

**The world we all want (Gen. 1:1-25)**

The broadcast of Apollo 8

My hope this morning

Ever since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Christians have become confused about the *purpose* of Genesis 1

- Mechanism....rather than nature & meaning
- Just the *how*, and not also the *who, what, why*

Who was Genesis first written to?

What was on their mind?

Why Moses wrote Gen 1-2

3 ways Gen. 1:1-25 calls on us to respond:

1. Worship our big, big God

“In the beginning, GOD”!

What do we learn about this God?

- The foundation block
- The singular source
- Mind-blowing once you begin comparing...

➤ Only 2 possible sets of views about the universe we live in

- Powerful
- Authority

2. Give thanks for his good, good world

“Formless and empty” (v.2)


Ordered and purposeful  
diverse

Abundant and  
diverse

The problem today: this is not our experience!

3. Long for the world we all want...and trust that God can give us the world we all want!

Look back forward (what “in the beginning” implies...)

Doesn't just call us to worship, but to *faith* (cf. Gen. 15:5-6; Rom. 4:17, 21)



Further reading on the science/religion q: Can Science Explain Everything? (John Lennox)  
Questions of genre & hermeneutics: Reading Genesis Well (C. John Collins)