

Genesis 1 **As in the Beginning**

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I. The Biblical Narrative

God wrote Genesis chapter one in a straight, forward, simple, and orderly manner. The combined skill of all the world's literary historians, poets, philosophers, etc . . . could not equal the 31 verses found in Genesis chapter one:

- (1) for the grandness of its theme, and yet the simplicity of its language;
- (2) for its comprehensive scope, yet its concise and perfect expression;
- (3) for its scientific exactness; yet its lack of technical terms and formulas.

No book in all the volumes of mens writing can be compared with it for a moment. Genesis chapter one is unrivaled; it stands in a class all by itself.

Shakespeare wrote: "brevity is the soul of wit" (in *Hamlet*).

And the brevity of what is recorded in the opening chapter of the Holy Bible reveals the Divine wisdom of the Almighty God who inspired it.

Contrast : (1) the labored formulaic writings of scientists,
(2) the meaningless origin stories of ancient civilizations,
(3) the confused, foolish mythologies of various heathen.

The uniqueness of this Divine account of Creation and Renewal is self evident. Every verse of the first chapter has the autograph of Almighty God stamped on it.

At once the reader is impressed with:

- (1) the orderly manner in which God proceeded,
- (2) the ease with which He accomplished His work,
- (3) the excellency of His work and the simplicity of the narrative.

Out of the chaos was brought 'the cosmos',
out of the waters emerged the earth,
a scene of desolation and darkness was transformed into light, fertility and life;
so that at the end, God could pronounce it "**very good**".

God's word needs no confirmation from man.

It stands on its own, without need of man's support.

- (1) If any ancient document agrees with the Bible's history, that merely confirms the accuracy of the ancient document.

If the document disagrees, it proves that the ancient historian was wrong !

- (2) If science agrees with the Bibles testimony, then the scientist(s) got it right.
When a scientist disagrees with the Bible, then his science is wrong !

God is Never Wrong ! God's word is truth ! John 17:17.