

# Genesis: Intro

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## SERMON NOTES

### Genesis

In the beginning...

- Why is there something rather than nothing?
- Where did everything come from?
- Does God exist?
- What does it mean to be a human being?
- What has gone wrong with the world?
- How can we know the difference between right and wrong?
- Is there any hope of redemption for humanity?

*“Behold a universe so immense that I am lost in it. I no longer know where I am. I am just nothing at all. Our world is terrifying in its insignificance.”*

- Bernard de Fontenelle

*“Astronomy leads us to a unique event, a universe which was created out of nothing, and delicately balanced to provide exactly the conditions required to support life. In the absence of an absurdly-improbable accident, the observations of modern science seem to suggest an underlying (one might say ‘supernatural’) plan.”*

- Arno A. Penzias

*“Nothing comes from nothing; nothing ever could.”*

- Maria von Trapp, *The Sound of Music*

*“Unless you assume a God, the question of life’s purpose is meaningless.”*

- Bertrand Russell

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

- *Genesis 1:1*

### What is this Creation account we find in Genesis 1:1?

- Genesis 1:1 is not an *explanation* of how God created everything.
- Genesis 1:1 is a *declaration* that God created everything.

*“If we are attempting to determine the goal of the universe we behold around us, we should consult the architect who built it. It should be our priority to listen to him and rely on what he has told us about the design and astonishing fabric of his creation.”*

- Jonathan Edwards, *The End for Which God Made the World*

*“The book of Genesis is foundational for the rest of the Bible. Its opening chapter does something of incalculable importance: it lays down the basis of a biblical worldview. It gives to us humans a metanarrative, a big story into which our lives can be fitted and from which they can derive meaning, purpose, and value.”*

- John Lennox, *Seven Days that Divide the World*

*“Men can always be blind to a thing so long as it is big enough.”*

- G.K. Chesterton