



IN THE
BEGINNING **GOD**

CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH.

The Story of Creation

Our Creator God

– John 1:1-5



Genesis 1:1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1-5 NLT

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 17:1-5 NLT

- 1 After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so He can give glory back to You.
- 2 For You have given Him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one You have given Him.

- 3 And this is the way to have eternal life—
to know You, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, the One You sent to earth.
- 4 I brought glory to You here on earth
by completing the work You gave Me to do.
- 5 Now, Father,
bring Me into the Glory We shared
before the world began.

John 1:2

2 He existed in the beginning with God.

John 1:14

14 So the Word became human (Flesh)
and made His home among us. He was full of
unfailing love and faithfulness. (grace & truth)
And we have seen His Glory,
the Glory of the Father's one and only Son.

John 1:3

**3 God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.**

Colossians 1:17

**17 He is before all things,
and in Him all things hold together.**

John 1:4

**4 The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and His Life brought Light to everyone.**

1 John 1:1-4

- 1 We proclaim to you the One who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw Him with our own eyes and touched Him with our own hands. He is the Word of Life.
- 2 This One who is Life Itself was revealed to us, and we have seen Him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that He is the One who is Eternal Life. He was with the Father, and then He was revealed to us.

1 John 1:3-4

3 We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us.

And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

4 We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.



John 1:5

5 The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

Luke 16:14-15

14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money,
were listening to all these things
and were scoffing at Him.

Luke 16:15

15 And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.

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The Age of Enlightenment

1700's (18th Cent) → 1620

“The Century of Lights” “The Age of Reason”

Insight, understanding, awareness, wisdom,
education, learning, knowledge,...

It was a reaction against the church
and Christianity which they dubbed (**Dark Ages**)

"Dare to know"

Centered on reason as the primary source of all authority.

Descartes, Locke, Kant, Goethe,
Voltaire, Rousseau,

Paved the way for the political revolutions of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Slowly & Methodically took control of our
Institutes of Education, Seminaries,
Cinema, Radio, Newspaper, Television.

All in the Name of Free Speech

1st Amendment to the Constitution

**Politically Correct Speech
or else it is Hate Speech**

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 A message on Forgiveness

- 9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither **fornicators**, nor **idolaters**, nor **adulterers**, nor **effeminate**, nor **homosexuals**,
- 10 nor **thieves**, nor the **covetous**, nor **drunkards**, nor **revilers**, nor **swindlers**, will inherit the kingdom of God.
- 11 Such were some of you; but **you were washed**, but **you were sanctified**, but **you were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Ideas Have Consequences

**No one operates without a bias of some sort—
a predisposition to believe one idea over another.**

Whatever you choose to believe about creation,
understand that there was no one there
to record the event of creation.

So everyone must put their faith in something.

Man's godless reasoning or God's Revelation

How important is our Faith?

What you believe, determines how you think.

What you think, dictates what you do.

What you do, dominates your life.

What dominates your life determines eternity

These Determine your World View

- 1 How did we get here?
- 2 **What is my purpose in life?**
- 3 Why is the world so full of evil?
- 4 **Why do we have to die?**
- 5 Why can't we seem to get enough?
- 6 **Why can't we get happy and stay happy?**
- 7 Is life always going to be this way?
- 8 **What happens when I die?**
- 9 Who rules, God or man? Who's in Charge?



Man's godless reasoning

**Cosmic Accident – Natural Evolution
Survival of the fittest**

God's Inspired Word

**Created for God and by God
It all Belongs to Him**

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Proverbs 21:2-4

- 2 Every man's way is right in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the hearts.
- 3 To do righteousness and justice
Is desired by the LORD more than sacrifice.
- 4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart,
The lamp of the wicked, is sin.



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