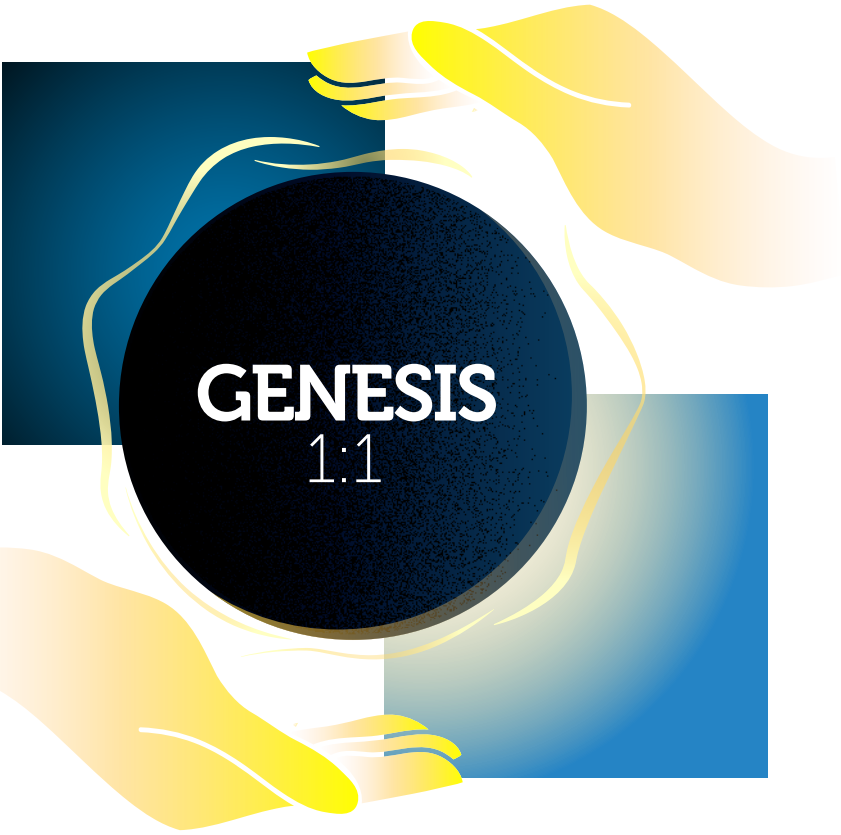


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GENESIS

1:1

Welcome Friends

These are **God's resources** for you to read
at your own pace.



Anytime
during a week

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun



According to **your convenience**



You can go through all the material in one go
(**30-45 minutes** - Read, Reflect and Apply)

or



choose how much to read each day

or



use our recommended pauses to stop and
resume at your own pace.



*May the time you spend with the Lord
enrich your relationship with Him.*

For your consideration

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Why
Tap into **God's Intelligence**
to live life?

Because

God has chosen us to
be on the team of His Son

JESUS CHRIST

our Lord

His kingdom is a
Kingdom Of Light

It's a high calling;
**a Holy Calling;
a Heavenly Calling**

We are
Citizens of Heaven

Sent as **Christ's Representatives** on earth

Equipped and Empowered with
God's word that tells us how to live according to
Heaven's rules (**God's standards**) here on earth.



How to use this Scripture Engagement



Begin with Prayer

Before you start each lesson, ask the Lord to use it to grow you up in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Read the Bible passage first

Invite God to open your eyes and deepen your understanding of His Word.



If you want to listen to Dr. J Vernon McGee's complete teaching on the passage, go to TTB.org, download the app, watch it on Youtube, or read this material.



After every teaching, you can look at the scripture engagement questions listed here for your consideration or, if you're reading this as a group, for your discussion.



Ask the Spirit to help you take what
He wants to show you to heart.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom and teaching...

~ Colossians 3:16

Personal Preparation

Personal preparation is for you to go through this material on your own during the week. If you are part of a group, your contribution in meeting and sharing together will encourage collective spiritual growth.

