

**Beginnings – ORIGIN** *(Where did we come from?)*

- **Only Two Choices**
- **Realize the Significance**
- **Is it Faith or Science?**
  - LAB - Lookable, Accessible, Breakable
- **Guess at the Evidence**
- **Inspect the Evidence**
  - Universe = "Decay"
  - Age of the Earth = "Can't Say"
  - Origin of Life by Chance = "No Way"
  - Evolution of Species and Man = "Lacks Genes and Tweens"
- **No Compromise**

DON'T - Death, Orders of Creation, Names in genealogies, Ten Commandments refer to seven-day week

**Intent of Life – LIFE** *(Why are we here?)*

- **Love - GOD and MAN**
- **Increase - GROW**
- **Faithfulness - Time, Talent, Treasure**
- **Eternity – Past, Present, Future**

**Authority – POWER** *(Who's in charge?)* A God Who is:

- **Personal and Loving**
- **Omnipotent**
- **Wise and All-Knowing**
- **Everywhere and Eternal**
- **Righteous and Reliable**

**Standards – RULES** *(What are the rules?)* God's rules are:

- **Revealed supernaturally, not derived by reason**
- **Universal and apply to everyone, everywhere, all the time**
- **Loving**
- **Enforced**
- **Steadfast**

## Genesis and Christian Ethics

Another reason the question of origins is so important is that Genesis is a cornerstone of the Bible and Christian morality. If Genesis is not reliable, major doctrines of our faith have no foundation. Here is a list I compiled from Ken Ham's The Genesis Record of some biblical doctrines that are based on the book of Genesis being a reliable account:

### Biblical Doctrines Based on Genesis

1. God was "in the beginning" and is eternal (Gen 1:1, 21:33)
2. God is the Creator of the universe and everything (Gen 1)
3. Creation is not ongoing; God completed it (Gen 2:1-2)
4. God created both male and female (Gen 1:27; 5:2)
5. All human beings are descendants of Adam and Eve (Gen 1:28a, 3:20)
6. Man is not an animal; he was set above the animals (Gen 1:26-28, 2:19)
7. We are made in the "image of God" (Gen 1:27, 5:1) and we have a soul (Gen 2:7)
8. There is good, and there is evil (Gen 2:16-17, 3:5, 22)
9. God is holy and righteous
10. The original world was a paradise; "very good" (Gen 1:31)
11. Humans were originally sinless
12. Humans originally walked with God (Gen 3:8) and had a much closer and more direct relationship with the Creator.
13. God works in human affairs and has from the beginning.
14. God sets laws that we are to obey (e.g. Gen 26:5)
15. God sees all of our sins and has done so from the beginning (Gen 3:11, 4:10, 6:5, etc.)
16. The circumstances of the first sinful act of man (the test and temptation of "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil") are explained in Genesis
17. The sin of our original parents, Adam and Eve, is the reason why all humans are born sinful; the sin nature is passed from generation to generation
18. Sin separated man from God (Gen 3:24)
19. God punishes sin (Gen 3:14-19, 4:11-12, 6:5-7, etc.)
20. Man's sin and God's curse began the corruption and decay of paradise (Gen 3:17, 22-23). The Fall and God's curse are ultimate reasons why our world today is imperfect - filled with problems, suffering, and evils, both physical and moral.
21. Death came through sin (Gen 3:19 - see also Rom 5:12)
22. The origin of God's plan to save man
23. Woman is of the man (Gen 2:22-23)
24. Woman is for the man (Gen 2:18)
25. "Leave father and mother..." (Gen 2:24)
26. United husband and wife "become one flesh" (Gen 2:24)
27. Male headship in the normal marriage relationship (Gen 3:16)
28. Sinfulness of homosexuality and other sexual perversions (e.g. Gen 18:20, 19:4-6, 13)
29. Origin of the "chosen people" - Abraham and his descendants (Gen 12:1, etc.)