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I. INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS.

A. "Genesis" - Heb. בְּרֵאשִׁית *bre'shiyth* - "beginning; origin; genealogy"

1. Throughout History, man has been trying to answer the questions:

- a. Why am I here?
- b. Where did I come from?
- c. Where am I going?
- d. What is the purpose of life?
- e. Is there life after death?

2. In Genesis, we find the **ORIGINS** of everything:

- a. The Origin of CREATION.
- b. The Origin of THE UNIVERSE, THE SOLAR SYSTEM, THE ATMOSPHERE, AND HYDROSPHERE.
- c. The Origin of ALL LIVING THINGS.
- d. The Origin of MAN.
- e. The Origin of GENDER.
- f. The Origin of MARRIAGE.
- g. The Origin of SIN, DEATH, AND EVIL.
- h. The Origin of GOVERNMENTS, LANGUAGES, NATIONS, CULTURE.
- i. The Origin of GOD REVEALING HIMSELF TO MAN.
- j. The Origin of GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PROGRAM BY THE BEGINNING OF A NATION — ISRAEL.

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"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

(TIME)

(SPACE)

(MATTER)



Triune Makeup of the Universe

3. **In Genesis 1-2, God is not explaining the Creation account to satisfy the questions or curiosities of the Scientific Community, but He explains it how a Father would explain things to His children.**
 - a. Cf. **Luke 18:17** - Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."
 - 1) **NOTE:** God wanted a communication that was on the lowest common denominator, that this was not for the intelligentsia, not for the wealthy that could afford some great education, but it was so simple and so plain that the most humble of human beings could learn the story of the Origin of all things. So simple that even a child could understand it.
 - b. Cf. **Psalm 19:1-6** - "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. 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, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. 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."
 - c. Cf. **Romans 1:20** - "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:"

B. The FIRST Book of the TORAH.

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1. The Jews have always referred to the first 5 books as the Torah ("Law").
2. Also called "*the Pentateuch*" ("*fivefold vessel*").

C. AUTHOR: Moses.

1. Genesis is part of the *Torah* ("Law" - first 5 Books), and the Bible says that Moses *alone* wrote the entire *Torah*.¹
2. Jesus Himself said that Moses wrote the Torah.
 - a. Cf. **Mark 12:26** - "*And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?*"
 - b. Cf. **Luke 24:27, 44** - "*And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. ... And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me."*
 - c. Cf. **John 5:46-47** - "*For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"
 - 1) **KEY:** You cannot say that you *believe in Jesus* if you don't believe in the Book of Genesis!
 - a) **Q** = If you don't believe in a literal Adam, then how can you believe in the last Adam²? Only descendants of Adam can be saved!³*
 - d. **KEY:** There are many theories by the scholars as to who wrote Genesis (i.e. J.E.D.P. theory), but I JUST SAVED YOU THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF READING AND STUDYING! JESUS SAID MOSES WROTE IT, AND I TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD!

¹ Cf. Exodus 17:14; Leviticus 1:1-2; Numbers 33:2; Deuteronomy 1:1; Joshua 1:7; 1 Kings 2:3; 2 Kings 14:6; Ezra 6:18; Nehemiah 13:1; Daniel 9:11-13; Malachi 4:4; Matthew 8:4; Mark 12:26; Luke 16:29; John 7:19; Acts 26:22; Romans 10:19; 1 Corinthians 9:9; 2 Corinthians 3:15

² Cf. 1 Corinthians 15:45

³ Cf. Romans 5:12-17

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3. **NOTE:** There are more quotations and allusions to Genesis in Scripture than any other book of the Bible.
 - a. In the N.T., there are at least 165 passages in Genesis that are either directly quoted or clearly referred to in the New Testament, and many are quoted more than once, thus Genesis is mentioned over 200x in the N.T., and 100 of the quotations are from Genesis 1-11!
 - 1) **KEY:** If you take away Genesis 1-11, you majorly discredit other areas of Scripture, AND EVEN DESTROY THE CREDIBILITY OF JESUS CHRIST! If Jesus was wrong about Genesis 1-11, then He could not be the Messiah He claimed to be!

D. OUTLINE of Genesis:

1. **Genesis 1–11 = Origin of the Universe and Nations**

- a. 4 EVENTS:
 - 1) Creation (1-2)
 - 2) The Fall (3-5)
 - 3) The Flood (6-10)
 - 4) The Tower of Babel (11)

2. **Genesis 12–50 = Origin of One Nation: Israel**

- a. 4 PEOPLE:
 - 1) Abraham. (12-24)
 - 2) Isaac. (25-26)
 - 3) Jacob. (27-36)
 - 4) Joseph. (37-50)

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II. THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE (v. 1)

A. (v. 1)

1. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

a. "In the beginning God"

1) A lot of people have a problem right there! If you can get past this part, you'll have no problem with the rest of the Bible!

a) If God exists, then you should have no problem with:

i. Creation.

ii. Miracles.

iii. His Incarnation.

iv. Resurrection from the Dead.

v. The preservation of His Word.

