix Christianity with Hinduism.