

# IN THE BEGINNING GOD

## Genesis 1:1

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### **Introduction: The beginning of Mankind**

It is an age old question, which has been on mans conscience daily, and this topic has fallen into many debates and discussions, both for the believer and non believer alike.

It is the same discussion that the Apostle Paul had with the professing religious leaders in Acts 17 on Mars hill.

**Acts 17**: <sup>23</sup>For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

<sup>24</sup>God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; <sup>25</sup>Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

He perceived them to be superstitious in that they had many gods that they were bowing to, and just in case they missed one, they added another inscription to the “**unknown god**”

Man has always had a sense of belonging and wanted to know where he came from. Whether you are talking about any culture the questions are the same.

There is always a higher spiritual entity being presented in any culture of people. They have grown up in their relevant cultures with many stories handed down in tradition by their fathers about their ancestors and their beliefs.

So a concept of a god is not foreign in any culture.

- Remember there is only one human race, so there must have been a start to it all.

The overall presiding evidence of the world is all around you. Because when you look around you, you will observe things that are very much greater than what you are and so you naturally want to know where did it all come from.

- By the way this natural awareness is placed in all of us by our Lord.

In nature around us many questions are generated when we look at it. For instance.

1. Where does lightening come from ?

2. Where does the weather come from?
3. What about the rain the snow and the wind?
4. Why does the sun shine so brightly?
5. Why can we see other planets clearly with the naked eye, like the moon?
6. Where did all the water in the ocean come from?

➤ Then there comes the greater questions of it all.

1. Where did man come from?
2. What about the miracle of birth?
3. Where did animals come from?
4. What about the birds, the plants and the fish in the ocean?
5. How is it possible for all these things to be in existence with us?

➤ Even an atheist has to ask himself these questions?

But regardless of what questions we may ask of these visual parades in front of us each day. There is an overall answer to them. And that is that they and man were created by God, for His good pleasure.

➤ If we had to look at the word of our Lord it will tell us that.

#### **Colossians 1:16**

For by him **were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created** by him, and for him:

#### **Revelation 4:11**

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast **created all things**, and for thy pleasure they are and **were created**.

1. All these questions cannot be answered reliably by mans wisdom, and mans wisdom falls short of any scientific proof to give evidence for it being anything other than a miracle of creation by a great creator.
2. That creator being the God of His Scriptures.

➤ If you choose anything else, to believe you will not come to the truth about your life or any other for that matter.

**Romans 1:** <sup>19</sup>Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

<sup>20</sup>For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

#### **Psalm 19:**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. <sup>2</sup>Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup>Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the

world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, <sup>5</sup>Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. <sup>6</sup>His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

1. The book of Genesis starts with nothing less than defining who it is that is in control.
2. If you get the meaning to life wrong, then you will be condemned forever.
3. The meaning to our life is to serve God, our Lord and creator. That takes repentance.
4. Did you know the opposite to sin is obedience to the Word of God. Which means confessing your sins before the creator and serving Him?

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Lets take a look now at what it means in Genesis 1:1.

### **IN THE BEGINNING GOD**

#### **Isaiah 42:5**

<sup>5</sup>Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

#### **Isaiah 48:13**

<sup>13</sup>Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

#### **A. THE BEGINING OF CREATION**

1. Some people think of the creation as when God had a beginning. As if God actually started off His career at some point in His life?
2. This is absurd, and more than that it is unbelief, and shows a lack of understanding of the scriptures.
3. It also confuses them that at some point in by gone history that say God came into existence. As if God had a beginning.
4. This is the same mentality that carries forth to those who believe that Jesus our Lord had an earthly beginning.
5. Not so. He was eternal with the Father.

➤ Well what does scripture teach?

**Scripture teaches us that Jesus came out from God John 16:27-28**

#### **John 16:27-28**

<sup>27</sup>For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and **have believed that I came out from God.** <sup>28</sup>**I came forth from the Father,** and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

- Jesus our Lord was present at the creation of the earth.
- In fact he was the creator of heaven and earth with in the Godhead.

**John 1:** <sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**John 17:5** <sup>5</sup>And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory **which I had with thee before the world was.**

- Jesus was before creation. He is God.

The reason why I am bringing you all these scripture references this morning is to show you that Christ who is “The Word of God”, made creation.

Because when we can see that Christ was present in the creation it will mean a lot more to us when we see him later giving us his commands to follow after him.

1. It will mean much more when we see his hand of grace and mercy extending to those who call upon his name.
2. It will mean much more when we see that it was him who spoke to Moses out of the burning bush.
3. It was Him who saved Shadrach Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace, in Daniel 3.
4. And finally it was our Lord who saved the thief on the cross, and all those who believe in Him and on His name.

