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Genesis gives the most plausible explanation for the origin of:

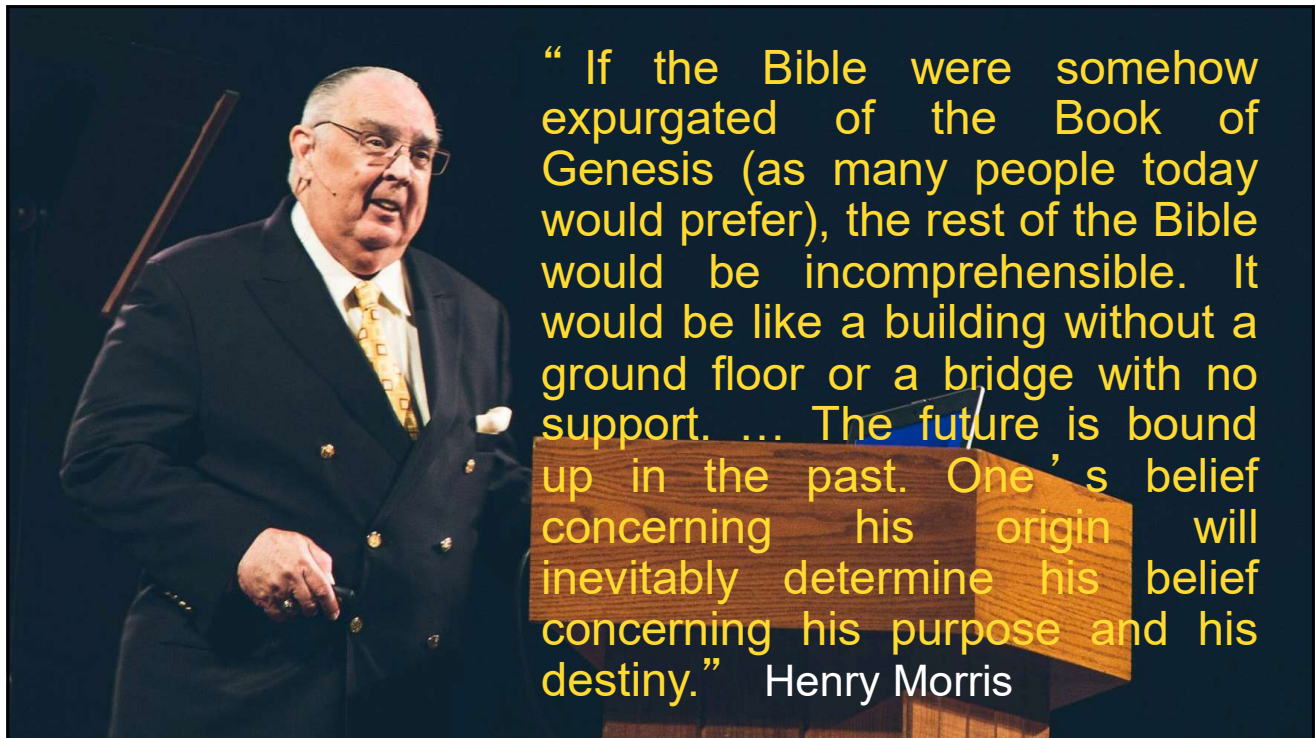
- The universe
- Order and complexity
- The solar system
- The atmosphere & hydrosphere
- Life
- Man
- Marriage
- Sin
- Language
- Government
- The nations
- Religion
- The chosen people
- The doctrine of sacrificial salvation by a blood atonement

