

# How It All Began

Before the beginning. Genesis 1:1a In the beginning God

## First We Must Settle The Issue Did We Have A Personal Or Impersonal Creator?

The reality is, a personal God in all eternity, in contrast to the impersonal everything. The philosophic problem that faces us is the fact that something rather than nothing is there.

## We are here and something in contrast to us is here. How do we explain this?

### The Impersonal Creator Gives No Answer To:

- A world that exists with a specific form
- People that exist with personality

### A World With A Specific Form

Creationists and Evolutionists, Christians and non-Christians all have the same evidence, the same facts. The difference is in the way we all interpret the facts. We interpret facts differently because we start with different presuppositions. **Presuppositions** are things that are assumed to be true, without necessarily being able to prove them. These then become the basis for other conclusions. All reasoning is based on presuppositions. This becomes especially relevant when dealing with past events.

### Something is there and it has an intelligent form.

**Design is everywhere.** It would never enter our minds that metal, left to itself, would eventually form into engines, transmissions, wheels, and all the other intricate parts needed to produce an automobile. However, a large proportion of the population, including many leading scientists, believe that all plants and creatures, including the intelligent engineers who make watches, cars, etc. were the product of an evolutionary process, not made by a Creator God.

The late **Isaac Asimov**, an ardent anti-Creationist, declared, "In man is a three-pound brain which, as far as we know, is the most complex and orderly arrangement of matter in the universe." Scientists who reject the concept of a Creator God agree that all living things exhibit evidence of design.

**Dr. Richard Dawkins**, holder of the Charles Simonyi Chair of Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University, and one of the world's leading evolutionist spokespersons said, "We have seen that living things are too improbable and too beautifully 'designed' to have come into existence by chance." He says, "All appearance to the contrary, the only watchmaker in nature is the blind forces of physics, albeit deployed in a very special way." Dawkins does, however, concede that "the more statistically improbable a thing is, the less can we believe that it just happened by blind chance."

### Can Natural Causes Improve The Form Over Time?

**Dr. Werner Gitt**, a director and professor at the German Federal Institute of Physics and Technology states. "This idea is central in representations of evolution, but mutations can only cause changes in existing information. There can be no increase in information, and in general the results are injurious."

**Dr. Michael Behe**, Associate Professor of Biochemistry at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, says, "The realization that life was designed by an intelligence is a shock to us in the twentieth century who have gotten used to thinking of life as the result of simple natural laws."

## **An Impersonal Creator Can't Explain Human Nature**

### **Who am I? Why do I act the way I do?**

The Impersonal Creator, **Naturalism**, says that humans are nothing more than evolved social animals.

It says there is nothing that truly separates us from the other animals, so all our behavior can be explained in terms of doing what helps us to survive and reproduce.

### **The Bible teaches that God created us to be His image-bearers, which makes us distinct from the entire rest of creation.**

But when Adam and Eve chose to rebel in disobedience, their fall into sin distorted and marred the sacred Image. It makes sense that this biblical view of human nature reveals the reasons why mankind is capable of producing both Mother Teresa and the holocaust.

### **Who We Are Is Intricately Related To Who Existed Before Genesis 1:1**

It is all rooted in the Trinity. Without the Trinity, there would be no answers to modern man and his needs.

Genesis 1:26a And God said, "Let us make man in our image

Genesis 3:22 And the Lord God said, "Now the man has become like one of us..."

### **The Bible teaches the universe had a very personal beginning. Upon the order of the Trinity, personal was there: love, thought and communication.**

John 17:5 And now, "O Father, glorify you Me with your own self with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

**The crux of the matter is this:** If one accepts there is a God who created us, then that God also owns us. If God owns us, He has a right to set the rules by which we must live. He also tells us in the Bible that we are in rebellion against Him, our Creator. Because of this rebellion (called sin), our physical bodies are sentenced to death; but we each will live on forever, either with God, or without Him in a place of judgment.

**The Good News is that our Creator provided a means of deliverance for our sin of rebellion. Those who come to Him in faith and repentance for their sin can receive the forgiveness of a holy God and spend eternity with Him. There's more. We can also know our Creator. We can study and live out His Word, and enjoy life in Him NOW.**