

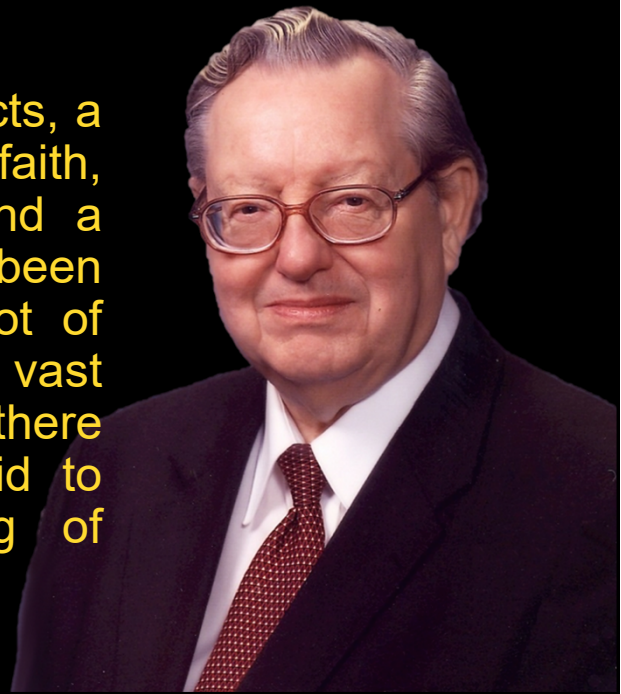


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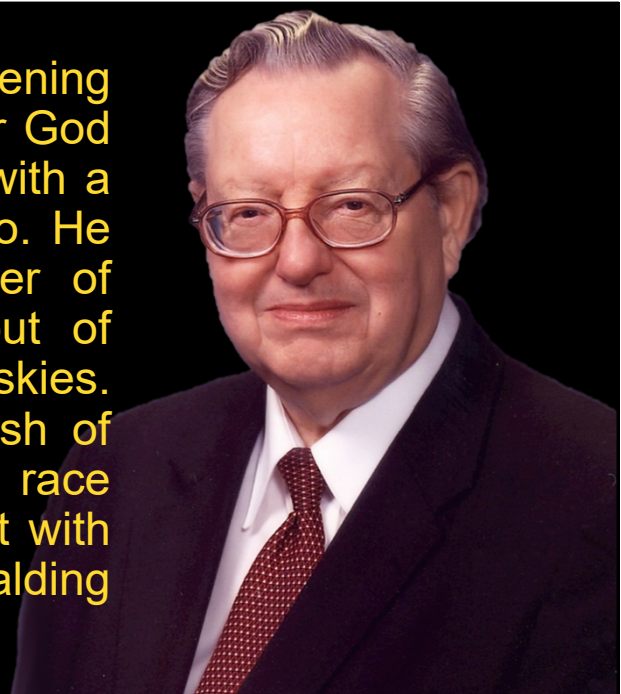
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“Genesis is a book of facts, a book of firsts, a book of faith, a book of forecasts, and a book of funerals. It has been called the ‘the seed plot of the Bible’ because all the vast forests of Scripture start there as seedlings. It is said to give us the beginning of everything except God.



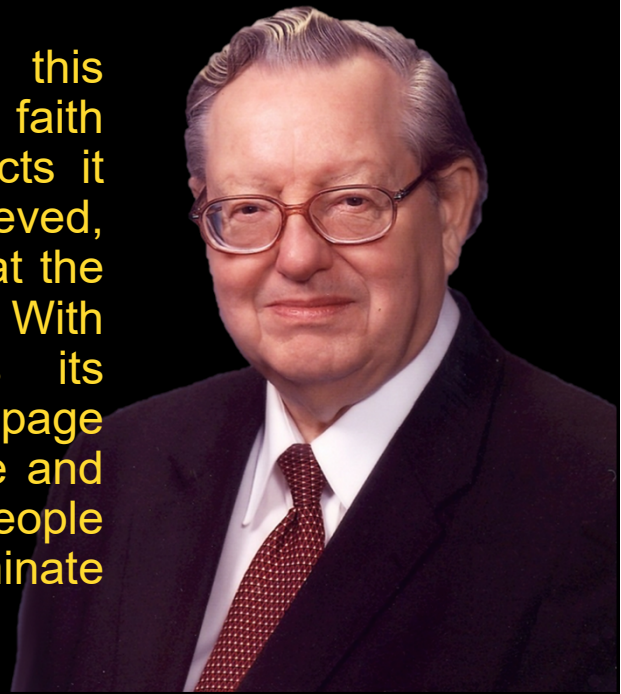
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Genesis is the opening crescendo of Scripture, for God does not begin the book with a timid, tentative note or two. He begins it with the thunder of drums as worlds leap out of nowhere to populate the skies. He begins it with the crash of cymbals as the human race falls into sin. He begins it with the blare of trumpets heralding the inundation of a world.



