

## God is the Source

### Genesis 1:1

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* (CSB)

הָאָרֶץ וְאֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם אֵת אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא בְּרֵאשִׁית

**בְּרֵאשִׁית** In the beginning...

- Summary of what is to come. Puts the actions of chapter 1 in proper context.
- Beginning of all the universe. Before this moment...no matter...no universe...no atoms...no life outside of God Himself.

**בָּרָא** He created...(singular)

- Created out of nothingness.
- We will see that God specifically spoke everything into being except man.
  - o God didn't believe in something and it appeared. God did not take something already there and mold it into what we see. He verbally spoke creation into being.
- ESV Study Bible: *The effect of the opening words of the Bible is to establish that God, in His inscrutable wisdom, sovereign power, and majesty, is the Creator of all things that exist.*

**אֱלֹהִים** God...(plural)

- Elohim is the plural form of El (God). Therefore, in the very first verse of the Bible God is explaining He is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The relationship between the Godhead is unique. We see that in the fact that the word "He created" is singular. Meaning that the Godhead works together in perfect harmony.

**אֵת** What?...(*did He create*)

**הַשָּׁמַיִם** The heavens...(plural)

- Sky, space, universe.

**וְאֵת** And what? (*did He create*)

**הָאָרֶץ** The earth. (singular)

- Physical globe we are on.

Nehemiah 9:6 (CSB) - *You, Lord, are the only **God**. You **created** the heavens, the highest heavens with all their stars, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them, and all the stars of heaven worship you.*

Isaiah 42:5 (CSB) - *This is what **God**, the Lord, says— who **created** the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk on it—*

John 1:1-5, 10, 14 (CSB) - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.*

*<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him.*

*<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Romans 1:25 (CSB) - *They exchanged the truth of **God** for a lie, and worshiped and served what has been **created** instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen.*

Romans 11:36 (CSB) - *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.*

Ephesians 3:9 (CSB) - *and to shed light for all about the administration of the mystery hidden for ages in **God** who **created** all things.*

Hebrews 11:3 (CSB) - *By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.*

Revelation 4:11 (CSB) - *Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created.*

God is the creator of all things...Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Satan's greatest war against verse 1 is evolution. Evolution is man's attempt to remove God from the equation. Charles Darwin wanted to explain the universe without a God. Thus, we have his book...*On the Origin of Species*. Yet many don't know the full title: *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life*. FYI, Darwin considered whites the favored race.

Darwin believed...quote...*"the negro and Australian peoples are savage races whose continued survival was hindering the progress of civilization"*.

When you remove God from the equation...you will ALWAYS diminish, discriminate and despise mankind. Why? Because man is created in the image of God. ALL of mankind is created in the image of God. Satan has been attacking the image of God since the garden. Which we will see in chapter 3.

Evolution and even Theistic Evolution (God guided evolution) is a direct contradiction to the Word of God. Evolution diminishes, discriminates and despises mankind. We see that clearly in abortion and genocide.

If we determine that verse 1 isn't literal but allegorical, then we are in danger of making any verse we don't like or characteristic of God we don't like allegorical.

### Discussion Questions

- Why is it important to understand that God is the creator of all life?
- Why is it important to understand that God is the sustainer of all life?
- Why is it vital that we believe that God literally created everything?
- Why is it necessary to let the Bible define who God is rather than our logic or science?
- What characteristics of God are revealed to us in Genesis 1:1?