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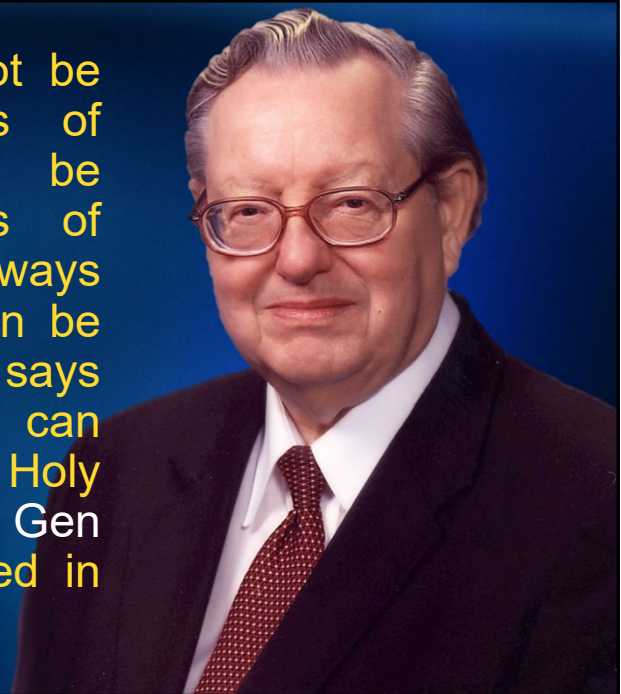
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Genesis gives the most plausible explanation for the origin of:

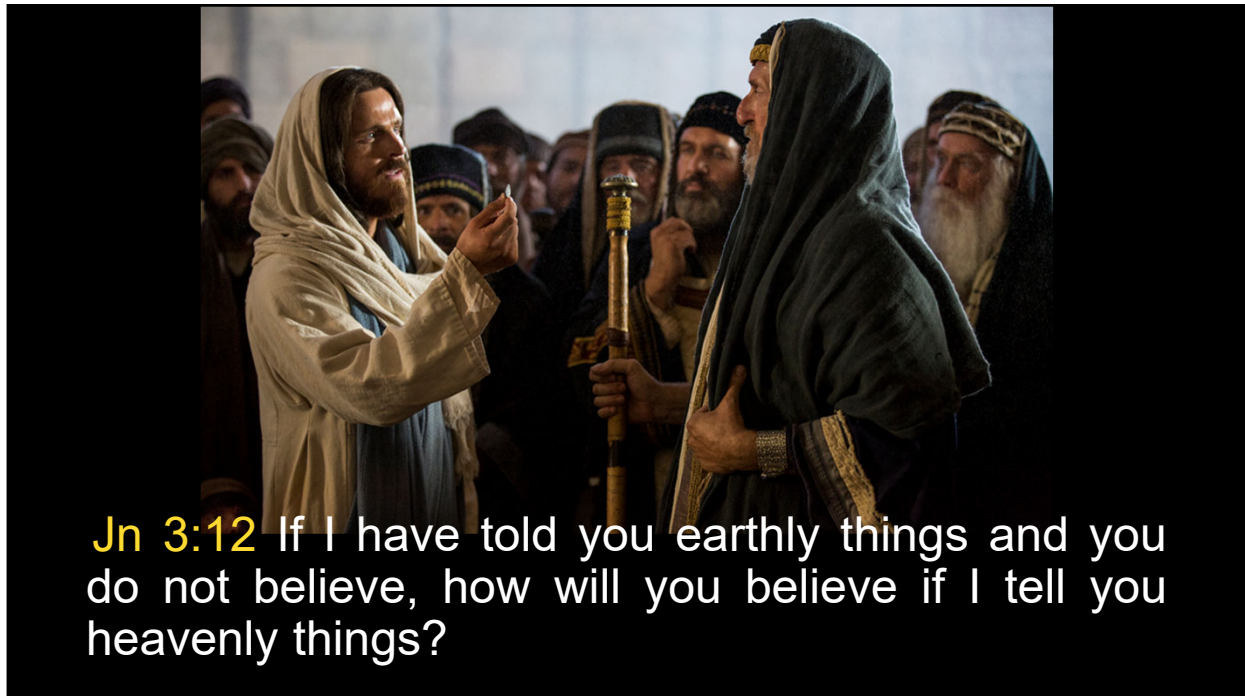
- The universe
- Order and complexity
- The solar system
- The atmosphere & hydrosphere
- Life
- Man
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- The nations
- Religion
- The chosen people
- The doctrine of sacrificial salvation by a blood atonement