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How shall we approach this vast book? With simple faith to begin with, for the facts it sets forth are to be believed, not to be bandied about at the whims of the world. With increasing interest, as its heroes march across the page before us, as nations rise and fall, as the Hebrew people emerge thereafter to dominate the Bible to the end.



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If we are going to begin a study of the Scriptures, where could we better begin than in the beginning with Genesis and with God?"

John Phillips



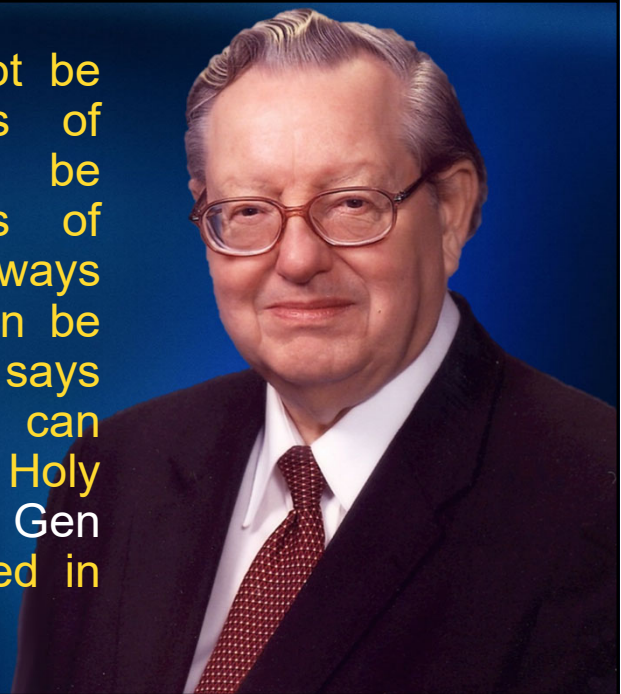
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Genesis gives the most plausible explanation for the origin of:

