

## Genesis 1:1-31

### ☐ Monday - In the Beginning God...

Genesis 1:1

Without explanation or apology, the Bible asserts God's existence as a matter of fact: "In the beginning God..." (Gen. 1:1). Is there a place then for apologetics? (i. e. giving reasonable proofs for the existence of God and the truths of the Bible). Yes! We are to "study to show ourselves approved," so that we are "always ready to make a defense" of the faith. Read 2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Peter 3:15, Jude 1:3

### ☐ Tuesday - Creation Out of Nothing.

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). God created the universe out of nothing (Latin: *ex nihilo*); that is, there was no preexisting material from which the worlds were made, but rather, God "calls into being that which does not exist" (Rom. 4:17), so that "what is seen was *not* made out of things which are visible" (Heb. 11:3). The evolutionist believes in an eternal universe, the Christian in an eternal God. Here then are two systems of belief, two opposing world views. Which do you believe – the biblical testimony of One who was there and knows all things *or* the unscientific theories of men? "How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him" (1 Kings 18:21). "And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve ...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15). Read Jeremiah 10:12

### ☐ Wednesday - The Purpose of Creation.

Genesis 1:1

We live in a confused world. People are questioning their own existence and the meaning of life. But the Bible explains, "There is one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him" (1 Cor. 8:6). And again, "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and for Thy pleasure they existed and were created" (Rev. 4:11). Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Fulfill your created purpose!

Read Romans 14:8

### ☐ Thursday - Fiat Creation.

Genesis 1:3

The Creation account is marked by the phrase, "And God *said*..." (8x: Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26), for "by the *word* of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host ... for He *spoke*, and it was done; He *commanded*, and it stood fast" (Psa. 33:6, 9). "By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the *word* of God" (Heb 11:3). This is called "fiat" creation, meaning creation by decree. And what should be our response to such wonderful things: "Let them *praise* the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created" (Psa. 148:5).

Read John 1:1-3

### ☐ Friday - The Image of God.

Genesis 1:26-27

Man is created in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:26-27), and that image is Christ (Col 1:15). The image of God in man was not destroyed by the Fall, but it has definitely become blurred. Nevertheless, the work of the Holy Spirit in the people of God is to restore that image so that you become more and more Christ-like.

Read Matthew 5:14-16