

The Beginning of Everything

Genesis 1:1-1:31

Beginning

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Genesis breaks down into two basic sections.

- The beginning of man's **environment** (1-2:3)
- The generations of man's **descendants** (2:4-chapter 50)

What do you think about God?

God is the eternal, independent, and self-existent Being; the Being whose purposes and actions spring from himself, without foreign motive or influence; he who is absolute in dominion; the most pure, the most simple, the most spiritual of all essences; infinitely perfect; and eternally self-sufficient, needing nothing that he has made; illimitable in his immensity, inconceivable in his mode of existence, and indescribable in his essence; known fully only by himself, because an infinite mind can only be fully comprehended by itself. In a word, a Being who, from his infinite wisdom, cannot err or be deceived, and from his infinite goodness, can do nothing but what is eternally just, and right, and kind. --- Adam Clarke

Christian Accommodations to Pseudo Science"

- The **day age** theory – the days are not literal days but rather geological ages and you can have as many years as necessary.
- **Theistic** evolution – God made the material and chance made the adjustments given enough time.
- **Progressive** creationism – God started it all and then he just jumped in from time to time to correct the evolutionary process.
- The **gap** theory (gen 1:2) – God made everything right and then there was the fall and all that he made had to be remade.

1. If God is not the Creator...

- a. If God is not the creator then what was **he saying** in these verses?
 - i. Dt 4:32; Ps. 8:3; Ps 89:11; Ps 90:2; Ps 104:24; Is 40:28; Is. 44:24; Is 42:5; Is 45:12; Mk 10:6; Mk 13:19; Acts 17:24; Rom. 1:20; Col 1:16; Heb 1:2; Rev. 4:11; Re 10:5
- b. If God did not make everything then do we have a **redeemer**? Is 44:24
- c. If God did not make everything then can he **be trusted** at all?
- d. If God is not the creator then what is the alternative? **chance** –

2. If God is the Creator... Then we have to take Him at His Word.
- a. God **created** all that is. Verse 1.
 - b. First, God made **something** out of nothing - 1:1 - out of nothing (*ex nihilo*)
 - c. Second, God made the substance **inhabitable** 1:2-19
 - i. Day One: (v.1-5) materials, **light**, daily cycles and time.
 - ii. Day Two: (v.6-8) The division of heaven and earth, **space**.
 - iii. Day Three: (v.9-13) Dry Land, oceans, grass, plants **with seeds**, trees **with seeds**.
 - iv. Day Four: The **heavenly lights** especially where earth is concerned the Sun and the Moon. He made the stars also.
 - d. Third, God filled the habitat with **inhabitants** 1:20-31.
 - i. Day Five: (20-23) swarms of fish and sea creatures and myriads of **flocks** of flying things.
 - ii. Day Six: The last day God made creepy crawly things, herds and walking things and he created the **manager**, Man.

Job 28:7-14