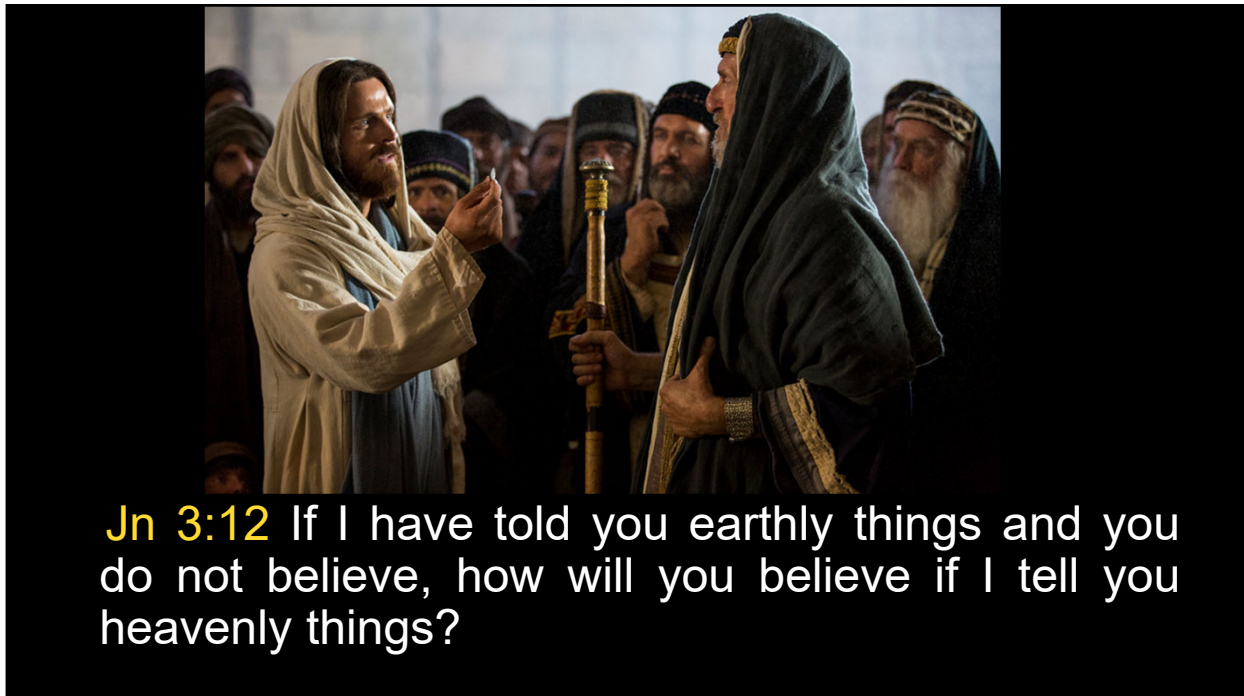
- The universe
- Order and complexity
- The solar system
- The atmosphere & hydrosphere
- Life
- Man
- Marriage
- Sin
- Language
- Government
- The nations
- Religion
- The chosen people
- The doctrine of sacrificial salvation by a blood atonement

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“If the Holy Spirit cannot be trusted when He tells of creation, how can He be trusted when He tells of salvation? If what He says about earth in Gen 1 can be questioned, then what He says about heaven in Rev 22 can be questioned. ... If the Holy Spirit cannot be trusted in Gen 1, how can He be trusted in John 3:16?”



