

In The Beginning God

Atheism is false

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning (*independent clause 1:2 begins with wav*), God (*el (one) ohim (strength) - plural of majesty -2500xs*)

- genesis - generations it is also a book of history told by eyewitnesses
 - Gen 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10, 27; 25:12, 19; 36:1; 37:2
 - (edited/written by moses 1400 B.C.)
- Jn 1:1-3 (*in the beginning God was*)
 - Jn 8:53-59 (I AM)
 - Exod 3:13-14 (I AM)
 - Rev 1:8; 21:6; 22:13 (*alpha and omega*)
- Prov 8:22-23 (*before the beginning God was*)
 - Jn 17:5, 24 (*before the beginning*)

It is properly basic to believe that God is necessary - contingency

- Acts 17:22-31 (*Parmenides-whatever is is/Zeno -problem of motion*)

Evolution is false

Gen. 1:1b created (*qal perfect - referring to a completed act only in reference to God*)

- bara vs asa Gen 1:7 fashioned
- Rom 4:17 (*calls into existence - only God does this -Man can form but not create*)

It is properly basic to believe that design is real - cosmology/irreducible complexity

- Psalm 19:1-6 (*heavens declare - cosmology*)
- Rom 1:18-23 (*without excuse - irreducible complexity*)

Materialism is false

Gen. 1:1c the heavens and the earth. (*merism - a poetic expression meaning everything*)

- Col 1:15-17 (*in Him all things - Heaven and earth -hold together*)
- Heb 1:3 (*upholds the universe - heavens and earth*)
- Rev 4:11 (*created all things*)

It is properly basic to believe that mind matters - scope of science

- Mk 13:31 (*immaterial more certain*)
- Isa 40:8 (*stands forever*)
- 2 Pet 3:5-7 (*mind to matter*)
- 1 Pet 1:23-25 (*imperishable Word*)

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Intro:

Genesis 1:1 is the foundational verse of the entire Bible. It lays out the apriori assumptions necessary to read this book.

if you deny Genesis 1:1 you deny the Bible

If you don't believe in Genesis 1:1 you don't believe in God

If you believe in Genesis 1:1 you should have no trouble believing in miracles and a flood and a literal Adam and Eve

If you accept Genesis 1:1 you necessarily reject the atheism, evolution, and materialism of today

In other words, Genesis 1:1 not only sets the foundation for all our beliefs it immediately challenges our false assumptions

problem:

we live in a culture where atheism, evolution and materialism is assumed but Genesis 1:1 shows us that...

Main Idea:

atheism is false

evolution is false

materialism is false

Implication:

did the universe come from nothing?

 further - are you merely an accident?

is design an illusion?

 further - are you merely an animal

is matter all there is?

 further - are you merely a machine

Application:

it is properly basic to assume that

God is necessary

Design is real

Mind matters

Outro:

open your eyes - look at the proof all around you

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Book-of-Genesis.html>

<http://www.reasonablefaith.org/the-ultimate-question-of-origins-god-and-the-beginning-of-the-universe>

<http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org/cosmological-argument.htm>

<http://www.ligonier.org/blog/beginning/>