

## START HERE #1: GENESIS 1:1a "IT STARTS WITH GOD"

**Jesus: Take Heed Lest you Be Deceived** – knew POS – world effort shape - SUSCEPT

**illusory truth effect** is the tendency to believe false information to be correct after repeated exposure to it. phenomenon 1<sup>st</sup> ID in a 1977 study Villanova/ Temple University. When truth is assessed, (a) their understanding or (b) if it feels familiar. The first logical use reason 2<sup>nd</sup> mechanical/physiological. Constant Exposure makes statements easier to process leading triggers mind more truthful bc feels fam.– **shaping consumers, countries information.**

**DELUGE OF INFO** The average American consumes **about 34 gigabytes** data/information each day

soul SHAPED: Morals, marriage, parenting, purpose, spirituality, death/after GOD

**In the truth starved information age it should be no surprise that there is mass confusion.** (reality of all chaos people living w/o God's truth)

**MP: For your soul to be shaped by truth, you must start where the Bible starts. IN THE BEGINNING GOD.**

### **GOD - OUR STARTING POINT**

IN THE BEGINNING GOD – emph/powerful – No piece of literature/scholarly work beg. BC No topic more majestic and sublime than God.

- **Intro – first note/beauty – NO ARGU – Note/Note: Not “in the beginning ME**  
You will never understand the meaning/purpose of life if your starting point is yourself.  
Psychology Today recent article suggestive: Self-absorption the root of all evil?

Me, Me, me culture – my toilet paper roll, my parking spot,

- **MOSES STARTS W/ THE MOST BASIC BEAUTIFUL FACT – GOD IS (TRUTH1)**  
God is, and everything after that is a subsequent fact. It exists because it pleased Him.

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

- **REVOLUTIONARY (COPERNICUS REVOLUTION) – sun/gravity/planets – DAVID**  
Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

### **GENESIS ANSWERS THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS IN LIFE**

**5/10 Most asked GOOGLE ALLT:** Why is there a leap year, why is the sky blue, why are cats afraid of cucumbers, why do dogs eat grass, why did I get married **CONCERNED**

- IMPORTANT BUT PALE COMPARED TO KEY QUESTIONS OF LIFE

- **RZ (all thinking): Origin:** How did I get here, **Meaning:** why am I here, **Morality:** how do I live my life **Destiny:** where am I going after this life

o **GOD OF COVENANTS** (God desires relationship with us) - **GENESIS**

### **GENESIS IS ALL ABOUT JESUS**

**MENTIONED:** Affirms the creation story, mentions the blood of Abel, uses the story of Noah and the condition of humanity to illustrate world before his return, **he said Abraham saw his day and rejoiced**, he alluded to Jacob's dream, discussed lessons Lot and his wife s/d – to Jesus whole of Genesis not myth but historical fact.

**JESUS IS THE CENTER OF GENESIS – WHY OT – FOCUS ON JESUS....**

Jesus is the creator, He is the second Adam, He is the Seed of the Woman, He crushes Satan under his feet, He called Noah into the ark and closed the door, He is our ark, He is Melchizedek, the angel of the Lord, He is the sacrifice prefigured by Isaac, the promise to Abraham that would bless all the nations,

He teaches Abraham to intercede, He met Hagar by a spring in the wilderness, He wrestled with Jacob and named Him Israel, He's typified in the life of Joseph, He is Shiloh in the prophecy of Jacob – God our Savior

## **WE NEED TO GET BACK TO JESUS (don't be offended)**

Almost as if - forgotten how to play - During a halftime pep talk to his discouraged team, Coach Vince Lombardi held up a pigskin and said, "This is a foot-ball."

- **THE BOOK:** This is God's truth – our starting point – FORGOTTEN (play the game of church, play the game of Christian, play game culture warrior - JESUS

**TIME TO CALIBRATE:** adjust an instrument to it's true value – reads/performs properly

- Calibrate your compass IPHONE (true north), pH pool, colors tv screen

You need to calibrate your life to God's truth because if your starting point is wrong everything else will be wrong wrong.

**WITHOUT GOD:** NEW BEGINNING – relationship - **ON THE RUN** – COME BACK - **FAITHFUL** – TUNE UP

**Marriage, relationship with God, devotional life, meaning and purpose, anger, discouragement, depression suicide, filling the void.....**

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.