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What Genesis tells us about God & the meaning of life.

Gesesis: Part 1 Genesis 1:1 Noah Largent 1/11/15

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

Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

<u>Psalm 139:14</u> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Acts 17:24-17 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

<u>Colossians 1:15-16</u> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth.

Today there are more than 200 known parameters necessary for a planet to support life every single one of which must be perfectly met, or the whole thing falls apart. Without a massive planet like Jupiter nearby, whose gravity will draw away asteroids, a thousand times as many would hit Earth's surface. The odds against life in the universe are simply astonishing. – Eric Metaxas http://www.wsj.com/articles/eric-metaxas-science-increasingly-makes-the-case-for-god-1419544568

It is a HUMBLING experience when we recognize how vast the universe is and that God is the creator and sustainer of it all.

What does genuine humility before God look like in our lives? How is it demonstrated in your life?

Considering the intricacies of life and the unique fine-tuning of our universe, science seems to confirm the existence of God.

As part of Gods creation what does it look like for you to confirm the existence of God with your life?

Douglas Kelly, who has written on this subject with great insight says, "There is no doubt that the biblical vision of man as God's creature whom He made in His own image has had the most powerful effect on human dignity, on liberty, on the expansion of the rights of the individual, on political systems, on the development of medicine, on every other area of culture. How different," he writes, "from the humanistic viewpoint of man as merely an evolved creature, not made in God's image because there is no God. Such a premise has enabled the Marxist totalitarian states conveniently to liquidate millions of their citizens because of the assumption that there is no transcendent person in whose image those citizens are created, no being to give those citizens a dignity and a right to exist beyond what the state determines".

-John MacAurthur "Creation: Believe It or Not, Part 1"

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