Meet Share Grow

Meet Together, Share Together & Encourage ONE ANOTHER



Coming Together Once a Week



For Your Study



Scripture : Genesis 1:1



Read Time : 10-15min



Prayer

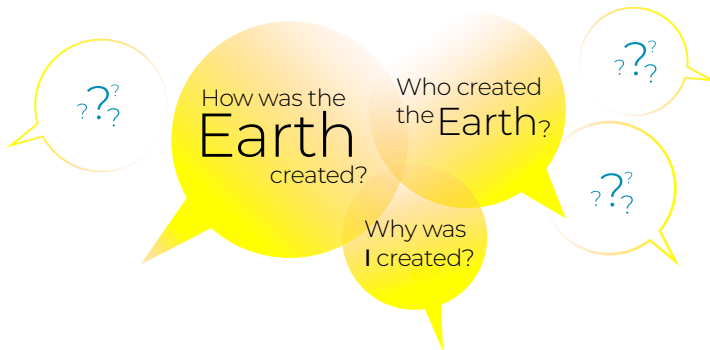
Before we proceed let us take a minute to ask God to guide our hearts, minds, ears and eyes to understand His divine design.

Bible Passage



“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

- Genesis 1:1



Every person ponders these questions at some point in their lives. Many theories have been proposed to answer this question, but there can be **only one answer**.

Knowing the beginning is **necessary to understand** anything, whether life, a relationship, a nation, or a world. **Beginnings reveal the source** and perhaps even the purpose of what is present now.

Scientists, theologians, and historians **examine beginnings to find solutions to problems** or to explain what is strong, beautiful, and complex.

God's Creation vs Man's Theories

To open the Holy Bible at its beginning, the book Genesis, you will **discover the truth about the Bible**, the world, and every person's life.

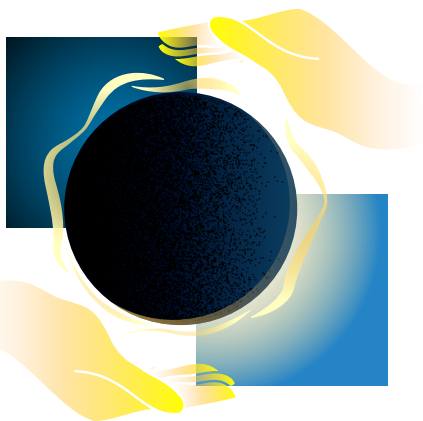
Genesis will reveal the overwhelming **changes made to the cosmos and the character** of men, women, and children.

All of those who look seriously into its pages should anticipate creative change in themselves **from the words of The One** who spoke life itself into being.

As scientists explore the fabric and extent of the universe, **the profound nature** of Genesis chapter 1 continues to **give authoritative meaning** to what humans can learn.

While the Bible does not conflict with scientific facts, **God intends all people to accept His revelation of Himself and His creative work by faith.**

Hebrews 11:3 states, ' By faith, we understand that the universe was formed at God's command so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.'



Some theories suggest the world was formed 1 billion years ago, while others say 2 billion, and **some people speculate it was several billion.** **But nobody knows for sure, and we must remember that God has eternity on His side.**

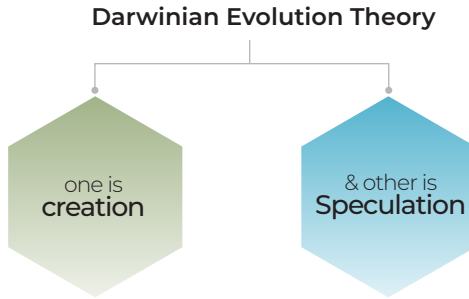
While we see time sequentially (the present slipping into the past just as the future falls into the present),² **The eternal God views the past, present, and future in a single, divine instant.** He sees past and future with equal vividness as if all of time were at once before Him. **The Apostle Peter writes in 2 Peter 3:8, ' With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.'**



²The Works of Jonathan Edwards (Edinburgh, Scotland: Banner of Truth Trust, 1974), 172

Physicist Dr. Albert Einstein's great insight was **recognizing that two realities, matter and energy, are closely interwoven**. Matter can be made from energy. What we see is made from what we do not see (Hebrews 11:3).

