

## New Testament References to Genesis 1-11

(Christianity is in Root in Observable History)

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The Bible is the only religious book to address the great importance, and the great value of Man. It holds that Man is a personal being created by a Personal Creator –God. It also teaches about the *nobility* of man, and the *cruelty* of man. It is quite important to assert that the Bible points out something of man’s needs for *morals* also.

In the past century, there has been an assault on Western Culture, Christianity, and the principle institutions that have given Western Civilization its liberty, and equality. This mindless attack is from those who hold to the views of evolution and atheism. They vociferously contend that they want to get rid of the Bible, and eradicate the last vestiges of Christian ethics and morality in the West and around the world. Among those who hold this contemptuous attitude are atheists: Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris, just to name a few.

They, however, reject very forcefully the United States Declaration of Independence that “all men are created equal.” Thomas Jefferson called the proposition “self-evident.” Jefferson went on to write: “We are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights.” This is what is historically distinctive about Western civilization from other civilizations, and other religions.

The belief in evolution and an *impersonal beginning* to the universe, with no God, has become more entrenched in academic circles and schools as, supposedly, a scientific fact. To accept this as fact is to, therefore, reject and replace the account of the Genesis record of creation.

Now, by accepting evolution, any impersonal beginning of creation, one must conclude that this world was created from energy particles and nothing else. And this leads one to believe in the nothingness of life, and to believe that life has no meaning and purpose.

The Bible declares, that the world was created by a personal Creator—God, and that Man was also created by Him with a personal beginning. Therefore, man is a personal being, and life has meaning and purpose! This is precisely the position of the Christian worldview. This is the *difference* between the Christian worldview and the non-Christian worldview.

Whenever the Biblical account of creation in the Genesis record is dismissed or rejected, then, man *disappears* and is *devalued* as man, and animals and the environment are elevated. The idea of the value and equal worth of every human being is largely rooted in the creation account in Genesis 1:1-31.

Part of the first eleven chapters in the Genesis creation account are quoted frequently in the New Testament by Christ Himself, and the apostles, as how foundational the creation account apparently is. Walt Brown asked, “What happens to their credibility if these early chapters are incorrect? Listed below are 68 direct references in the New Testament that allude to these foundational chapters in Genesis. A student of Scripture cannot fail to realize that the New Testament writers believed in the events described in the early chapters of Genesis.

Walter Brown observed:

- A. Every New Testament writer refers to the early chapters of Genesis (Genesis 1-11).
- B. Jesus Christ referred to each of the first seven chapters of Genesis.
- C. All the New Testament books except Galatians, Philippians, I and II Thessalonians, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and II and III John have references to Genesis 1-11.
- D. Every chapter in Genesis 1-11, except chapter 8, is directly referred to somewhere in the New Testament.
- E. Every New Testament writer apparently accepted these early chapters of Genesis as historically accurate.”<sup>1</sup>

Reference	Topic	Genesis Reference
1. Matthew 19:4	Created male and female	1:27, 5:2
2. Matt. 19: 5-6	Cleave to his wife; become one flesh	2:24
3. Matt. 23:35	Righteous Abel	4:4
4. Matt. 24:37-39	Noah and the flood	6:1-22, 7:1-24, 8:1-22
5. Mark 10:6	Created male and female	1:27, 5:2
6. Mark 10:7-9	Cleave to his wife, become one flesh	2:4
7. Mark 13:19	Since the beginning of the creation which God created	1:1, 2:4
8. Luke 3:34-36	Genealogies: Abraham to Shem	11:10-26
9. Luke 3:36-38	Genealogies: Noah to Adam to God	5:3-29
10. Luke 11:51	Blood of Abel	4:8-11
11. Luke 17:27	The flood came and destroyed them all	7:10-23
12. John 1:1-3	In the beginning	1:1
13. John 8:44	Father of lies (Satan)	3:4-5
14. Acts 14:15	Who made the heaven and the earth	2:1
15. Acts 17:24	God made all things	1:1-31
16. Romans 1:20	The creation of the world	1:31, 2:4
17. Romans 4:17	God can create out of nothing	1:1-31
18. Romans 5:12	Death entered the world by sin	2:16-17, 3:19
19. Romans 5:14-19	Death reigned from Adam	2:17
20. Romans 8:20-22	Creation corrupted	3:17-18
21. 1 Corinthians 6:16	Two will become one flesh	2:24
22. 1 Cor. 11:3	Head of the woman	3:16
23. 1 Cor. 11:7	In the image of God	1:27, 5:1
24. 1 Cor. 11:18	Woman from man	2:22-23
25. 1 Cor. 11:9	Woman for the man	2:18
26. 1 Cor. 15:21-22	By a man came death	2:16-17, 3:19
27. 1 Cor. 15:38-39	To each ... seeds of its own (kind)	1:11, 1:21, 1:24

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<sup>1</sup>Walt Brown, *In The Beginning, Compelling Evidence For Creation And The Flood*, Center for Science Creation, Seventh Ed., 2001. (Phoenix, AZ.), p. 283.