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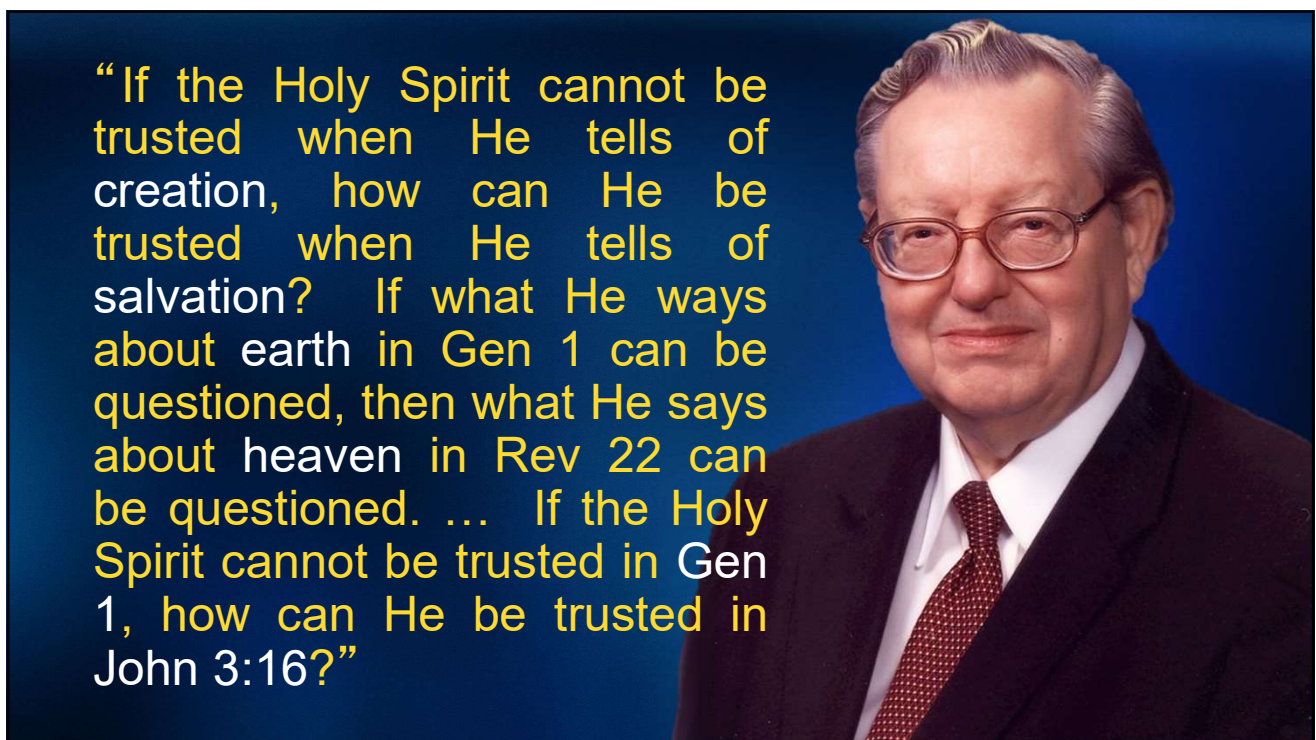
1. Genesis 1-11 is all over the N.T.

- There are 100 quotations or direct references to Genesis 1-11 in the N.T.
- 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 these chapters, including specific references to each of the first 7 chapters.
- In every reference to Genesis, the N.T. writers viewed Genesis as inspired.

