



A person is silhouetted against a night sky filled with stars. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching across the sky from the bottom center towards the top. The person is standing on a small rock or mound of earth. The overall scene is dark and awe-inspiring, with the bright stars and the glowing band of the Milky Way providing the main light source.

THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING:
GOD CREATED!

GENESIS 1:1

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Why teach Genesis to **modern** believers?

The **foundational answer:**

Genesis helps us have the **mind of Christ** on **origins** -- modern origins, and the origins of the world, the nations, and the people of Israel we were grafted into.

The Pentateuch (of which Genesis is the first book) forms:

- The **Torah**; the **Law of Moses**
 - Moses is affirmed as author by eleven Old Testament books and five New Testament books
 - In all four gospels, Jesus cites Moses as author of Law of Moses

How important is Genesis, **as the first book** of the Law of Moses, to our faith in Jesus Christ?

*“...these are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in **the Law of Moses** and the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” (Luke 24:44)*

How important is Genesis as part of Moses' writings?

*“Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for **He wrote about me**. But if you do not believe **his writings**, how will you believe My words.”*
(John 5:45-47)

Genesis 1-11 covers about **2000 years** of history.

Genesis 12-50 covers a little less than **300 years**; that's about 2300 years of origins from Genesis alone -- more human history than all the other 65 books of the Bible put together.

The remaining four books of the Pentateuch (Exodus, Leveticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) **combined** cover a little less than **500 years**.

Moses wrote Genesis to establish the people in God's sovereignty of choosing to covenant with them, of delivering and protecting them, and of promising to bless them with land, many descendants, and with His ongoing promises as His people.

“It is vitally important, if we would ever really fully understand **anything** in the Bible, or in the world in general, that we **first** understand the teaching of Genesis 1:1.”

(Henry Morris)



Moses provides us with three biblical **certainties**
forming the foundation for everything.



I. The Creator: “...*God created...*”

God answers back:

*“For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise they became fools... For they **exchanged** the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”* (Rom. 1:22, 25)

I. The Creator: “...*God created...*”

“Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.” (Ps. 90:2)

“The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all it contains, You have founded them.” (Ps. 89:11)

“By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which were visible.” (Heb. 11:3)

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God’s creative activity was from nothing to something, or *ex-nihilo*.

The entire universe bears the marks of a designed and fashioned system.

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*“Thus says **God the Lord**, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring [vegetation], Who gives birth to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it...” (Isaiah 42:5)*

II. The Creation: “...*the heavens and the earth.*”

“For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited), ‘I am the Lord, and there is no one else.’” (Is. 45:18)

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“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.” (Rev. 4:11)

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Believing in evolution is a **faith response** to a series of lies which contradict God’s eyewitness testimony of the beginning of all things.

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The delusion is grounded in a grand deception which has effectively and cunningly replaced, “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...*” with:

*In the beginning nothing became something which took billions of years of random changes, which somehow, by chance, eventually came together to form increasingly complex designs, which then brought about just the right conditions to form **muck**. And from this primordial muck we eventually became **apes**. And from nasty beasts we eventually evolved, no one really knows how, into the slightly more sophisticated nasty beasts we are today.*

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