



Genesis provides the truth pillars on which the rest of the Bible stands.

- On our journey through *Genesis*, we will discover God's divine purposes for humanity.

How did our immense, intricate, and orderly universe get here? Two categories:

- Everything is the product of random chance, operating in an impersonal universe.
- Creation is the result of the personal touch of a divine Entity exerting His will.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

- Throw out theories that don't identify the Triune God as creation's sole architect.
- *"the beginning"* refers to the beginning of God's story about our history.

"In the beginning God" - The dynamic truth found in the first four words of *Genesis*.

God is Self-Existent - He is the ultimate cause and is Himself uncaused.

- Unlike everyone else, God doesn't have to answer to anyone, not even to us.

God is Self-Sufficient - He has no inherent needs so He doesn't have any dependencies.

- Our creation was predicated on who God is not on any void in Him. Ephesians 1:4,5

God is Eternal - God exists now - He has always existed - He will forever exist. Ps. 90:1,2

- We can trust an eternal God because He will never change on us.

A proper response to a God who was there before the very beginning of history:

- Trust Him to save you - Soon, nothing else will matter.
- Trust Him to sustain you - God's future is steady and certain so yours is too.

Further Study and pondering:

1. Why do you believe *Genesis* may be relevant for Christians living today?
2. Why do so many theories exist about the earth's origin, that don't include God?
3. Further study/God is eternal: *Genesis* 21:33; *Job* 36:26; *Psalms* 48:14; 90:1,2; 102:12; *Isaiah* 40:28; 41:4; *John* 17:5,24; *Revelation* 1:8; 4:8; 22:13
4. What are the advantages of loving a God who is eternal, who will never change?
5. Can you give one good reason why not to surrender all that you are to a God who is eternal, self-sufficient, and self-existent? Talk to God about your conclusions.
6. Prayer: Commit a challenge in your life to the God that was already there before the beginning of history. Trust Him even before knowing the answers or outcomes.

Suddenly, nothing else will matter but God...