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## Introduction

- 1. There are many misconceptions about who God is
  - a. Sugar Daddy
  - b. Senile Grandfather
  - c. Cruel Tyrant
  - d. The Man Upstairs
  - e. Many will be lost because they do not know who God is (2 Th. 1:7-10; Mt. 7:13)
- 2. God Himself is the best source to learn about who God is
  - a. All Scripture is inspired of God [God-breathed] (2 Tim. 3:16)
    - i. General revelation (Ps. 19:1-6)
    - ii. Specific revelation (Ps. 19:7-9)
  - b. We let the Scriptures tell us who God is because the Bible is right (Ps. 119:128; cf. Jn. 17:17)
    - i. The produce is irrefutable evidence of who God is (Mt. 7:20)

## The Creation

- 1. The first verse of the first chapter of the first book of the Bible declares that God is the Creator (Gen. 1:1)
  - a. The Spirit was active (Gen. 1:2)
  - b. The Word was active (Jn. 1:1-3; Col. 1:13-17)
    - i. The Word was made flesh [human] but is not a created Being (Jn. 1:14)
    - ii. He was the Originator of <u>all</u> creation (Rev. 3:14)
    - iii. This makes God <u>separate from</u> and <u>sovereign over</u> His creation which refutes pantheism
  - c. Five things are necessary for origin, and all are present and in the correct order in Gen. 1:1
    - i. Time [In the beginning]
    - ii. Force [God]
    - iii. Action [created]
    - iv. Space [heaven]
    - v. Matter [earth]
- 2. God spoke everything into existence
  - a. "And God said" is used ten times in <u>Gen. 1</u> (<u>Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28-29</u>)

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- 3. The creation was completed in six, twenty-four-hour days (Gen. 2:1-2)
  - a. The seven day week was produced (Gen. 2:3; Ex. 20:11)
  - b. We know they were twenty-four-hour days because the sabbath was a single day comprised of day and night (Ex. 20:8-10; Gen. 1:5; Jn. 11:9; cf. Ex. 16:22-30)

## The Creation of Man

- 1. Mankind was made in the image [likeness; resemblance] of God (Gen. 1:26-27)
  - a. God is Spirit (Jn. 4:24)
    - i. A spirit does not have flesh and bones (Lk. 24:39)
  - b. Man is a three-part being (<u>Gen. 2:7</u>; cf. <u>1 Th. 5:23</u>)
    - i. We are made in the image of God because of our eternal spirit
- 2. God gave man:
  - a. Dominion (<u>Gen. 1:26</u>, <u>28</u>)
    - i. Not absolute dominion (Dan. 4:17; 1 Tim. 6:15)
  - b. The ability to procreate (Gen. 1:27-28)
    - i. The two genders [male; female] are necessary to procreate (Gen. 4:1)
  - c. Work to do (Gen. 2:15; cf. 2 Th. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8)
  - d. A law to obey (Gen. 2:16-17)
    - i. This implies will [the ability to choose]
    - ii. This implies intellect (cf. Gen. 2:19-20)
    - iii. This implies conscience (cf. Gen. 3:9-10)
  - e. A help meet (Gen. 2:18-22)
    - i. Not an animal (Gen. 2:19-20)
    - ii. Not another man (Gen. 2:22)
  - f. Marriage (Gen. 2:23-25)
    - i. This is where God placed the sexual relationship (Heb. 13:4)
  - g. Covering for nakedness (Gen. 3:7, 21)
    - i. Only two people in existence at this point and they were married
    - ii. Clothing must have been in anticipation of the multiplication of mankind and temptation through lust (Mt. 5:28)
  - h. The promise of a Savior (Gen. 3:15)