

## Genesis 1 Handout

**What you  
think about  
God greatly  
affects how  
you see the  
world.**

**What you  
think about  
God greatly  
affects how  
you  
see yourself.**

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

**I'm  
following  
Him.**

**“God is not a  
character in  
your story.  
You are a  
character in  
God’s story.”**

**Exodus 24: (HCSB)**

**4 And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD...**

**Joshua 8:32 (HCSB)**

**32 There on the stones, Joshua copied the law of Moses, which he had written in the presence of the Israelites**

**In John 5:45–47, Jesus states, “Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”**

**Don Stewart - We have seen that Moses could have written Exodus through Deuteronomy based upon his own eyewitness testimony. But what about Genesis?**

**The events at the conclusion of the Book of Genesis occurred some three hundred years before Moses was born. In addition, when the heavens and the earth were created there was nobody around to observe it except for God, and possibly His angelic host.**

**How then could Moses write about the original creation and the rest of the events in Genesis? Obviously he had to depend upon sources. What were these sources?**

#### **Direct Revelation**

**One possible answer to this question is that Moses could have received direct revelation from God as to what happened in the beginning. This would be consistent with the way God has revealed Himself in other parts of Scripture.**

**For example, God revealed the future to the prophets, such as Isaiah and Jeremiah. It is, therefore, certainly possible that He could have told Moses what had happened in the past as He told others what would happen in the future.**

#### **Records Kept From Beginning**

**There is also the likelihood that records of God's dealings with humanity were kept from the beginning.**

**The personal touch in which we find these events recorded, such as Abraham's prayer for Sodom, and his offering of Isaac, gives evidence that what we have are firsthand accounts.**

**We know that Abraham came from a country where reading and writing were common.**

**It is possible that he could have collected any earlier records and brought them with him.**

**Scripture also tells us that Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac ([Genesis 25:5](#)). It is possible that records from earlier times were among his possessions.**

**Genesis 1-11  
covers  
approximately  
2000 years.**

**The  
nation  
of  
Israel**

**Genesis  
12- 50 covers  
approximately  
300 years.**

**He would  
create a  
nation  
specifically  
for Jesus to  
be born from.**

**Genesis 1: 1 In the beginning...**

**John 17:24 (HCSB)**

**24 Father, I desire those You have given Me to be with Me where I am. Then they will see My glory, which You have given Me because You loved Me before the world's foundation.**

**Ephesians 1:4 (HCSB)**

**4 For He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in His sight....**

**Titus 1:**

**2 in the hope of eternal life that God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.**

**Job 38:1–7 (HCSB)**

**1 Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind. He said:**

**2 Who is this who obscures My counsel with ignorant words?**

**3 Get ready to answer Me like a man; when I question you, you will inform Me.**

**4 Where were you when I established the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.**

**5 Who fixed its dimensions? Certainly you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?**

**6 What supports its foundations? Or who laid its cornerstone**

**7 while the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**

**In Psalm 90:2 we read: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."**

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**Genesis 1: 1 In the beginning **God...****

**Our universe is what scientists call a "heliocentric" universe – ("helios" = sun). That means sun is the center.**

**In our solar system, everything revolves around the sun — all the planets, everything. The sun gives us light; and without it, nothing would live. The sun is central in our universe; everything revolves around it.**

**Now for some years, many people thought that the Earth was the center of the universe, and that everything revolved around us. That caused some problems that were never solved until they came to understand that the earth is not the center of the universe, the sun is.**

**One of the big problems people have today is that they have made the same kind of mistake about the spiritual center of our universe.**

**We tend to be “ego-centric” (“ego” means “I”) — that everything revolves around ME. We want a God who revolves around us; a Bible that revolves around us; a religion that revolves around us.**

**Well, the Bible has news for you: it’s not all about you! Life is NOT an “ego-centric” enterprise; it is THEO-Centric!**

**GOD is the center of our existence. He is like the “sun” of our universe. It all revolves around GOD, not us! “In the beginning, God ...”.**

**Back in the 1980’s Pastor Rick Warren wrote a book that became a best-seller: The Purpose-Driven Life. People like and dislike various things about that book, but I will say one thing: it has a great opening line of its own, that gets right to the heart of the matter.**

**Its very first words are: “It’s not about you.”**

**And that's right. It's not all about you. Things don't all revolve around you: what you think; what you want; what's most comfortable and best for you.**

**Just like there were a lot of things in this earth that didn't make sense until we realized the sun was the center of the universe, so there are a lot of things in your life that you will never get right — in your marriage; in your family; in your job; in your religion; in so many areas of your life — until you understand that**

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does not  
revolve  
around  
YOU!**

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RIGHT IN ANY OF  
THOSE AREAS OF  
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PUT GOD BACK IN THE  
CENTER OF YOUR LIFE  
WHERE HE IS  
SUPPOSED TO BE!**

**God  
created us  
to live for  
Him.**

**We will never  
live life the  
way God  
intended us  
to live.**