

## Introduction to Beginnings (Genesis)

### *Is biblical creation (those first chapters of Genesis) credible?*

1. The short answer: biblical creation is credible based on the authority of the **Bible**, the authority of the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of what God has made.

Examples outside Genesis: 2 Peter 1:20-21, Isaiah 45:18, Romans 1:20-21. If one cannot trust God with what He says, what about the Gospel?

2. The opposing world view, which is dominant, is \_\_\_\_\_ or what is more commonly known as \_\_\_\_\_, which is sometimes called the 'general theory of evolution' (GTE).

3. Why is the origin of life and the world so important? Remember the children's questions. The Bible's answers are radically different than those from naturalism. Remember the church's common theme, which is biblically based and starts in Genesis:

We are \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_. An example verse: Ephesians 2:10

4. GTE, man's theory of everything, embraces these ideas:
  - Non-life became life on its \_\_\_\_\_. All life comes from a \_\_\_\_\_ source.
  - Life becomes complex and more advanced \_\_\_\_\_.
  - At the end, \_\_\_\_\_ is final and the end.

5. What do history, information, and sciences show?
  - History: are we getting better?
  - Information: can complex information self-develop?
  - Life shows incredible variety, processes, and detail at all levels.
  - Earth sciences and the fossil record: something really bad happened, and the Bible has the answers about the event.

## Reflection and Discussion

1. If the first step of experimental science or history is observation, then who was present when 'beginnings' happened?
2. If God was the only One present, then what He says about what happened becomes a record of history. Can the God of the Bible lie or mis-represent what happened?
3. If the General Theory of Evolution allows no direction at the universe's origin, what process or principle explains what we observe? Is the absence of direction truly logical, or merely assumed because any reference to God is excluded by default?
4. When your son or daughter has those big questions about who they are, can you address them from a biblical view with confidence?
5. How can you explain to your children or grandchildren how things came to be? They will have questions about why books and museums say they came from star dust or monkeys. Can you give a biblical world view answer if they start asking at a very young age? Can you give more detailed answers at the high school level?

### Resources:



- Download the "Creation Study Helps" app by RJBeard Publishing from your preferred app store.
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