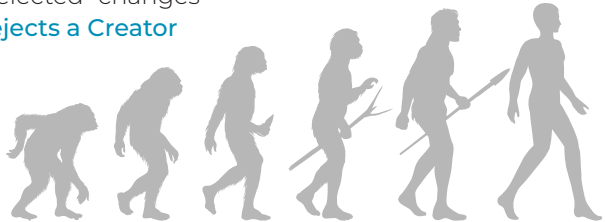
On the other hand, **there are many theories as to how the world began**, but all of them can be boiled down to fit into a **Two-Fold Classification**. Some notable theories rejecting the Bible's account of creation are:



This widely accepted theory of origins holds that complex life forms evolved

Darwinian Evolution Theory

This widely accepted theory of origins holds that **complex life forms evolved from simpler ones** when random changes occurred in nature. Then, the more efficient forms from those “naturally selected” changes survived. **This theory rejects a Creator since significant and progressive changes are attributed to random events.**

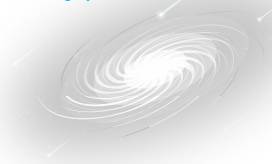


Theistic Evolution Theory

Proponents of theistic evolution **believe that God created matter and life**. He then directed the processes described in the theory of evolution. However, **this view abandons the tenet of random or “natural” selection in the theory of evolution.**

Deistic Evolution Theory

This view holds that **God created and transcends the universe** but is **not immanently involved in the evolutionary process.**



Intelligent Design Theory (ID)

The intelligent design approach (ID) **holds that certain universe patterns, designs, and functions could not have come about by purely natural causes or forces.** Scientists who take this approach examine those patterns and form the natural world for what seems to point to a designer. Though people who believe in God's creation of the universe sometimes associate themselves with this approach and use the same evidence for their position, **"intelligent design" is not the same as belief in biblical creation.**

Big Bang Theory

This view outlines the universe's beginning from a massive explosion billions of years ago.

While it describes a scientific process, it does not inherently reject the idea of divine creation, but can be seen as an explanation of how God initiated creation.



Steady State Theory

The theory **proposes that the universe has always existed and is in a constant state of creation, differing from the biblical account of a defined Beginning.**



Dr. J Vernon McGee says,

“ There are three areas in which evolution cannot move: It cannot bridge the gap from nothing to something, from something to life, and from life to a self-conscious human life with a free will. ”

What does the Bible teach?

A There is a CREATOR

The Bible teaches, **“In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.”** This verse, in a simple way, explains God created the universe. In **John 1:1 to 3**, we get another glimpse of the Creator. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him, nothing was made.” **This points to Jesus Christ, who validates that divine intelligence existed before anything else.** That divine intelligence was responsible for the origin of life and the existence of all living things, including human beings.

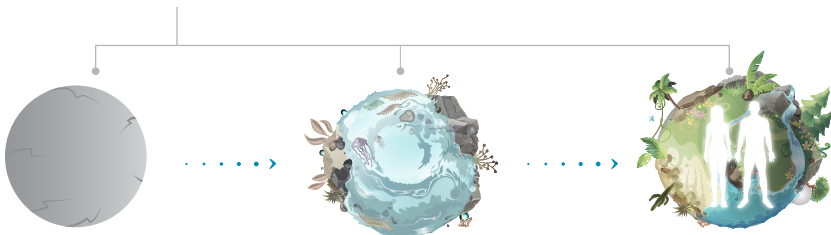
B Difference between the CREATOR and the CREATURE

The Hebrew language almost exclusively uses one word to describe God's creative work: **bara (אִרָב)**, which is translated into the English Bible as “created.” **Bara** refers to **God's unique power** to create something from nothing.

The theme of creation is so vast that Genesis Chapter 1 uses **five different words** to describe it. The English words are **“created, fashioned, made, founded, formed.”** Four of the words are also used in man's creative work. They imply creating something out of existing material.

However, **the word bara (God's unique power to create something out of nothing) is used three times in Genesis chapter 1.**

In each case, this word indicates the introduction of each of the *three spheres of creation*.



The sphere of matter
(Genesis 1:1)

The sphere of life
(Genesis 1:21)

The sphere of humanity
(Genesis 1:27)

C . ONLY ANSWER to “Who created the Heavens and the earth?”

It begins with believing and **accepting what God said** in the majestic statement that opens the Word of God:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”.

Believing is essential to understanding, as Hebrews 11:3 states:
‘By faith, we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.’

D Why did God create the universe?

We need to **know who God** is to understand **why He created the universe**. He is the beginning and the end of everything.

God tells us that **the universe was created, because it made Him happy** (Revelation 4:11).