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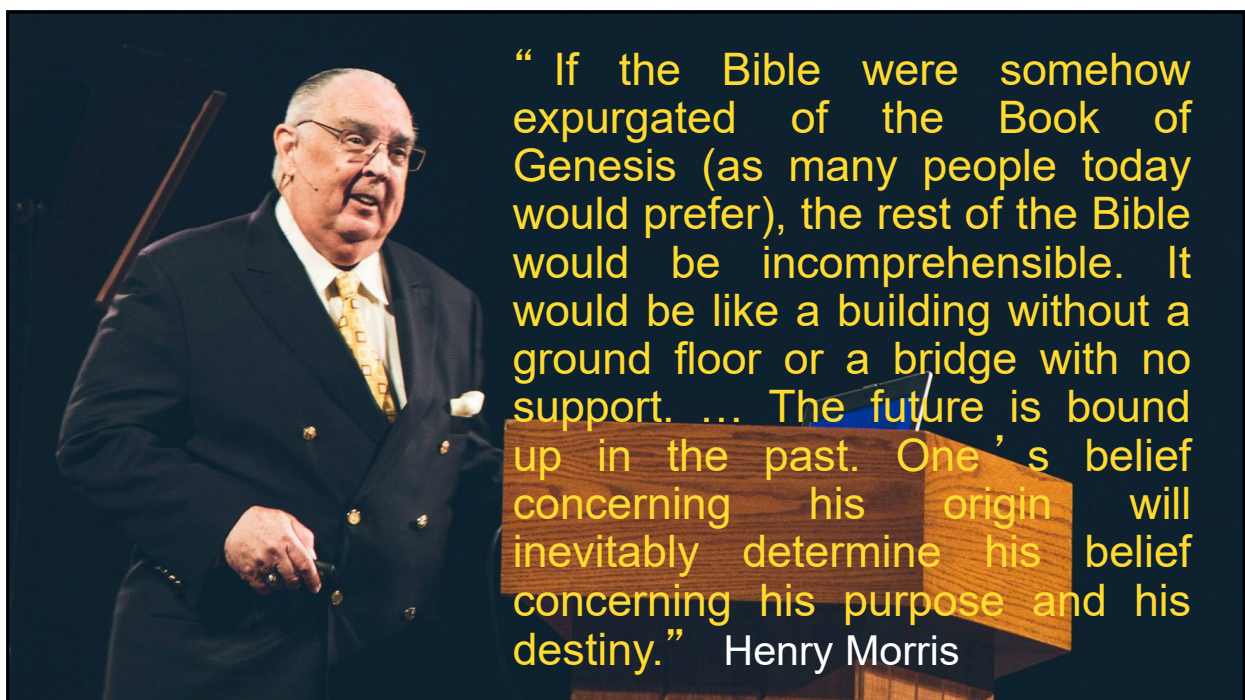
“If the Holy Spirit cannot be trusted when He tells of creation, how can He be trusted when He tells of salvation? If what He says about earth in Gen 1 can be questioned, then what He says about heaven in Rev 22 can be questioned. ... If the Holy Spirit cannot be trusted in Gen 1, how can He be trusted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



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Genesis was written by:

- God
- Moses

Lk 24:44 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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Genesis is not only important as a history of the origin of things, it is also a preview of man's future.


The book of Revelation runs parallel to Genesis – only in reverse.

Genesis records paradise lost, Revelation records paradise restored.

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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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Gen 1:1 In the beginning God ...

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Gen 1:1 refutes:

- **Atheism** by *establishing* God's existence
- **Polytheism** by declaring God to be *one*
- **Pantheism** by *separating* God from creation & matter
- **Materialism** by establishing that matter had a *beginning*
- **Dualism** by declaring that God was *alone* when He created the universe
- **Humanism** by establishing that *God, not man*, created the universe
- **Evolution** by declaring that God *created* all things

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God: Elohim – the name of God that stresses His majesty and omnipotence.

- The “im” ending is the Hebrew plural ending
- Elohim can actually mean “gods” and is sometimes translated that way when being used to refer to the many gods of the heathen.
- Here it is used in the singular, the first of over 2000 such times it is used this way.

