

## House Group Notes

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

- \* How old were you when you first asked the question, “Where did all this come from?” ?
- \* Dip briefly into Genesis 1 for re-acquaintance.
- \* How do you deal with the question, “If God made the universe, who made God?” ?
- \* Read Deuteronomy 4. 33-39
- \* in what way did Moses declare that Israel was unique among all the nations upon earth?
- \* Who primarily taught the world to think of the “God”, “Lord”, or “Creator” of the Old Testament as “Father”?
- \* Consider Matthew 5, 43-48 and Matthew 6. 1,4,8,9,18, 26.
- \* In what way does the teaching of Jesus about the Father in ch. 6 differ from his teaching about the Father in ch. 5?



Michelangelo "Creation of Man"

### Background

“Origins” are an object of inquiry instinctive to the human mind.

Infants ask “Where did I come from?”

Adults ask “What was the origin of the universe?”

Stephen Hawkin examined, but respectfully dismissed, the myths concerning world origins generated by primitive tribes.

A sophisticated civilisation of the ancient Near East, writing in approximately 500 – 300 B.C., astutely began a work of history with an inherited account of all origins – Genesis 1!

“We preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein”.  
(Acts 14. 15b)