

THE BATTLE FOR THE BEGINNING, PART 2

The Book of Beginnings

1. The Foundation of History

A. Genesis: The Most _____ Book Ever Written

B. Genesis [origin/beginning]: The Book of _____

1. The book of Genesis gives the only true and reliable account of the origin of all the basic entities and structures of the universe and of life.

- ✓ *Origin of the Universe:* The Book of Genesis stands alone in accounting for the actual creation of the space-mass-time continuum we have today. Genesis 1:1 is unique in all literature, science, and philosophy. Every other form of cosmogony – whether religious myths, philosophical myths, or modern scientific models begins with some eternal matter or energy that gradually developed into the world we have today by some random process.
- ✓ *Origin of Order and Complexity:* Order and complexity never arise spontaneously. For example, I enjoy playing golf and the clubs and balls used to facilitate the game never arise out of nothing for nothing and by nothing. They were thought of, designed, and then manufactured by someone with the vision to facilitate all this misery I have on the course. No, order and complexity must be generated by a prior cause programmed to produce such order. The Primeval Programmer – God – and His programmed purpose are found only in Genesis.
- ✓ *Origin of the Solar System:* [see “The Genesis Record”]
- ✓ *Origin of the Atmosphere and Hydrosphere*
- ✓ *Origin of Life:* How living systems could have come into being from non-living chemicals is a problem that is beyond the expectation of ever being solved. No, the marvels of the reproductive process, and the almost infinite complexity programmed into the genetic systems of plants and animals, are inexplicable except by special design and creation.
- ✓ *Origin of Man:* Man is the most highly organized and complex entity in the universe, possessing innumerable physical-chemical structures, the marvelous capacities of life and reproduction, and also a nature which contemplates the abstract entities of beauty and love and worship, and which is capable of philosophizing about its own meaning. The imaginary evolutionary descent of man from animals is unimaginable to seriously seeking, thinking people.
- ✓ *Origin of Marriage:* The universal and stable institution of marriage and the home, in a monogamous, patriarchal, social culture, is described in Geneses as having been designed and orchestrated and ordained by the Creator. The perversions of Polygamy, infanticide, matriarchy, promiscuity, divorce, abortion, homosexuality, and other corruptions all developed later under man’s depraved delusions.
- ✓ *Origin of Evil*
- ✓ *Origin of Language; Origin of Government; Origin of Culture; Origin of Nations*
- ✓ *Origin of Religion:* One of the unique characteristics of man as opposed to animals is the design and function of his conscience. His conscience has God’s existence emblazoned on it and is reproduced in each successive child that is born from the beginning and throughout history and that conscience has God’s law written on it so that when man breaks that law, he feels it even if he is not aware of the Bible. Man is designed to worship and worship he will. If he rejects his Creator, he will worship something or

someone. Only Genesis accounts for this. If evolution is true [animals do not worship], worship is meaningless and useless and a perversion of his origin, but, still, man worships.

✓ *Origin of the Chosen People*: The enigma [difficult to understand, confusing, complex, puzzling] of Israel presents an unsolvable problem to the evolutionist. A unique nation of people that was without a homeland for 1900 years, but who gave the world the Bible, the knowledge of the true God, through which came Christianity, but a nation that yet rejects Christianity, a nation that has contributed profoundly to the world's art, music, science, finance, and other products of the human mind, but which is despised by huge numbers of people – is answered only in terms of the unique origin of Israel and recorded in the Book of Genesis.

C. Genesis: Method of _____

1. Liberal theologians, social engineers, and the scientific pundits of a Godless world view purport that Genesis must be interpreted ...

a. _____ – a story or picture that is interpreted to have hidden meaning.

b. _____ - the characters and experiences of Noah, Abraham, Joseph, and the others are taken not literally, but as types of experiences in the life of Christ, or the people of Israel, the Church, or something else.

1b. There can be no question that some portions of Genesis are to be interpreted as types according to the Father's will and intention.

- **The first Adam is taken as a contrasting type of the second Adam {Romans 5:12-19; 1Corinthians 15:21, 22, 45-49}.**
- **Eve is taken as a type of the Church (Ephesians 5:29-33).**
- **Abraham and Isaac are a type of the Father offering up His only begotten Son (Hebrews 11:17-19).**
- **Joseph's life is often interpreted as a type of the life of Christ.**

c. What must be clearly understood, though, is that the types are useful only because of their actual historicity; meaning, they actually happened. Otherwise, they would be useless.

- **The persons and events of Genesis must be interpreted literally and historically as they actually happened and come to us by direct dictation, eye witness account, and compilation under the infallible guidance of the Holy Spirit. The types have no value unless the events are real.**