

## In The Beginning

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On an internet message board, one religious group (the Mormons), grew tired of having to defend the book its false prophet wrote and hurled a challenge against the Bible. That group was having difficulty coming up with anything verifiable anywhere in the Book of Mormon and thought there would be a similar problem with the Bible. In demanding something verifiable from the Bible, they were hoping to be able to take the heat off their man-written book. "Where is the first verifiable part of the Bible?" they asked.

The answer is - the very first words! "In the beginning..." (Gen.1:1) was written by Moses about 3500 years ago and those words are verifiable. The creation, the universe in which we live, had a beginning.

**In the beginning**, God created the heavens and the earth (Gen.1:1).

This says that the universe, that matter, is NOT eternal, but the material world we see had a beginning. A scientist named Patrick Hurley wrote, "We have learned that the naturally occurring radioactive elements are constantly decreasing in abundance, and this phenomenon forces upon us a new realization. It demands a creation of these elements.... The elements of the world we live in definitely were not in existence forever...." <sup>1</sup>

In the beginning....

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics also says that the universe, the cosmos, is running down, growing old. This points back to a time when it was younger and before that, a beginning. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics states that in any closed system, things move toward a condition of disorder. The sun is an example. Matter produces energy and light and much is dissipated and cannot be recovered. Yellow stars grow old and become red stars. The universe is running down, growing old, and will not go on forever.

Isa.51:6 says that the earth will wear out like a garment, agreeing with the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics.

Gen.1 also sharply divides the truth from several errors. In the beginning, **GOD** created the heavens and the earth. It says that life (God) gave rise to life, agreeing with the Law of Biogenesis, proven by Redi and Pasteur. Godless evolution says that non-life gave rise to life, contradicting all that we see and know - life coming from life.

Gen.1:1 stands against atheism and agnosticism - In the beginning, **GOD** created the heavens and the earth.

It stands against polytheism (many gods) - In the beginning **GOD** (singular) created the heavens and the earth. The Greeks, for example, had a god for all the rivers, a god for love and a god for marriage and a god for the sun and a god for the moon and a king of gods and scores of other deities. The Bible says, "In the beginning, GOD...."

Gen.1:1 stands against pantheism, the idea that everything is god. In the beginning, **God CREATED** the heavens and the earth. The Creator is distinct from His creation.

Isn't that passage simply amazing? A few words written about 3500 years ago, still stand against evolution, against atheism, against agnosticism, and against polytheism. And, those few words agree with science - the 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics and the Law of Biogenesis:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

<sup>1</sup> Hurley, Patrick M., How Old Is the Earth?, Doubleday and Company, Inc., Garden City, N.Y., 1959, p.12