God created us to **demonstrate His greatness and power**. As Isaiah 43:7 says, “I created them to bring me glory. I formed them and made them.”

God wanted a **relationship with people**, allowing us to choose. He could have made us like robots, forced to worship Him. But He wanted us to **choose to love and serve Him freely and to reflect His goodness**.



How
to tap into
God's Intelligence
to apply into your situation

Read the scripture
engagement

Reflect think
about it

Respond to the application
questions

Remember to note it in your
take away section.



Dr. J Vernon McGee says,

“ We are living in the day of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the day of grace, when the Spirit of God takes the things of Christ and reveals them to us. ”

Reflect & Apply



1. Telescopic Reflection

We live in a post-truth era. Let's take time to observe and study all things created around us. We can comprehend God's eternal power and divine essence, **which have been evident** since the beginning of the universe and can be comprehended from what has been created. **It is impossible to ignore God's divine fingerprints.** *Unfortunately, the theories peddled in the world can derail our understanding and make us presumptuous people who pretend to know more than we know.*



We need to accept his majestic words that open God's Word. 'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.'

The implicit command from Genesis 1:1 is to **recognize and worship God** as the **CREATOR**. This acknowledgment leads believers to live in **AWE of HIS POWER** and to align their lives with His **PURPOSE** and **DIVINE ORDER**.

Application

How would you want to respond to the implicit command from Genesis 1:1? (*Psalm 33: 6 to 9; Psalm 96: 6 to 8; Psalm 8:1; 3-4. Psalm 19*).

Refer to the highlighted text boxes for "the implicit command".

2. **Micoscopic** Reflection

While Genesis 1:1 does not directly mention Christ, the New Testament **affirms that Christ was present and active in creation**. John 1:1-3 states, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made.” **This reinforces the truth that Christ is integral to the Triune creation narrative as the divine Word.**

List your learnings from the passages about Christ in His relation to creation:

- John 1:1-3 - _____

- Colossians 1:15-19 - _____

- Colossians 2:3 - _____

- Colossians 2:9 - _____

- Hebrews 1:3 - _____

Application

How does learning from the passages about Christ **help you face life by looking at Jesus, the author and the finisher of your faith?**

3. Equipping to share and teach

- True wisdom begins **by recognizing and reverencing God as Creator of the universe** (Proverbs 9:10). Deep within themselves; **all people must recognize their Creator**, unless they repress that knowledge (Romans 1:18-21).
- Acknowledging and **honoring God as the Creator** is the implicit directive from the Word (Genesis 1:1).
- Believers live in **awe of His power** and **align their lives with His divine order and purpose** as a result of this recognition.

Yet, humanity's theories about origin have hindered many from recognizing God, **their CREATOR**. Who can help them or guide them to know their **CREATOR**?

Application

From what you learned from this study, **how will you prepare to explain to someone who does not know God created the heavens and the earth?**

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Eternal Insights For additional reading

Genesis is a Greek word that means “**beginning**” and was probably taken from the Greek word for “**generations.**” The Septuagint, the 3rd century BC Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, named this book Genesis. Genesis is the book of beginnings. It reaches back to before the world began, when **God the Father** (Acts 4:24), through **His Son** (Colossians 1:16; Hebrew 1:2) and the work of the life-giving **Holy Spirit** (Genesis 1:2), began His creative work.

One of God's divine attributes is His sovereignty. A **sovereign refers to** a ruler, king, or Lord, and Scripture frequently describes God as the supreme ruler of everything. His most recognized name, ‘**Yahweh**’ in Hebrew, is typically translated as 'Lord' in English Bibles.

The word ‘**Lord**’ is found there **over 7,000 times** as a name of God, specifically as the name of Jesus Christ. So, to understand God's sovereignty is to discuss God's lordship—that is, to understand **the Goodness of God**, the qualities that make him to be God. The major components of the biblical concept of **divine sovereignty or lordship are God’s control, authority, and presence.** He is **omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent.**

Application

What do you think and feel about living your life under God’s Sovereign authority?

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Why living under God’s authority is the best plan for us?

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Your Take Away

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



“The purpose of the scripture is for instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It was not written to teach you geology or biology. It was written to show man’s relationship to God, and God’s requirement for man and what man must do to be saved.”



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