

The Master Builder (God the Father and Creator) 1 Peter 1:1-5

Genesis 1:1-3

Skip Moen, Dean - Master's International Divinity School says...

"God does not come to us in nicely defined, rationally explained, thought categories. God does not fit HIMSELF into our theological textbooks. God breaks all the rules. He is near, yet transcendent; clothed in human form, yet holy; more terrifying than can be imagined, yet compassionate; invisible, yet revealed; judging, yet merciful, sovereign, yet humble. No matter where you look, God breaks the mold."

In the book by Mark Buchanan (2001), ["Your God is too safe"](#), Buchanan opens up talking about his vibrant faith at the beginning and then the cynicism that set in and became a "chronic spiritual fatigued" follower of Jesus. Why do so many of us get "stuck"?

John Stott, in **Basic Christianity** wrote *"The first four words of the Bible are more than an introduction to the creation story or to the book of Genesis. They supply the key which opens our understanding to the Bible as a whole. They tell us that the religion of the Bible is a religion of the initiative of God. You can never take God by surprise. You can never anticipate Him. He always makes the first move. He is always there "in the beginning." Before man existed, God acted. Before man stirs himself to seek God, God sought man, in the Bible, we do not see man groping after God; we see God reaching after man."*

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT THE FIRST FOUR WORDS OF THE BIBLE?

Deuteronomy 4:32

Isaiah 40:26

Isaiah 45:18

Psalms 89:11

Psalms 102:25

Revelation 10:6

Psalms 115:15

Psalms 121:2

Psalms 124:8

Psalms 134:3

Psalms 146:6

Acts 17:24-29

Colossians 1:16-17

Hebrews 1:10

2 Peter 3:5

Revelation 14:7

1. God is CREATOR

Genesis 1:26-27

2. God created man

1 Peter 1:3-5