



In the Beginning
Genesis 1:1
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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
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I. GOD EXISTS, THEREFORE...

- Atheism is a false hope (Psalm 14:1).
- Neither Materialism nor Pantheism will stand. God is independent. There is a distinction between the Creator and the creation (Isa. 40:22).
- He is eternal. He existed before the creation of the universe (Isa. 26:4; Jer. 10:10; Dan. 4:34; Rom. 1:20; 2 Cor. 4:18; 2 Pet. 1:11).
- He is a Personal being. He is not an abstraction nor a mere “first cause.” He “created” by choice, not by (or due to) natural laws (Isa. 40:28).
- He is infinite and omnipotent. That which is finite cannot create. It can make, but cannot create.
- God, and his word, stand eternal in the heavens (Ps. 119:89).

II. WHAT WILL WE MAKE OF THIS GOD?

- Moses and his readers were steeped in Egyptian life, cosmology, and theology.
- Most of us are steeped in American life, cosmology, and theology.
- The options afforded to the creature:
 1. Go it alone (Ps. 53:1).
 2. Create gods and attribute power to them (Jer. 10:1-5).
 3. Submit to God as Sovereign and Lord (Jer. 10:10-16).
- This God has revealed himself in Jesus Christ his Son (Col. 1:15-23).

KNOW: We owe our existence, and thus, our submission, to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created all things.

DO: Believe confidently that all we see and know is by design.

Suggested Reading:

See the Genesis handout for resources.

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 1:1

1. What does this passage tell us?
2. What are some ideas of creation that those you know hold?
3. Why, do you think, does the Bible not start with an argument for God's existence?
4. If Genesis 1:1 is true, what does that mean for us?
5. What have you done with God in relation to your life? Does the fact that he is the creator of all things impact you significantly? Has it changed your perspective on life and death in any meaningful ways?