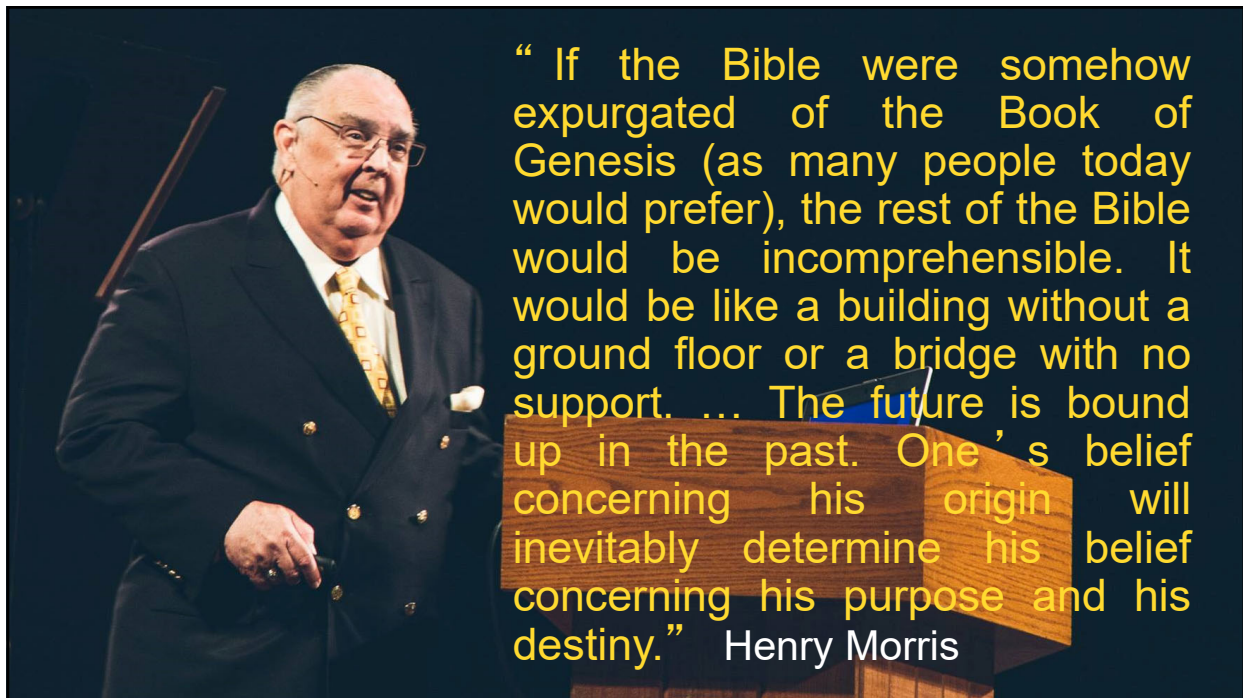
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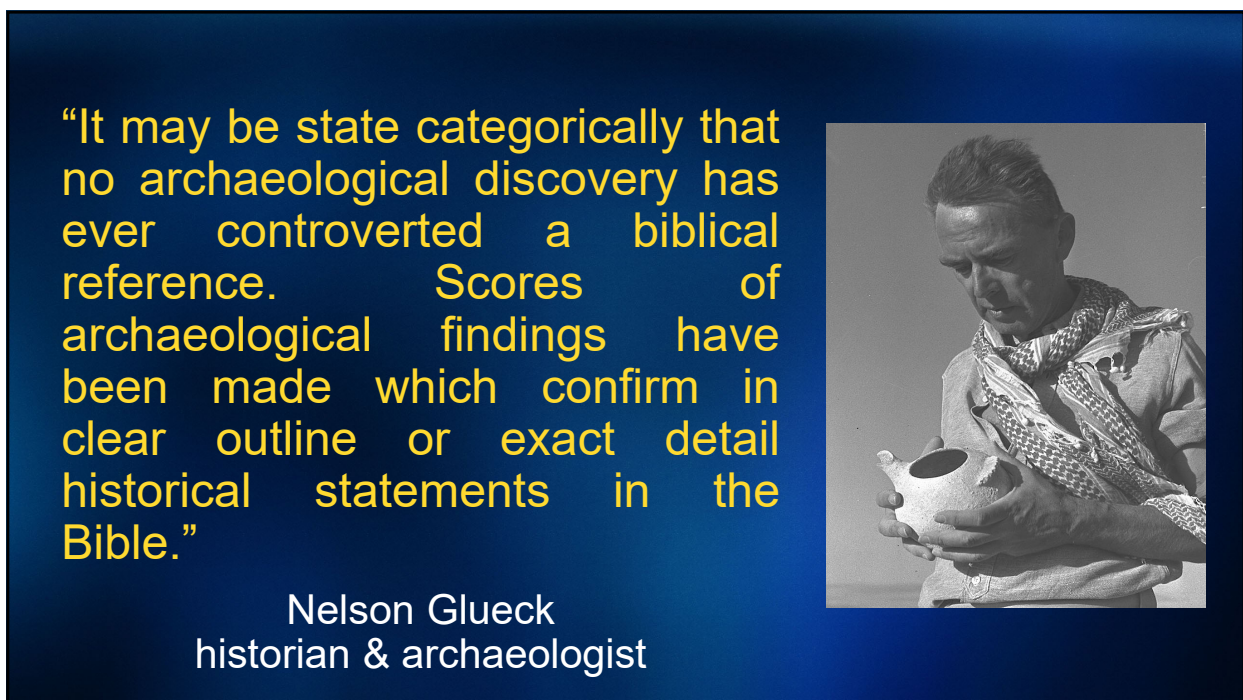
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If one believes the first 10 words of Genesis 1, they will have no trouble believing anything else in the Bible. If one hesitates to believe the first 10 words of Genesis 1, they will hesitate at everything else in God's Word.

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In Gen 1, God is mentioned by name 32 times in 31 verses. If personal pronouns are included, He is mentioned 43 times.

