

WORKSHOP OPEN SESSION

1. Question: asked more to know more on the Saturn planet. Specifically, he wanted know if there exist any correction between it and the Christian perspective on Satan.
Response: Madam Rosa informed him it as just a planet in the solar system. As a by the way, she informed the audience they can always seek detailed information on astronomy on the NASA website which is always updated frequently.
2. Question: There was a myth that during the revolution of the planets around the sun, if all the planets were in line at any given time the world would end.
Response: Madam Rosa informed them probably, this could be an information related to astrology.
3. Question: Was there any information before the big bang.
Response: He was informed that there was none. However, with advancement in the astronomy technology, maybe in future the information could be available.
4. Question: The position of the sun when setting.
Response: Most people know that the Sun "rises in the east and sets in the west". However, most people don't realize that is a generalization. Actually, the Sun only rises due east and sets due west on 2 days of the year -- the spring and fall equinoxes. On other days, the Sun rises either north or south of "due east" and sets north or south of "due west."
5. One attendee said that he had learnt a lot during the course and had already developed an interest in the subject. This was due to the great way of teaching by the Professors.

Finally, Madam Rosa encouraged the attendees to regularly visit the NASA website to update themselves on the current information on astronomy. Besides, she informed them she was eager to have the trainees form a vibrant team in Kenya. In addition, she said she was looking forward to the trainee going to their respective places of work, particularly teachers and teach students astronomy.

On his part, Dismas thanked all the participants for their dedication and sacrifice during the training. In addition, the thanked the instructors for the extra work they had done to prepare for the workshop. Finally, the thanked the Professors from Spain (trainers) for being inspiring teachers.

The chairman of the department urged students to utilize the university resources at their disposal to enhance their knowledge on astrophysics. He informed the student that he will be open to having more opportunities in future to broaden and deepen their knowledge in astronomy. Finally, he passed his gratitude message to the Proffessors, organizer, instructor and the Vice chancellor for making the workshop a success.