**Philippians 2:10** (King James Version). <sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

- If He is the one in creation and the one by whom all creation stands then it is to him that we owe all our obedience and worship to praise his name.

**Just like in Daniel 3.** <sup>28</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

- Creation was a time that God appointed for man to be brought into existences and it was a time that God would come to his creation.

**Psalm 33:6** <sup>6</sup>By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

**Psalm 89:11** <sup>11</sup>The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

- In the NT scriptures of John 1:1-3, 14, we are reminded of the time of creation.

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<sup>14</sup>And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

- Little did we know back then, but God would send his Son, to us to reveal the very image to us of what image he created man in.
- And that would ultimately reveal His own image to us.

**Genesis 1:** <sup>26</sup>And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

- Man is made in the image of God and in His likeness.
1. Scripture teaches us that God is eternal, which means there is no beginning and no end to His Deity, and for that to be the case he can and is the only God.
  2. There are also many attributes to describe His Deity. Like all knowing, omniscient, all powerful, Holy, omnipresent, self existing.

But the main point of this scripture in Genesis is to show us that there is an eternal God, who was busy and active in the creation of the world.

- It is the same God which is describe as making both heaven and earth.

## **B. THE TIME OF CREATION**

Now we come to the time of creation.

Creation was Gods involvement for His good pleasure.

1. Creation came about because God willed it so by His mouth and by His word.
2. For "no other reason" God spoke forth creation because he Had a love that He wanted us to share in for His good pleasure.

Creation was the beginning of mankind it was not the beginning of God.

1. Creation was God's plan for unveiling His love, which would be poured out on those created in His own image. (Adam & Eve).

2. It was soon to be a love redirected in future to those who would believe on His Son for redemption, as a result of Adams sin entering the world.

### **C. THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS**

1. In order to show forth His power, the great heavens were brought forth to display his handy work. Set as a tabernacle or tent in the skies.
2. The heavens would remain as a great testimony to the whole earth that there is a God of Wonders, who is worthy to be worshipped.
3. The heavens are filled with the glory of God. Such as the many stars, planets, and many galaxies far beyond the humans ability to see or comprehend.

### **D. THE CREATION OF EARTH**

1. The creation of the earth, is very significant, for without its ability to sustain life we would all perish.
  2. Every detail of God's creation upon the earth is described for us in His word in Genesis 1.
  3. Nothing in creation is left to chance, and everything is documented in great detail for us to see and observe.
- It is the unbeliever who looks with contempt unto the heavens and the earth and says this was because of the big bang.

### **As we read the book of John.**

We come to the 14, 15, 16 and 17 chapters.

1. And in them we find our Lord and Saviour and creator of the World, spending much time amongst his people.
2. It is with Love that he contends and shares the Word of Truth, that they might not perish but have eternal life.

All through these chapters he tells of himself. He speaks of where he has come from and where he is going to.

- Jesus came because He was sent by God the Father (John 16:5)

**John 16:5** <sup>5</sup>But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

- Jesus came out from God John 16:27-28

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- **Our Lord is concerned that people should and must repent and believe in Him, for the remission of their sins.**
- **In John 17. We see the Lords eternal prayer for the saved.**

1. Jesus looked to heaven as His Father was in heaven, from where he came before creation. John 17:1-5
2. In this prayer the Lord reveals His power over all flesh.

### **John 17:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

<sup>2</sup>As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

<sup>3</sup>**And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**

<sup>4</sup>I have glorified thee on the earth: **I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.**

<sup>5</sup>And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory **which I had with thee before the world was.**

1. The only way that we can ever know for sure who God is, is by His revealed word.
2. We must uphold it in faith if it is to count for anything to us.
3. The scriptures tells us that we are to be sanctified by the word of God which is truth.

- That means it is only the scriptures that set us apart for Gods glory.
- We are sanctified by the Word of God which is truth.

**John 17** <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

### **The Lords Prayer John 17:20-26**

1. Jesus even prayed for the future believers that they would be made perfect in Him. John 17:20-26.
2. He had prayed for the believers to be strengthened and now he prayed for the future believers.

### **John 17:20-26**

<sup>20</sup>**Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;** *(the words which they will say about Jesus)*

<sup>21</sup>That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

<sup>22</sup>And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

<sup>23</sup>**I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one;** and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

**24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**

<sup>25</sup>O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

<sup>26</sup>And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

➤ Be it known this day that Jesus,

➤ The God of Creation is also the God of Salvation.

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