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Genesis in the rest of the O.T.:

- Adam is mentioned in Deut, Job, & 1 Chron
- Noah is mentioned in 1 Chron, Is, & Ezk
- Abraham is mentioned in 15 books of the O.T.
- Jacob is mentioned in 20 books

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Genesis in the N.T.:

- At least 165 passages of Genesis are quoted or referred to in the N.T.
- Abraham is mentioned in 11 NT books
- Jacob is mentioned in 17 NT books
- Every mention of the people/nation of Israel is a confirmation of Genesis
- There are 100 quotations or direct references to Genesis 1-11 in the N.T.

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- All of the first 11 chapters are alluded to somewhere in the N.T.
- All of the N.T. writers refer to Genesis 1-11 somewhere in their writings.
- On at least 6 different occasions, Jesus Christ quoted from or referred to something or someone in one of these chapter, including specific references to each of the first 7 chapters.
- In every reference to Genesis, the N.T. writers viewed Genesis as absolutely historical, true, & authoritative.

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In not one of these instances where the Old or New Testament refers to Genesis is there the slightest evidence that the writers regarded the events or personages as mere myths or allegories. To the contrary, they viewed Genesis as absolutely historical, true, and authoritative.

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Henry Morris: "If Genesis is not true, then neither are the testimonies of those prophets and apostles who believed it was true. Jesus Christ Himself becomes a false witness, either a deceiver or one who was deceived, and His testimony concerning His own omniscience and omnipotence becomes blasphemy. Faith in the gospel of Christ for one's eternal salvation is an empty mockery."

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Who wrote the Book of Genesis?

- God

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Pet 1:21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

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- Moses wrote Genesis:

- The Jews completely accepted Moses' authorship
- Jesus believed Moses wrote it (Mt 19:4-5, Lk 24:44)
- Moses is mentioned by name in the N.T. at least 28 times with some 25 of these times referring to specific passages attributing to Moses the authorship of the first five books of the Bible

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The J. E. D. P. Hypothesis:

J – the Jehovist Document dated about 850 B.C. marked by the use of the name Jehovah.

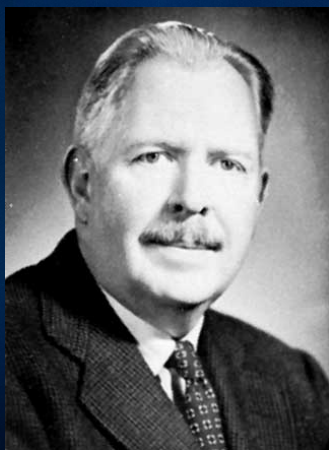
E – the Elohist Document dated about 750 B.C. marked by the use of the name Elohim

D – the Deuteronomist Document dated about 620 B.C. and is a supposed further editorial emendation of the J and E documents

P – the Priestly Document dated about 500 B.C. and is a supposed editorial revision by a group of Jewish priests

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Was there even a written language in Moses's day?



“Writing appears almost simultaneously some 5000-6000 years ago in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Indus Valley.”

Ralph Linton, Evolutionary Anthropologist

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Jesus believed Moses wrote it:

Mt 8:4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Mt 19:8 He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

Jn 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

Jn 5:46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.

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Lk 24:27,44 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. ... ⁴⁴ Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

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How did Moses know what to write?

- The generations of the **heavens & the earth** – Gen 1:1-2:4
- The generations of **Adam** – Gen 2:4b-5:1
- The generations of **Noah** – Gen 5:1b-6:9
- The generations of the **sons of Noah** – Gen 6:9b-10:1
- The generations of **Shem** – Gen 10:1b-11:10
- The generations of **Terah** – Gen 11:10b-11:27
- The generations of **Isaac** – Gen 11:27b-25:19
- The generations of **Jacob** – Gen 25:19b-37:2
- The generations of the **sons of Jacob** – Gen 37:2b-Ex 1:1

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“Without Genesis, the Bible would be like a building without a ground floor or a bridge with no support. The books of the Old Testament, narrating God’s dealings with the people of Israel, would be provincial and bigoted, were they not set in the context of God’s developing purposes for all mankind, as laid down in the early chapters of Genesis. The New Testament, describing the execution and implementation of God’s plan for man’s redemption, is redundant and anachronistic, except in the light of man’s desperate need for salvation, as established in the record of man’s primeval history, recorded only in Genesis.” Henry Morris

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