

## THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

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Today, I would like you to stop and think with me for just a moment about all the things we would have **no way to know** if it weren't for the Bible. For example, we would not know about: the nature of God; the cause of mankind's sin problem; the solution for mankind's sin problem; the reason why there are so many languages in the world; the explanation for the origin of the Jewish nation; the explanation of human pain and suffering; the existence of heaven or hell; and so many other things. In fact, if we did not have the Bible, we would be completely unable to answer the three most-important questions in the life of every human on planet Earth:

Whence have I come?

Why am I here?

What will happen to me when I die?

Fortunately, however, we **do** have God's Word! And because we do, we **can** answer questions such as these. In fact, it is the first question in that list that I would like to answer for you today. But before I do, I have to admit to you that the only reason I **can** give you an answer is since September 23, 2009, Blake and I have been involved in our Sunday morning Bible class in an exciting "journey through the Old Testament." In fact, one of the very first things we learned was the answer to the question, "Whence have I come?" The first verse in the first chapter of the first book of the Bible gives us the answer: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). That verse is amazing because of what it **does** say, as well as for what it **does not** say! Allow me to explain.

First, notice that the verse tells us that there was "a beginning." Scientists today who do not believe in God or the Bible suggest that our Universe is eternal. According to them, it simply "has always been." **God's Word begs to differ!** The Bible plainly says that there was "**a beginning.**" The Universe has **not** always existed.

Second, notice that the verse also tells us who caused that "beginning." "In the beginning, **God...**" Scientists who advocate the concept known as organic evolution believe that there is no God, and that the Universe "just happened" as a result of some sort of gigantic "big bang" in the distant past. **God's Word begs to differ!** The Bible tells us that the Universe did **not** come into existence as the result of an accidental explosion. Rather, God Himself spoke it into existence. The writer of the book of Hebrews said, "The worlds were framed by the word of God" (Hebrews 11:3). Or, as the psalmist said of God, "He spoke, and it was; He commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:9). There is nothing accidental about any of that, is there?

Third, Genesis 1:1 tells us that “in the beginning, God **created**....” Scientists who do not believe in God or His Word, but who instead believe in atheistic evolution, teach that matter “somehow evolved” into something living, and that that first living thing then “somehow” gave rise through purely natural processes to all of the various plants, animals, and humans on Earth today. **God’s Word begs to differ!** Genesis 1:11-12 teaches us that God made all of the plants. Genesis 1:20-25 teaches us that God made all of the animals. And Genesis 1:26-27 teaches us that God made humans. Obviously the Bible and evolution cannot **both** be correct—since they teach the exact opposite.

Fourth, Genesis 1:1 teaches us **what** God created when it says, “In the beginning, God created **the heavens and the earth**.” Scientists who believe in organic evolution suggest that space, galaxies, solar systems, and planets were the accidental result of an accidental explosion with no known cause. **God’s Word begs to differ!** The prophet Nehemiah said of God, “You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them” (Nehemiah 9:6).

One of the things that our teacher has stressed to Blake and me during our study is that the Creation account and the book of Genesis do not stand on their own. Here is what I mean by that statement. Numerous times throughout the Scriptures, the inspired writers referred to historical events in Genesis that were **known** to have occurred. For example, Jesus said to the Jews of His day, “If you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me” (John 5:46). Where did Moses write about Christ? He wrote about Him in the very first messianic prophecy within the Bible—in Genesis 3:15. Jesus also mentioned the Great Flood discussed in Genesis 6-8 when He said to the people of His generation, “As in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matthew 24:38-39). In 1 Peter 3:20 and in 2 Peter 3:6, the apostle Peter also referred to the global flood of Noah’s day. And, in Matthew 19:4 Jesus even quoted Genesis 1:27 when He asked the hypocritical Pharisees, “Have you not read that He who made them from the beginning made them male and female?”

Moses and Christ stand or fall together. If we believe the things that Christ said, then we **have** to believe the things that Moses said. From Genesis 1 to Revelation 22, the Bible **always** gives us the truth—whether it is speaking about Creation, or about the Second Coming of Christ. Our task is to read God’s Word, study it, believe it, defend it, and apply it to our lives. If we do that, then we will not have any trouble answering those three great questions of life that I mentioned earlier: “Whence have I come?”; “Why am I here?”; and “What is going to happen to me when I die?” Only God’s Word gives us the truth about our origin, our purpose on Earth, and our eternal destiny. As the psalmist put it in Psalm 119:1-2, “Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord, who keep His testimonies, and who seek Him with their whole heart!” I hope that describes each one of us today.