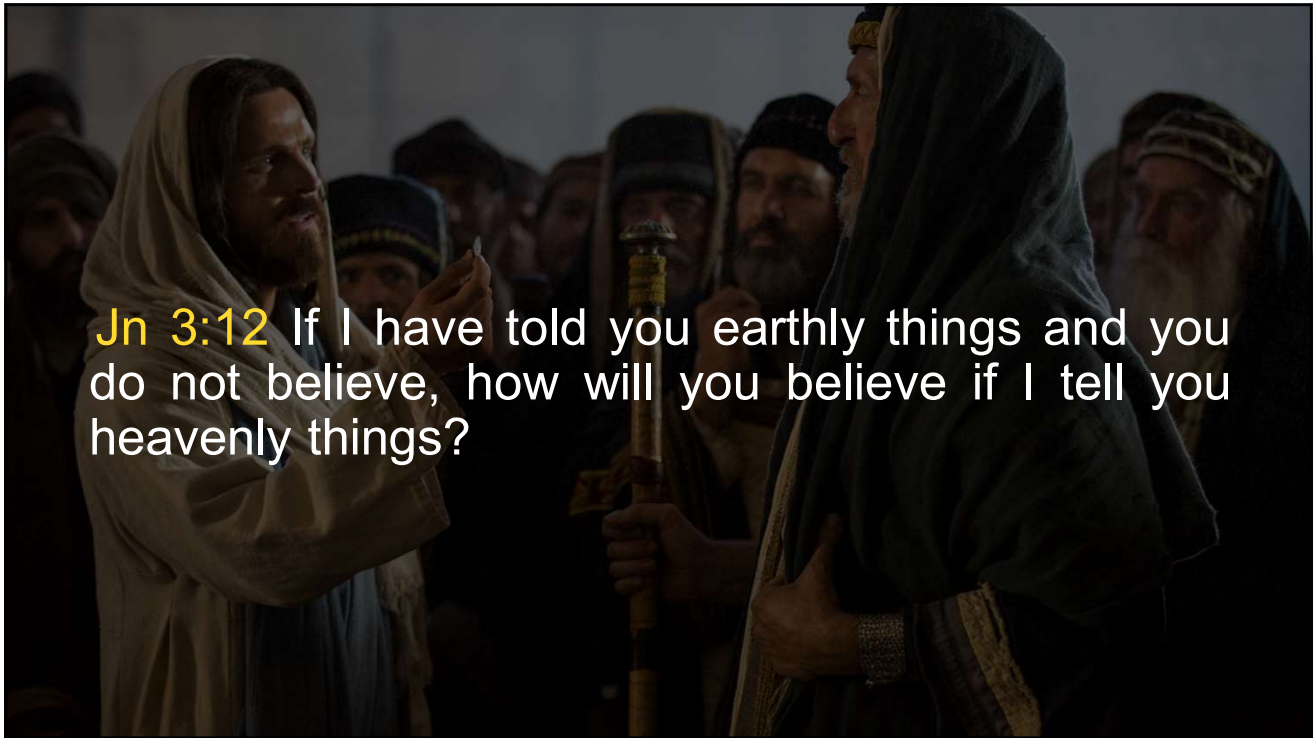
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2. Genesis was written by Moses

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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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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3. Gen 1:1 begins with the creation of the time, space, matter universe

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

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

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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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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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4. The Hebrew word for God's creative acts is *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;

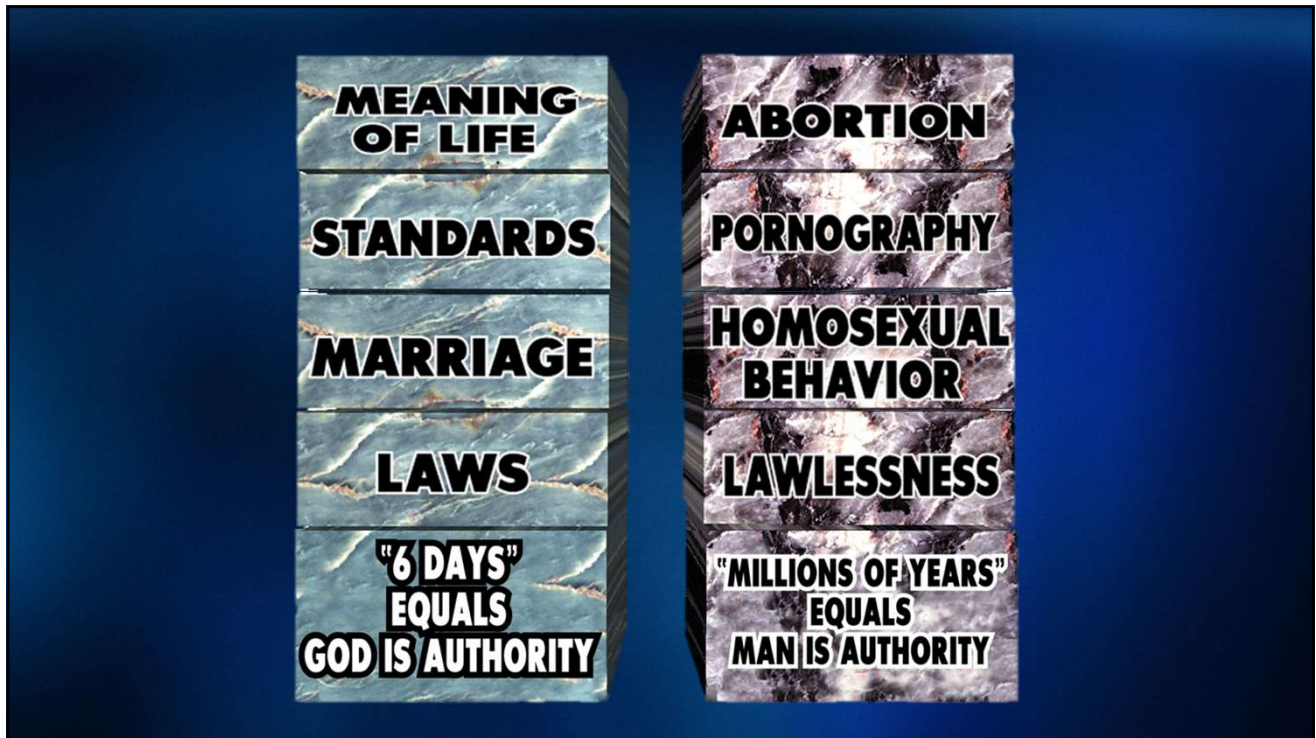
- Men can make and form things from preexisting matter, but he cannot make something from nothing.
- This means that the universe had a beginning and is not eternal.