28. 1 Cor. 15:45	Adam became a living being	2:7
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29. 1 Cor. 15:47	Man from the earth	3:23
30. 2 Cor. 4:6	Light out of darkness	1:3-5
31. 2 Cor. 11:3	Serpent deceived Eve	3:1-6, 3:13
32. Ephesians 3:9	Created all things	1:1-31, 2:1-3
33. Ephesians 5:30-31	Cleave to his wife, become one flesh	2:4
34. Colossians 1:16	All things created by Him	1:1-31, 2:1-3
35. Colossians 3:10	Created in His image	1:27
36. 1 Timothy 2:13-14	Adam was created first	2:18-23
37. 1 Timothy 2:14	Woman was deceived	3:1-6, 3:13
38. 1 Timothy 4:4	Everything created by God is good	1:10-31
39. Hebrews 1:10	In the beginning God made heaven & earth	1:1
40. Heb. 2:7-8	All things in subjection under man	1:26-30, 9:2-3
41. Heb. 4:3	Works were finished	2:1
42. Heb. 4:4	Rest on the seventh day	2:2-3
43. Heb. 4:10	Rest from His works	2:2-3
44. Heb. 11:3	Creation of the universe	1:1
45. Heb. 11:4	Abel offered a better sacrifice	4:3-5
46. Heb. 11:5	Enoch taken up	5:21-24
47. Heb. 11:7	Noah's household saved	7:1
48. Heb. 12:48	Blood of Abel	4:10
49. James 3:9	Men in the likeness of God	1:17, 5:1
50. 1 Peter 3:20	Construction of the Ark, eight saved	6:14-16, 7:13
51. 2 Peter 2:5	A flood upon the ungodly, eight saved	6:8-12, 7:1-24
52. 2 Pet. 3:4-5	Earth formed out of water and by water	1:6-7
53. 2 Pet. 3:6	The world destroyed by water	7:17-24
54. 1 John 3:8	Devil sinned from the beginning	3:14
55. 1 John 3:12	Cain slew his brother	4:8, 4:25
56. Jude 11	The way of Cain	4:8, 4:16, 4:25
57. Jude 14	Enoch, the seventh generation from Adam	5:3-24
58. Revelation 2:7	Tree of life	2:9
59. Rev. 3:14	Beginning of the Creation of God	1:1-31, 2:1-4
60. Rev. 4:11	Created all things	1:1-31, 2:1-3
61. Rev. 10:6	Who created heaven . . . and the earth	1:1, 2:1
62. Rev. 14:7	Who made the heaven and the earth	1:1, 2:1, 2:4
63. Rev. 20:2	The serpent of old, who is the devil	3:1, 3:14
64. Rev. 21:1	First heaven and first earth	2:1
65. Rev. 21:4	No more death, sorrow, crying or pain	3:17-19
66. Rev. 22:2	Fruit of the tree of life	3:22
67. Rev. 22:3	No more curse	3:14-19
68. Rev. 22:14	The tree of life	2:9

(Quoted from: *In The Beginning*, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Dr. Walt Brown, Ph.D., pp. 283-284).

## Summary:

Christ and the apostles treated the first 11 chapters of Genesis as history, and this history also includes the history of the creation of the universe and of Adam and Eve, by a personal Creator. It is difficult, however, to get away from how Christ and the apostles treated the Genesis record as fact.

In 1 John 3:12 Cain is taken as a historical character, and in Hebrews 11, Abel, Enoch, and Noah are placed as parallel to Abraham, and all that followed in the flow of human history.

We have, therefore, a strong testimony to the unity of the Genesis account and the history of Adam and Eve. These bear the weight of the authority of Christ, Luke, Paul, Peter, and John, in their validation of sacred Scriptures.

Peter wrote: “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). The apostle asserts that Christianity is not a fictitious story. It is not a myth, nor is it a falsehood. Rather, Christianity is an *observation*. Christianity is observable history, a history of the unfolding of the infinite personal-living God working out His detailed plan to redeem mankind in Jesus Christ.