

Genesis: Book Of Beginnings

Genesis 1-2: the foundation for
understanding life

Questions

- *What is God like?*
- *Where did we come from?*
- *Why are we here?*
- *Where are we going?*
 - *To understand, we must first study origins*
 - *We cannot understand origins by –*

Prejudice or
Manipulation

Going back in time;
testing hypothesis

It's about time

- We are given no reason to believe the six days of creation are not six literal days.
- What about 2 Peter 3:8 – one day equals an age?
 - Unlike Gn., 2 Pt.3:8 has comparative particle.
 - Peter's point: God is not limited to time in fulfilling His promises; he is not defining the meaning of “day” as used in Gn.1.
 - Gn.1: each day had “evening” & “morning”
 - Gn.1:14, what would years mean?

“After their kind”

- Plants (1:11-12), sea creatures (1:21), mammals (1:24), and reptiles (1:24) were created “after their kind.”
- What is Genesis 1 telling us?
 - God did not create an amoeba that turned into a fish...frog...monkey...that evolved into a man.
 - Each creature was created as a distinct “kind.”

What about man?

- Created in image of God
- If we came from apes, then God must be like apes??
 - At best silly; at worst, blasphemy
 - The very first man had God-like characteristics

SPEECH

Gn.2:23

REASON

Gn.2:23

CREATIVITY

Gn.2:20

MORAL CONS.

Gn.2:16; 3:10...