2) **Illust.** - I'd like to tell you a story about my iPhone 12. This iPhone has an advanced A14 Bionic chip, a dual 12 mega-pixel camera system, with a 6.1-inch retina display, and works at 5G speed. A Ceramic Shield front, with an OLED display.

a) Embedded directly into the A14 chip, the motion coprocessor connects to the accelerometer, compass, and gyroscope for a range of fitness tracking capabilities, such as measuring your steps and distance. I can store 512 GB of files and pictures. The FaceID uses facial recognition to unlock my phone. I can do video calls with friends in other countries. I can send texts, call, use hundreds of apps that can play music, give me turn-by-turn navigation, and even have Siri tell me a joke or the weather report. The software and apps are incredible!

b) If I told you that it was designed by a team of engineers, and tested all the circuitry, etc., for

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about a year, until it was manufactured in a factory in China, where they would install the motherboard with computerized machines, and had hundreds of factory workers to assemble all the components and then box them up for delivery, you would probably believe me.

- c) **But that's just a cover story!** What actually happened was that *billions of years ago*, there were random atoms floating through the cosmos. These atoms were tossed about by the winds of cosmic change, and some of them came to be perfect silicon, and others pieces of metal shapes, just the right size. The camera formed, and all the software for the apps came together in the perfect code... Ridiculous!
- d) Let's say you're walking on the beach, and under the surface of the sand, you see something down there, so you pull it up, and it's my ***iPhone!*** You're so fascinated with it, and you start to mess around with the apps and realize the capabilities of this iPhone. Then you begin to think, "Was this device always here? Did it just spontaneously appear with all these particles of steel and metal?" In your mind you cannot come to that conclusion. So you come to the only logical conclusion — that somebody made it! Then you think, "Who made this? Why did they make it? And how is it that this part fits here? And who designed it? They must have had a purpose and a plan for it. They must have great wisdom and knowledge of design." **So you begin to wonder about this Inventor/Creator. Then, suppose that one day, suddenly this living person appears to you and stands before you and says, "I made that smartphone."** Now, all of sudden, everything is different. You get the answers from this living person in front of you that has intelligence and design, and he had a purpose and a plan. And now you may know him! So, now rather than going to the smartphone and asking, "How does the phone work?" Your position is now reversed. Instead of studying the phone concerning its maker, you now question the maker concerning his phone!

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- e) Then, you realize that the phone is **nowhere as complex as the hand that is holding it**, with all the tendons and nerves, blood vessels, fingerprints, and is able to fight off invaders, and is even *self-repairing!* So you realize that there must be a Designer. Who is He? What is He like? Why did He make me?
- f) **KEY:** We have all these hypothesis and theories about how we all got here, and then suddenly, one day here on planet earth, a Living Person came and said, "I made this Universe. I made the world. I made you. 'I and My Father are one!'"
- 3) **KEY:** Now we can divert all of our attention to the Creator and seek Him for the answers about Creation!
- b. **NOTE:** What makes it difficult for people to accept this verse is that we have been so indoctrinated by a government sponsored religion (i.e. Darwinian Evolution), that it is difficult for us to divorce ourselves from it.
- c. "In the beginning"
 - 1) **Q = WHEN** was the Beginning?
 - a) We really don't know, but the Scriptures indicate that it was about 6,000 years ago.⁴
 - i. There are many scientists today offer a lot of evidence for a Young Earth and Young Universe.
 - a. *Institute For Creation Research* (icr.org)
 - i. Dr. Henry Morris - written several books on Cosmology (Genesis Record; Defenders Study Bible; etc.).

⁴ 1 Kings 6:1; Exodus 12:40; Gen. 47:9, 28 - See Genesis genealogy chart. Jacob died in 1644 B.C., which was 2,315 years after creation. Thus creation was around 3959 B.C.

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- b. *Answers In Genesis*
(answersingenesis.com)
 - c. *Museum of Creation and Earth History*
- Santee, CA (creationsd.org)
- b) The Book of Genesis is in direct opposition to most of the theories of the Scientific Community today.
- i. Genesis is often accused of contradicting science, however that is not true or accurate. Genesis is not a science textbook, but anywhere it touches on science, it is 100% correct and accurate!
- 2) **Q** = What Happened BEFORE the Beginning?
- a) God was thinking about YOU!
 - i. He planned your redemption before the Creation of the world.
 - a. Cf. **Matthew 25:34** - "*Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*"
 - b. Cf. **John 17:5, 24** - "*And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. ... 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.*"
 - c. Cf. **Acts 2:23** - "*Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:"*

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- d. Cf. [1 Corinthians 2:7](#) - "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:"
 - e. Cf. [Ephesians 1:4](#) - "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"
 - f. Cf. [2 Timothy 1:9](#) - "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,"
 - g. Cf. [Titus 1:2](#) - "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"
 - h. Cf. [1 Peter 1:19-20](#) - "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,"
 - i. Cf. [Revelation 13:8](#) - "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."
- b) **Q** = Was God BORED?... No. He is a *perfect* Being.
- i. Boredom is a lack of satisfaction. Since God is completely satisfied in Himself, He didn't have to create anything.
 - ii. Also, this question implies that God has lots of time on His hands, but the reality is that He is outside of time! He is Eternal!

