

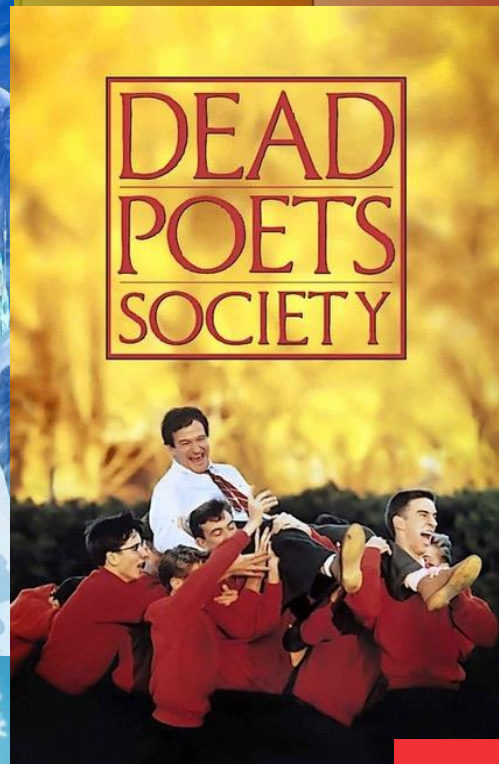
GENESIS



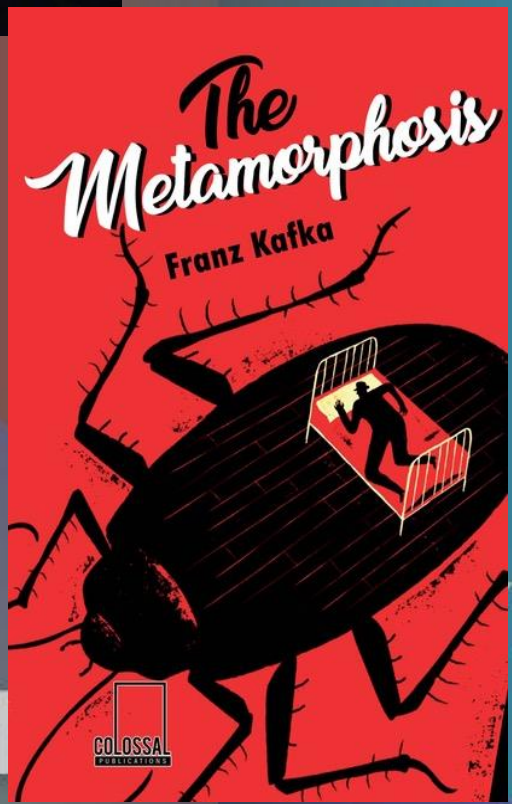
THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

Let It All Begin

GENESIS 1:1-5



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- **“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”**
- **Walk away from TSF today:**
- **Your meaning is found in God.**
- **God is glorious and worth knowing, loving and living for.**
- **Jesus is the only one big enough to entrust your soul to.**



Genesis 1:1-5 NIV

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.



Genesis 1:1-5 NIV

3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.



- Chapter 1 is poetic, but that does not mean it is not historic nor that it is inaccurate.
- Moses is writing a polemic for the recently freed Jews.
- Against the gods of Egypt and Canaan.
- For a personal God who owns all, creates for his own good purposes, gives meaning to mankind, fulfills us in right relationship with him.
- Pulls Israel out of 400 years of slavery; spends 1000 years rewiring their hearts and minds to know and trust him.



- **God is doing similar work in our hearts.**
- **What little gods do you cling to?**
- **What fears about the future are you cowering to?**
- **What doubts about God's goodness are shaping your choices?**
- **What search for purpose begins and ends with you?**



- **Vv.3-5; how does an immaterial God create anything material/physical?**
- **Isaiah 4:9-10**
- **God is bigger and more able than you can imagine.**
- **The immaterial is more real than the material.**
- **The material originates from the immaterial.**
- **The immaterial is personal and has made himself known- Elohim and Jesus.**
- **How much time are you spending on the immaterial vs the material?**

- **How does God create like this?**
- **We have no idea- doesn't mean its not true!**
- **It's not the God of the gaps; its that all of the evidence that we do have points to God!**
- **God speaks it/wills it, and it happens engines, bytes, atoms and dark matter.**



Hebrews 1:1-3 NIV

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.



Colossians 1:15-17

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, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



John 1:1-5 NIV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



- **What holds it all together?
Jesus!**



- **The beginning of what?**
- **All history, all humanity, all problems.**
- **God's redemptive work.**
- **10 genealogies; 4 places; 2 families.**
- **Themes of Bible: creation, fall, redemption, restoration.**
- **God's self revelation and worthiness.**



- **God created freely by his choice and creativity; he called it into existence.**
- **But which god?**
- **Egypt's gods; Canaan's gods; or Genesis 1 God?**
- **Who could be greater than Pharaoh?**
- **Genesis 1 God- Ultimate Reality**



- **what is not here?**
- **Eternal battle of co-equal good and evil.**
- **Heavenly battles or sex acts ending in creation.**
- **Cosmic accident.**



- **what does it mean?**
- **God is self-sufficient.**
- **God is powerful enough to self exist, be conscious and willful without time and space, and yet capable to be small enough to be in relationship with us.**
- **God is the basis of truth, reality, being and purpose.**

- **What does it mean for us?**
- **Our meaning, substance, value and definition are not from or dependent on me; they are mine by God's creation.**
- **We are completely dependent on God.**
- **Our story is part of the 1157 chapters of Scripture where God is redeeming people to himself- to be saved from sin!**
- **We must give ourselves to this God and to telling everyone we can about him!**



- This mega powerful God is infinite and eternal- and wants a relationship with us.

(Isaiah 57:15)

- Bara= create; only used of God- no one is like our God!
- We should want to know this God our worship must get deeper and sweeter.

(1 Chron. 29:10-13)

- It's all pointing us to Jesus, the hero of The Story!

