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Description automatically generatedThe book of Genesis explains the origins, the beginnings, the

genesis of a number of different things. I have provided a list

of ten to get you thinking down this line.

1. **The Genesis of the Universe** (chapter 1)

“In the beginning, God create d the heavens and the earth.” (Ge 1:1 ESV)

* 1. Modern science postulates the Big Bang theory.
  2. The unanswered question, why! Why did a dot the size of a proton that supposedly contained all the matter and energy in the universe explode. Where did this supposed dot come from? Was the dot eternal? What caused the dot to explode?
  3. In our class gathering, I did a short presentation on some of the failures of the Big Bang theory.

1. **The Genesis of Life** (chapter 1)

“And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so.” (Ge 1:11 ESV)

“And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."” (Ge 1:20 ESV)

“And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds —  livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.” (Ge 1:24 ESV)

* 1. How did life form, this is a mystery for science and an enigma that science has not been able to answer.
  2. Even macro-evolution, as espoused by secular science, does not answer the question; where did life come from; how did it get started? For you cannot have evolution, until you have life. You must have living, self-replicating molecules or cells to have any form (real or imagined) of evolution.

1. **The Genesis of Mankind** (chapter 1-2)

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Ge 1:27 ESV)

* 1. Evolution has an answer for this question, but it is strained, and we do not have the transitional fossils that we should if this version of the story were so.
  2. Why is man so different than the rest of the creation?
  3. Why does man continue to improve and elevate, but no other animals do?
  4. Why does man collect and improve knowledge while every other life on the planet seems to operate essetnailly the same generation to generation.
  5. Jesus believed and taught that God supernaturally created man:

“He (Jesus) answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,” (Mt 19:4 ESV)

* 1. If you are a Christian, you must believe Jesus and what he says about the genesis of mankind, which by the way he draws from the book of Genesis!

1. **The Genesis of Gender and Sexuality** (chapter 2)

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Ge 1:27 ESV)

* 1. Gender is neither a biological necessity nor a biological accident. That is what Jesus said:

“He (Jesus) answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,” (Mt 19:4 ESV)

* 1. God could have created one sex, He could have created ten sexes, but He created two (male and female).
  2. If you are a Christian, you must believe Jesus and what he says about this point.
  3. Sex is not our decision; it is a decision made by our loving creator.

1. **The Genesis of Marriage** (chapter 2)

“Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."” (Ge 2:18 ESV)

“**23** Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." **24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” (Ge 2:23-24 ESV)

* 1. Man did not create the institution of marriage, God did. Thus, He has the right to declare what it is, and what it is not.
  2. Secular scientist would say marriage came into being as man evolved from lower forms of life and decided he needed some type of stabilizing social structure.
  3. It is in Genesis 2:24 where God defines marriage:

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” (Ge 2:24 ESV)

* 1. It is noteworthy that this is how Paul defined marriage:

“"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."” (Eph 5:31 ESV)

* 1. Even more noteworthy that this is how Jesus defined marriage:

“and said (Jesus), ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?” (Mt 19:5 ESV)

* 1. If you are a Christian, you must believe and agree with Jesus.

1. **The Genesis of Sin** (chapter 3)

“**16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."” (Ge 2:16-17 ESV)

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.” (Ge 3:6 ESV)

* 1. Sin is universal, but why?
  2. We have never run into a single person how has not sinned. Why is this so?
  3. We find the answer to this compelling question, not in an evolutionary handguide, or even in the writings of some modern thinker, but in Genesis 3.

1. **The Genesis of Death** (chapter 3)

“**16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."” (Ge 2:16-17 ESV)

* 1. Death is the universal enemy and everyone and indeed every living thing dies. But why? Do things have to die? Are there biological necessities that demand that things die?
  2. Genesis provides the answer for why there is death.
  3. Secular science can explain the process, but is unable to answer the compelling question... WHY?

1. **The Genesis of Atonement** (chapter 3)

“And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.” (Ge 3:21 ESV)

* 1. Atonement is to be brought back into a broken relationship with one’s god, or one’s creation or whatever.
  2. Atonement is a factor in almost every religion.
  3. But it is here in Genesis chapter three, where we see God step-in and provide a covering for man’s sin.
  4. The Bible will develop this point further as time passes.

1. **The Genesis of Languages** (chapter 11)

“Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.” (Ge 11:1 ESV)

“**6** And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. **7** Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech." **8** So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.” (Ge 11:6-8 ESV)

* 1. Why are there so many languages?
  2. How is this possible, for these languages to develop so quickly?
  3. The Bible fully explains what really remains a mystery to secular science. I know they have theories, but how did approximately 7,000 languages (current number) explode on the scene in such a short time frame?

1. **The Genesis of the Nation of Israel** (Chapter 12)

“**1** Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. **2** And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."” (Ge 12:1-3 ESV)

* 1. First, God’s interest in the Hebrew slaves in Exodus 1 only makes sense because of Genesis.
  2. It all started with God calling a pagan named Abraham.
  3. We will see Abraham will beget Isaac, who will beget Jacob, who will beget the 12 tribal leaders.
  4. In each succession God will renew His covenant and his promise to “bless the nations.”

Of course, there are many more examples of origins that we find in the book of Genesis including, our atmosphere, clothing, nations, government, culture, religion, and worship (just to name a few more).