



The Amazing Genesis

The first three chapters of Genesis tell us 14 important things.

1. This cosmos we can see is reality, not fictional, and it did not always exist.
2. There was something that caused the cosmos to come into being.
3. Thus, there was something that existed before the cosmos.
4. This something was God.
5. Thus, the cosmos including man owes its existence to a creative act of God.
6. Man was given dominion over everything else created.
7. Everything God made was good.
8. Man was put in a place where God walked and talked with man.
9. Obedience to God was required for man to stay in this place.
10. Man did not keep obedience to his instruction from God.
11. Man disobeyed God and lost access to walking with God.
12. God immediately revealed to man that he had a plan for restoration.
13. This plan called for God to give his Son to redeem the sins of man.
14. Man would live in a fallen world, but life involves more than this cosmos.

The first three chapters of Genesis is written to tell us where we came from, that the cosmos had a beginning, and this beginning was a creative act of God through his spoken word. God is more interested in revealing to man the source of the cosmos and everything in it including man, than explaining the processes involved in the creation of the cosmos.

The remainder of the Bible is God revealing himself in history to man and his plan for redemption of man in this fallen world. God in the form of His Son Jesus would give his life as a payment for the sins of man. God would require obedience from man just as he did in the beginning if man is to walk and talk with God. The New Testament reveals God's Son and discusses what this obedience involves. God would give his Spirit to live in those who obey his commands and will allow them to be with God throughout eternity. Eternity is a place where time does not exist, but God is there, just as He was before time and the cosmos were created. Man, once again, has been given the opportunity to be where God is and to be with Him eternally. God is more powerful than sin and Satan. The amazing Genesis begins the revelation of the eternal God to man, and what is required of man to live eternally with God. No gods of man, except the God of the Bible, has revealed himself in this way to man. There is but one eternal God of creation and God of the cosmos and everything in it including man.

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