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SELLER

“A story about the Bible”

Who knows the Bestseller Best?

The way we got our Bible is not the way we got *The Bible*.

Jesus did not write the Bible.

Jesus didn't write it, but Jesus is the reason that we have it.

If Jesus was crucified and not raised, the Bible would not exist. There would be nothing to write about.

The reason we have those 4 documents was not because of what he taught or because he was arrested or crucified.

The reason they sat down to document his life was because He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven.

The biggest struggle for gentiles who wanted to embrace Jesus as their Lord was giving up everything they were brought up to believe, **and embracing the idea that there was only one God.**

Gentiles became enamored with the sacred texts of the Jews.

When they discovered that the Jewish text which they called, “The Law and the Prophets” was the back story to the new story, they became interested in the Jewish text.

They discovered that the Jewish religion was older than the religion of the Romans and the Greeks.

They discovered that the Jewish people from the beginning always believed in just one God – Yahweh.

In the beginning God....

Genesis is a world view unto itself.

In 1927 a Belgian priest **Georges Lemaître** suggested that the universe had a beginning.

But in 1964, cosmic microwave background radiation was discovered.

When they discovered this, the view that the universe always existed was abandoned.

Scientists agree that in a trillion trillionth of a second, the universe expanded at an extraordinary speed from the size of something smaller than a pebble to its current astronomical scope.....

.....or in the words of Genesis:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The debate today is no longer if the universe had a beginning.

The debate today is around the question, *was it purposeful and personal and was it an intentional beginning?*

In Genesis he is not trying to explain how God created the earth and the heavens.

Moses is making the point that God created the heavens and the earth.

Enuma Elish says the following:

I will establish a savage, man shall be his name. Savage man I will create. He shall be charged with the service of the gods. That they might be at ease.

Genesis says, “Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image...’”

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, and our likeness, so that they may rule over...

The fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals...”

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Moses introduced a radically different, unparalleled, untested worldview.

I am going to make you in my image, which means everyone ever made bears the image of God.

According to the Enuma Elish, you were born a slave to gods. You have no dignity, you have no redeemer and there is no afterlife.

According to the new Atheist, you were born a slave to your DNA and you have no free will. There is no redeemer and there is no afterlife.

In the very beginning....

...we are introduced to a God that saves, redeems and who delivers, and who never ever gives up on you.

God, who gives us freedom to choose and then honours our free choices.

Genesis 1 gives us a monotheistic worldview.

Why is there something rather than nothing?

Why are you here and why do you matter?

SEVEN DAYS
THAT DIVIDE THE
WORLD

THE BEGINNING ACCORDING TO
GENESIS AND SCIENCE

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