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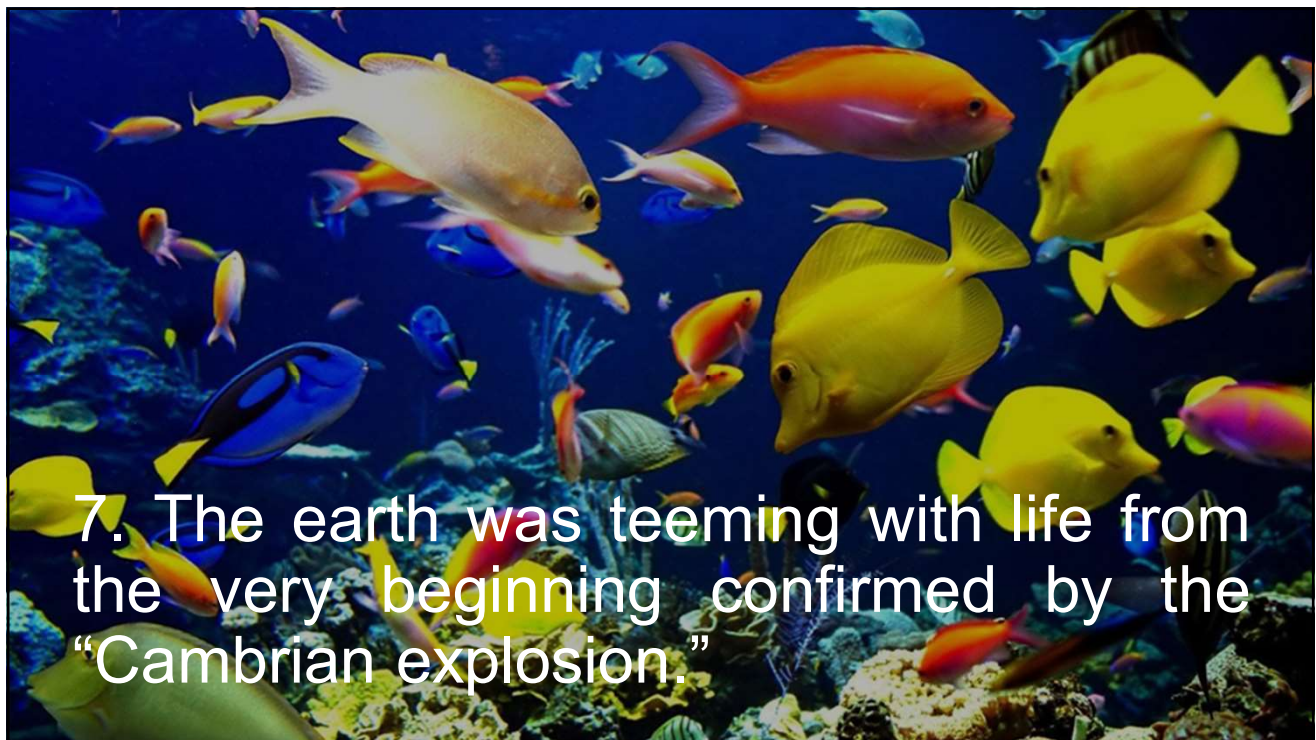
5. There is no biblical evidence of a “gap” of millions of years between Genesis 1:1 & 1:2.

