

WARRING WORLDVIEWS ABOUT ORIGINS

A person stands on a dark, silhouetted hill, looking up at a vast, starry night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching across the center of the frame with a bright, colorful band of stars and dust. The sky is filled with countless stars, and the overall atmosphere is one of cosmic wonder and contemplation.

GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

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

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” is the truth **underlying** everything we can know and understand about God, ourselves, and our world.

Theology = *theos* (God) + *logos* (speak, word, say, or speech)

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It is the study of God and His ways, **especially** in relationship to human beings made in His image.

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Our senses and our ability to reason come into play as we try to establish a worldview by which we understand and interact with others in our world.

How can we know that what we know is true and worth living by?

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Anthropology concerns what we can know about mankind, about being human.

“The scientific method combines sense perception and reason. In scientific experiments we gather facts with our senses. Our minds then draw conclusions, reasoning through what our five senses discover. Some want to oppose this way of learning to faith, but I don’t find in Scripture the idea that faith is irrational or anti-sense perception. According to God’s Word, reason and sense perception form the foundation of knowledge. Faith **rests** on this foundation **but takes us beyond it.**” *(R.C. Sproul)*

“For we walk by faith, not by sight—” (2 Cor. 5:7)

“Science is the pursuit and application of **knowledge** and **understanding** of the natural and social **world** following a systematic methodology based on evidence.” *(Science Council)*

God is the God of true science.

- Job 38
- Job 40:1-14
- Job 42:1-6

Behind every attempt to **add to, refute, replace or revise** the truth and authority of God's account of our origins is a **satanic scheme** of deception based on lies **camouflaged** as truth/science.

*“Turn to My reproof, behold, I will pour out My spirit on you; I will make **My words known to you.**” (Prov. 1:23)*

*“The **turning away** of the simple will kill them, and the **complacency** of fools will destroy them.” (Prov. 1:32)*

“...it is evident that we do not find in human reason alone, even in logic, an infallible criterion of truth that might compete with Scripture as our **ultimate covenant rule**. Scripture, indeed, must be seen to **rule over our reasoning**, as over every other aspect of life.”
(John Frame)

Believing that the Bible is the highest rule of faith and living out that faith to please God in all things means that:

1. Our world is **more than matter**. It's more than what we can see, taste, smell, feel, and touch.
2. You are a **spiritual** being in a physical body existing in a physical and spiritual world ruled by **the** Sovereign Creator of Scripture.
3. The knowledge we need to rightly interpret these aspects of our lives is **based in God's perspectives** of living and dying.
4. Because all error is based in **spiritual warfare**, you guard your heart with all diligence as you learn to discern the issues of life **scripturally**.
5. You must measure **every part** of your life by God's Word so that you can grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and please Him in all respects.


All of the attacks being made against understanding ourselves and our world through a **literal** understanding of our origins in Genesis 1-3 are about keeping us from being **conformed** to the image of Christ as those **made in the image of God**.

If you doubt or disbelieve what Genesis 1-3 reveals to us about **God as Creator**, based on the **plain** and **literal** reading of this passage as **historical** narrative, then you rob yourself of the truths the Bible reveals about the foundation for who you are and why you exist.

You **rob** yourself of **critical truths** to help you navigate the harsh realities of this life and faithfully combat **lies** which work against God **redeeming** you and **redefining** you into His treasured workmanship, **regardless of** your past experiences.

“A voice says, ‘Call out.’ Then he answered, ‘what shall I call out?’ All flesh is grass, and all its lovingkindness [constancy] is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of Yahweh blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” (Is. 40:6-8)



A person stands on a dark, silhouetted hill under a vast night sky filled with stars. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching across the sky with a vibrant purple and pinkish glow. The text "GRACE CHURCH" is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font, with "WILLIAMSBURG" in a smaller, similar font below it.

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