



**In the Beginning ...  
The Creation Story  
... Truth or Fable?**

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**Truth for Life**

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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

Let's begin with the obvious ...

If the Creation Story is not true, then the \_\_\_\_\_  
is suspect.

- \_\_\_\_\_ believed the Creation Story to be correct, as He quoted from it in Matthew 19
- \_\_\_\_\_ believed the Creation Story to be correct, as he often quoted from it. (Rom. 5; 1 Cor. 15; 1 Cor. 11; 1 Tim. 2)

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**I. The Creation Events ...**

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**II. The Significance of the Creation Story ...**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Theme of Genesis 1
- b. Man is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Creation
- c. Creation highlights \_\_\_\_\_ of the Entire Human Race
- d. Evolution fails because it is \_\_\_\_\_

**So What ...**

1. To embrace Creation, one must accept that the events around Creation were \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Evolution at its core is simply an attempt to explain everything that exists without the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. What is it about the creation of God that amazes you – simply amazes you? Read Psalm 19:1-4; Isaiah 40:26; 45:18-19; Revelation 4:11. What is the appropriate response as we consider His handiwork?

Are there ways in which you could be more thankful to God for the excellence of His creation?

2. If we really accepted the fact that God created all things, how would it affect our view of God? Our view of His sufficiency in comparison to our struggles? Our view of His divine plan?
3. To embrace Creation properly, we also acknowledge that we don't own our life, we simply manage what God has given us. The following parable gives insight into how God reacts when we follow his plan or follow our own. Read Matthew 25:14-30 and answer the following questions.?

While God may not give us money to invest, he does give each of us talents, skills, and strengths to use for his purposes. How could God's reaction to how the three men used their "talents" motivate someone in their walk with God?

As you consider the talents, skills or resources God has given you, how have you used those wisely? Not so wisely? Can you identify any of these that you'd like to use differently, or more effectively?

4. One of the hardest parts of surrendering to God is letting go of the unhealthy people, places, habits, etc., we cling to for comfort. How can the following Scriptures give reassurance to someone who's struggling with the fear of letting go of a known thing (person, place or habit) for what could feel like an unknown thing (God's future)?

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5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
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