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The beliefs of great Axial Age societies affected many things in the present day, like the writing of history, governing, traditions, and the decision of higher authority over the people. They had many answers and beliefs for things like the nature of the cosmos, social order, and individual ethics. With all the impact they had on societies that came after them, there may still be some things we see differently than they did. Topics and questions they wrestled with finding answers for in the past are some we still struggle with today.

The nature and culture of the cosmos and the natural world have been an ongoing dispute. When it comes to the nature of the cosmos, many believe in science, for example, the Big Bang Theory. That the cosmos and universe are merely a compilation of interacting beings and objects in space and time. Others take their religious beliefs into account when considering the existence of the cosmos and natural world. As per the Bible, God created the universe and everything living in it. In these beliefs, there is no such thing as science, just the power of God. I believe both of these beliefs are valid and usually sprout from what we hear or are taught growing up. For example, my parents have always told me that God created the nature of the cosmos

and natural world, but why can't science and God coexist? Thus my answer and belief are based on religion, science, and cultural idea.

When it comes to what constitutes and justifies social order, you would think there would be a simple answer to that question. Government, political ideas, and the original documents of our nation, right? Well, there is also the answer to God's laws that balances and justifies social order, which many people pay more attention to than their country's laws. I believe God has His own set of rules in the church and ones we must practice daily, but there would also be no social order in the world without some type of political structure. Government, politics, and the documents of our nation state the laws that determine the form in which humans and citizens live, depending on our society.

The principles that guide ethics or individual decisions about right and wrong behavior is my favorite question because there is a wide variety of answers. In today's world, everything from faith, culture and traditions, and political laws guide us in the ethics of right and wrong, thus maintaining a fair and just society. For example, as mentioned in the last paragraph, God puts forth a set of responsibilities one must adhere to in order to do right by Him, the people around you, and the church. Following these laws decides whether you make the wrong or correct individual decisions. Culture and tradition also guide the principal ethics in right and wrong decisions. For example, how you are taught to act or what you grow up seeing around you shapes the person you will become and the decisions you make. Lastly, political laws carry a set of rules that a person must follow to do right by society, an example being consequences when one steals something from a store. As shown, all of these principles lead to the same standards regarding ethical and individual decision-making.