

## START HERE #2: GENESIS 1:1-2 GOD

time had finally come. Man had become so arrogant he decided that humanity evolved beyond God. So, a rep from the **Society of Naturalists** was chosen to tell God that he wasn't needed. scientist approached God, "Look, we don't need you anymore! We can do everything you can! create life, control weather, divide atoms, everything else." God said, "You think so? Let's have a little contest! If you can create life like I can, **from dirt**, then You're right! You don't need me anymore!" "Ok, you're on!" said the man. He immediately bent down and picked up a handful of dirt and started to shape it. "Not so fast." said God. "**Get your own dirt!**"

- Creation is presented in the Scripture as a matter of fact. **No argument/nofear**

**Creation account is historical not mythical. It is fact not fiction.**

Hebrews 11:3 **By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.**

- o Majestic, Powerful, Sublime, beautiful, intricate, awe inspiring – paintings, frescos, songs, poems, movies - inspired by Creation

**The beauty of creation isn't the creation itself (it is beautiful - whispers) it is the creator God saying to you through His creation, "I am here."**

**MP: Creation universally demonstrates the wisdom and love of God and his worthiness to be worshiped.**

## GOD TRANSCENDS TIME AND SPACE

The very first sentence refutes – atheism – materialism – pantheism (creation is god)

**Before the world existed, God was. God was not created; He is the Creator.**

Psalm 90:2 **"Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God!"**

- Mind blowing to think back to the edge of time – ponder eternity b4
- Infinite – created the heavens and the earth (universe spans his hand/trans)
- PLOTTING/SCHEMING: Ur Redemption / transformation / Coram Deo

Coram DEO: living in the presence of, under the authority of, and to the honor and glory of God.

- o Creation itself is at minimum God's whisperings to you – HE LOVES YOU

## GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF ALL CREATION

Elohim: 32 X - emphasizes creators majesty and power. PLURAL (1<sup>st</sup> ind. Trinity)

- Trinity – One God – three persons f/s/hs – unique - perichoresis
- TRINITY IN CREATION: owner, architect, contractor

Ephesians 3:9 which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. Genesis 1:2 The Spirit hovered over the waters

- o Created: *Bara/ex nihilo* (out of nothing) – the physical world not eternal
- o Briefest history of time: Introduction – middle – ending

**From light to mountains, from trees to clouds, from cows to the fish in the oceans.**

**Creation is not chance made it is God made.**

Isaiah 45:12 **I have made the earth and created man on it. I—My hands—stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded.**

## **GOD BRINGS FORTH BEAUTY AND PURPOSE FROM NOTHING**

Cold, unformed, unordered, seemingly without purpose, vacant and lifeless

Christopher Hitchens: atheist – rejected God - paradox of good loving God void/chaos

- God made the raw materials – Like a potter lump clay, artist empty canvas
- GOD TURNS EMPTINESS INTO BEAUTY – ROLLS/ROYCE DIAMONDS (stars)
  - o ORDER AND PURPOSE – SOLAR SYSTEM – Picture/video

Jeremiah 32:17 Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

- HOLY SPIRIT IN CREATION/THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU
  - o Lifelessness to life – chaos to order – purposelessness to meaning –
  - o Lump of clay – GLORY of GOD
  - o He doesn't have enough to work with – **OUT OF NOTHING**

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is impossible to please Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is.