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Genesis 1:1

Famous Opening Lines

- “Call me Ishmael”
- “It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.”
- “A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away...”

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Did God Create Everything?

- “Heavens and the Earth” – idiom
 - John 1:1-3
 - Rev. 10:6
 - Acts 4:24, 14:15, 17:24
- Was Matter at the beginning?

Did God Create Everything?

- Science
 - Systematic knowledge of the physical and material world gained through observation and experimentation.
- How do you view the authority of scripture?
 - How do you interpret the language in Gen. 1?

How Did God Create Everything?

- Gap theory – God creates in 1:1, then catastrophe (Satan kicked out of heaven, billions of years, continues with creation with the 6 literal days)
- Young Earth/Flood theory – earth is few thousand years old. Literal interpretation of Gen. 1-11
- Ideal time theory – 6 days period not long ago, but made as if it were billions of years old. Adam did not start as a baby, so it is not impossible to view the cosmos starting as one either. Trees would have had rings to their ideal age, not starting as seeds.

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- Day age – Hebrew word *yom* could mean an age, so each day in the 6 days was an age or era. This corresponds with the geological findings and fossil records
- Framework Hypothesis – drama is being played out in 7 acts, not to be read as history.
- Theistic evolution – God created in a direct fashion at the beginning and since then has worked through evolution. This view handles the scientific end quite well, but there is difficulty with the biblical account of creation.

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- Progressive creationism – God created in a series of acts over a long period of time, he created the first member of every kind, and then speciation happened from there.
- Intelligent Design -- Is not based on the Bible, rather it is on recent scientific discoveries looking at the cause and effect within the world to see intelligent causes.

How Did God Create Everything?

Where do you go first, or who has the authority?

Man's word or God's word?

Why Did God Create Everything?

What is the meaning and purpose to life?

Created for relationship with God and it
brings Him glory!

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