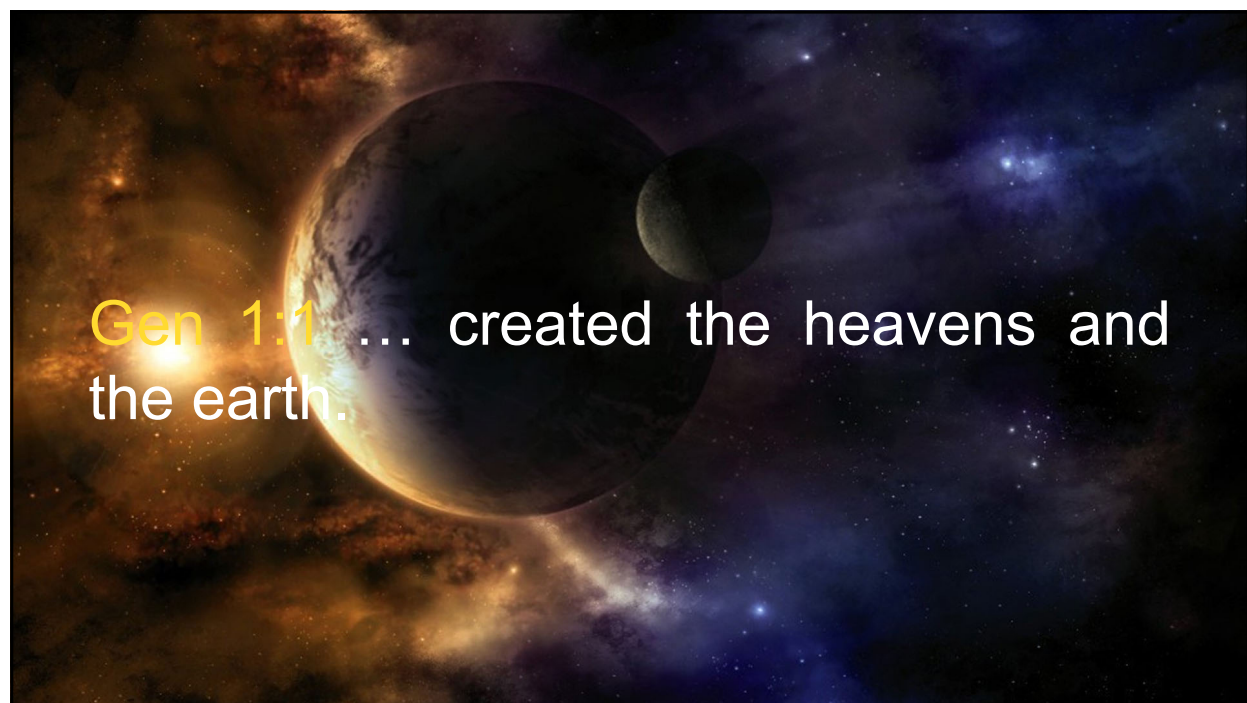
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- Thus, Elohim is a plural name with a singular meaning when used of God.
- It is a “uni-plural” noun suggesting the uni-plurality of the Godhead. God is one, yet three persons.

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

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- **Created:** the Hebrew word *bara*

Bara: to call into existence that which had no existence, used only of the work of God to create.

Rom 4:17 ... God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

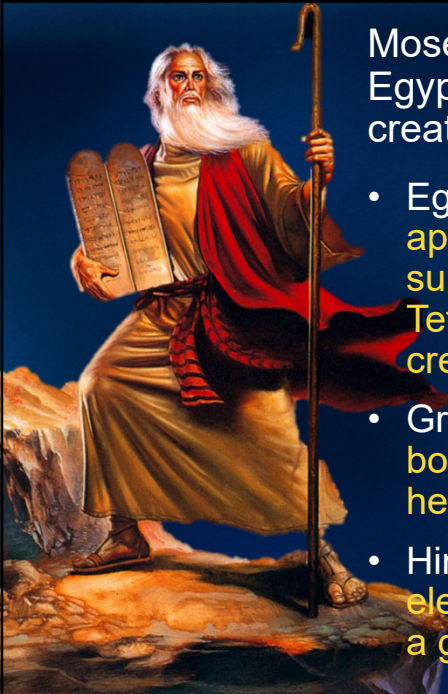
Men can make and form things from preexisting matter, but he cannot make something from nothing.

This means that the universe had a beginning and is not eternal.

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- **Heavens:** creation of space
- **Earth:** creation of matter from which all planets are made
- **In the beginning:** creation of time


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Moses was schooled in the ways of the Egyptians (Acts 7:22), yet he didn't write of creation according to the thinking of his day.

- Egyptians: a primeval ocean upon which appeared an egg from which was born the sun god who had four children: Geb, Shu, Tefnut, & Nut whose rivalries produced the creation
- Greeks: a giant named Atlas standing at the borders of the earth upholding the wide heavens
- Hindus: the world rested on the backs of three elephants, which in turn stood on the back of a giant tortoise swimming in a cosmic sea.

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The chances of Moses accidentally writing creation in the correct order (as in Gen 1) would amount to one chance in 31 sextillion (31 followed by 21 zeros).

That is equivalent to printing tickets for a huge raffle on 8 million presses, printing 2000 tickets per minute, running day and night for 5 million years.

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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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“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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