6. All evidence points to the fact that the “days” of creation are literal days.


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8. The possibility of a “water canopy” surrounding the earth may explain the long life spans of men & animals & no rain before the flood: Gen 1:6-8

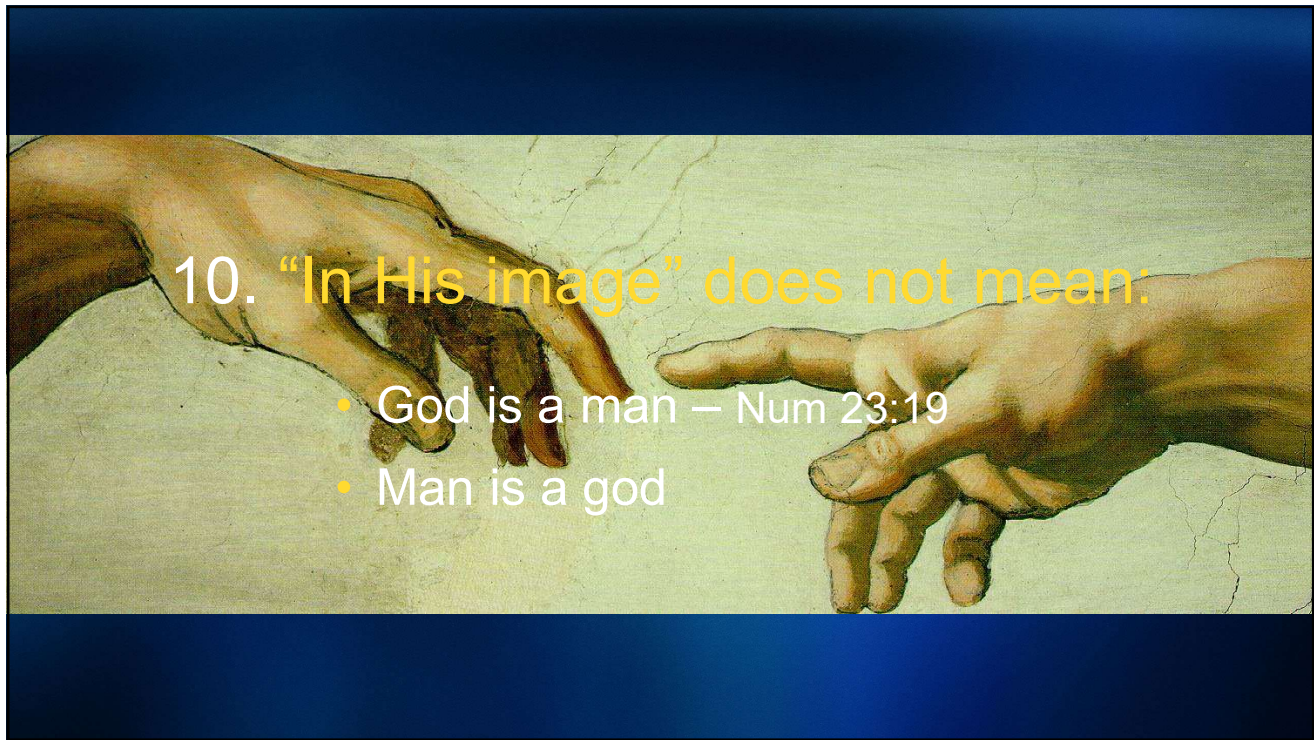
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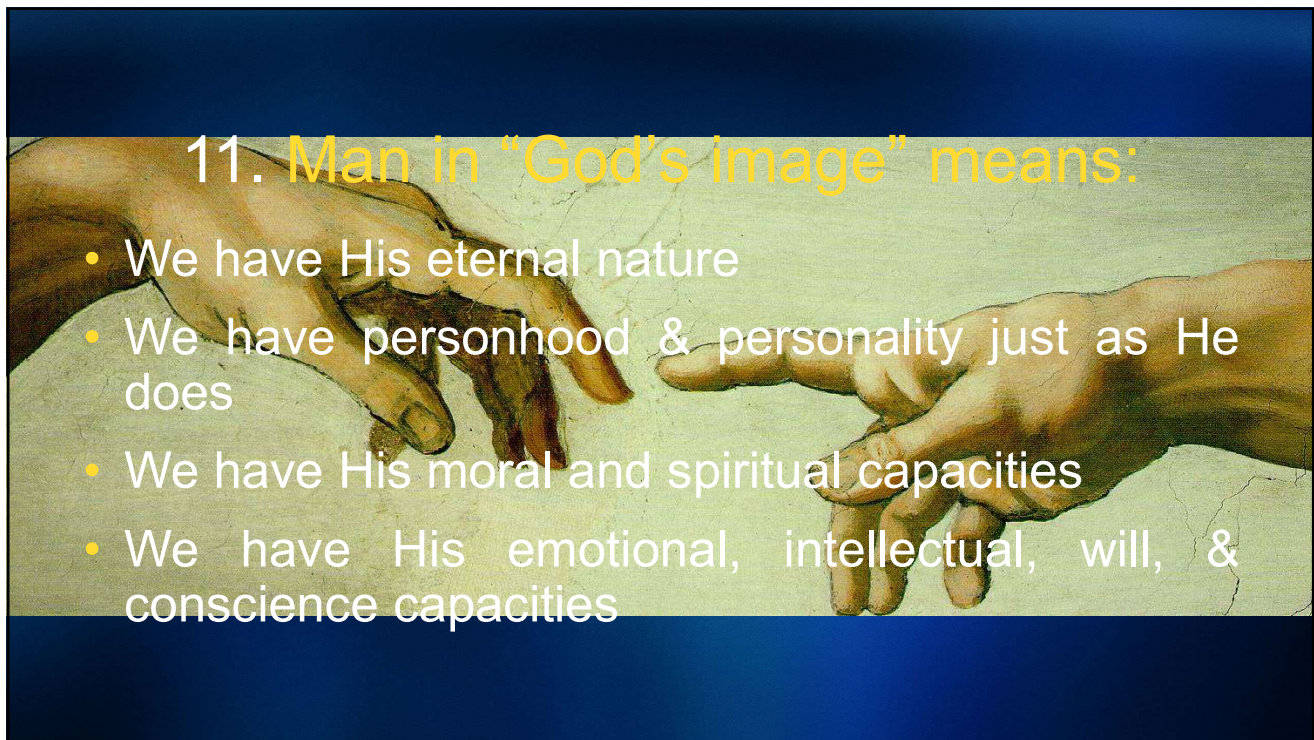
9. Gen 1 establishes the doctrine of the
Triune Godhead

Gen 1:1, 26

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12. Adam & Eve were “real” people – if not, the Gospel is based on a lie.

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13. The Sabbath establishes the 7-day life cycle & typifies the finished work of Jesus on the cross

Gen 2:2-3, Ex 20:8-11, Jn 5:17, 19:30, Heb 4:3-11

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14. Adam is perfect proof that man is not a product of his environment

Jer 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

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15. God honored Adam's will by giving him a choice

Gen 2:16-17

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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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Genesis is not only 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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