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- c) **Q** = Was God LONELY?... No. God is a God of *Love*.
 - i. Cf. **1 John 4:8** - "*God is love*"
 - a. His very nature is that of Love, thus revealing the Plurality within His Being ("Trinity; Tri-Unity")
 - ii. **NOTE:** In order for there to be love, there has to be:
 - a. A Lover - Father
 - b. An Object of Love (Beloved) - Son
 - c. A Spirit of love between them.
 - iii. **KEY:** God did not create you because He needed you. He created you that He might extend His love beyond Himself that you might experience His love! He wanted to share His love with you!

- d. "*God*" - Heb. *Elohim* - "*Gods*"
 - 1) *El* = God (singular)
 - 2) *Ella* = Gods (plural)
 - 3) *Elohim* = Gods (3 or more)
 - a) **NOTE:** Already, in the 1st verse of the Bible, you have the TRINITY! There is a hint at the TRI-UNITY OF GOD.
 - b) Cf. **Deuteronomy 6:4** - "*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:*"
 - i. Hebrew text:
:שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד
*echad Yehovah Elohenu Yehovah Yisrael shama
one LORD our God LORD O Israel Hear*

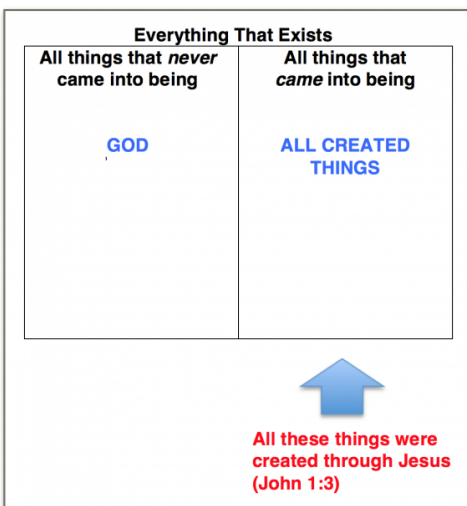
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- ii. **KEY:** "one" - Heb. *echad* - "united one"; a *compound unity*.
 - iii. In contrast to the Hebrew word *yachiyd* ("one and only one; solitary one").
- 4) **KEY:** Grammatically, *Elohim* is a plural word used as if it were singular. The verbs and pronouns used with *Elohim* should be in the plural, but when *Elohim* refers to the LORD God, the verbs and pronouns are in the singular.⁵
- a) Trinity = 3 Whos, 1 What; 3 Persons; 1 Being
- 5) **KEY:** The word "God" (*Elohim*) is *plural*, and the word "created" (*bara'*) is *singular*, thus God is a **singular plurality!**
- a) **NOTE:** The Creation of the Universe is a specific work of God, and yet in the Scriptures, there are 3 different Persons who are responsible for Creation:⁶
 - i. *The Father* = Psalm 102:25
 - ii. *The Son* = John 1:3; Colossians 1:16
 - iii. *The Holy Spirit* = Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13; Psalm 104:30

e. KEY: Jesus Christ is our Creator/Redeemer!

- 1) Cf. **John 1:1-3, 14** - "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ... 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."*
- 2) Cf. **Colossians 1:16-17** - "*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*



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principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

- 3) Cf. **Hebrews 1:1-3** - "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

- f. "created" - Heb. *bara'* (singular) - "created out of nothing"
 - 1) There are 3 different Hebrew words:
 - a) *Bara'* = "create out of nothing"
 - b) *`Asah* = "organize; structure; fashion; assemble existing materials"
 - c) *Yatsar* = "form; frame; mould into a form" (as a potter)

- g. "heaven" - Heb. שָׁמַיִם *shamayim* (-im = plural) - "heavens; space"

- h. "earth" - Heb. אֶרֶץ *eretz* - "land; world"
 - 1) Cf. **Job 38:4-7** - "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

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III. THE CREATOR AND YOU.

A. Society, and the Scientific Community, say that you are just the result of billions and billions of accidents.

B. However, God tells you that He made you for a **PURPOSE!**

1. God has a **PURPOSE AND PLAN** for your life.

- a. Cf. **Revelation 4:10-11** - *"The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 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."*
- b. Cf. **Matthew 16:24-26** - Jesus said to His disciples, *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"*
- c. Cf. **John 10:10** - Jesus also said, *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*

2. The Creator made you for **LOVING FELLOWSHIP** with Him!

- a. Cf. **1 John 1:1-4** - *"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."*
- b. Cf. **Matthew 11:27-30** - *"All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, **and learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in*

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heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."