

“In the beginning God”

Genesis 1:1

When I put myself on task and begin to write these articles there are times when I just sit and question What is next? And sometimes, the way I want to approach the article becomes quite clear to me. This article is no different and this time the beginning of the article seemed to be so obvious when I saw the title. When I read the title given to me I just sat and thought. Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10) I had to remind myself again that God is in charge and he provides that serenity in a chaotic world. I assure you it works. Stop and remind yourself as I have and let God take the lead. And so, this is **my** beginning and then I am inclined to go, once again, and read about **Gods** beginning.

Recently I heard people deal with the old argument regarding man and his “evolution” from a micro creature in the sea. That seems it would take millions and millions of years to go from this micro creature in the form of cells to a walking human being. Recently I was in a coffee shop and decided to buy a pound of Tanzanian teaberry coffee. The young lady in this shop definitely knows coffee. The person buying this coffee, me, definitely knew how to spell Tanzanian and she was pleasantly shocked. This prompted me to give her a short archaeology lesson on Tanzania, Olduvai Gorge and Dr. Louis S.B. Leakey. At the time, his discovery of human skeletal remains in this part of the world was dated at two million years old. It is easier for me to grasp two million years and look at skeletal remains than to try to think about micro cells evolving into a human being. Why you ask? “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1: 27) Of course, the debate continues and will continue until the easier explanation found in Genesis 1: 27 is discovered by those of the debate.

When I was teaching school and had to miss for whatever reason the most daunting task for me was to write out a lesson plan that a substitute could understand and follow. My approach was simple. My class had to continue when I was not there just as if I were there. Those lesson plans were time consuming to write but made life so much easier for the substitute. A written document outlining responsibilities of students as well as the substitute was absolutely necessary. A most important reason they were absolutely necessary was that my class could continue uninterrupted after I returned to school.

We have a written document giving a detailed explanation of this world and its creation. That written document begins, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1) Light, sky, land and vegetation followed. (...and this was only after 3 days) Day and night followed and then “living creatures” in the water and on the land.” What followed all of this creating was Man, male and female, created in His image. I would like to stop right now and for the reader simply say....”enough said”, but for those who are a part of the debate this written record is less important than all the data collected by historians and archaeologists dealing with an “evolutionary” approach. Oh, I forget. This data that I speak of regarding God’s creation is historical and we have an abundance of archaeological evidence. Proof of, very simply stated, “In the beginning God....” There was a beginning for this world by a God that has always been and always will be.

And please do not forget. We are also told, after all the creating was completed, that it was Good. So, you have a great New Year with an understanding that you are a created being, created in the image of God and He was pleased with his creation. **"If God be for us, who can be against us?"** Romans 8:31. And God was for us from the beginning, is for us now and forever more.

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