

Foundations 02

Before the beginning

Eternity past

In the beginning God... (Genesis 1:1)

Introduction

Scotts Commentary on the whole Bible.

*...The inspired historian opens his narration, and, in most sublime abruptness, breaks forth, “**In the beginning**” as if he had said, This, ‘O man, is enough for thee to know; here stop thy presumptuous enquiry; call back thy intruding thoughts from things too high for thee, and learn to adore thy Creator.’*

The author of Geneses, makes no attempt to explain or justify the existing of God or how The Beginning... began.

You are expected to accept that there is a God and that there was a beginning to all things.

But the Bible latter does give s a few glimpses at what was...

“Before time”, if we can use that term.

So let us not so much indulge our “presumptuous enquiry,” but lay the first of our foundations.

Before time - was God and his thoughts.

Before time..

There was a time... when there was, no time.

Well there wasn't obviously

There can not have been a TIME when there was no time.

But I think you get what I mean.

There was a time... when there was no time.

We do not really have the vocabulary for this.

But before there was time... there was something... that was... but was not in, or governed by time.

It was Eternity Past.

There will be an Eternity Future

But for now there is TIME.

Day by day...

We are - at the moment - creatures of time. We have never known a time when we were not - moving through time.

Part present and future are as much part of where we are as is the room you are sitting in now.

We can not really think of a day that did not have an other day before it.

9-11 is a day powerfully etched into our memories - but there was a day before that.

There was a day before the **Fire of London** - Saturday the 1st September 1666, there was not fire burning London down.

Even the first day of the Ark of Noah's day, had a day before it, if it had many many thousands of days before it.

But there was a day that had no days before it.

There was a first day.

By the way, there will also be a last day...

At least a least day of this universe.

We do not know then that will be... it could be today, but there will come a DAY when God will call time.

"But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10 (KJV)

So we are used to there being a time...

And a time before this time.

But at one time... there was not time before that.

There was eternity past.

Stuff happened there.

It may even have happened chronologically

But it was not part of time...

Or at least not part of this time.

This universe of time and space.

When the Bible says...

"In the beginning..." (Genesis 1:1)

This was really THE beginning.

Not A beginning.

But before this...

If you can use that term

There was God.

God was

God was before time.

The Godhead existed as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

“Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, **You are God.**” Psalm 90:2

From everlasting - eternity past

To everlasting - eternity future

God... was God.

In this passage, Jesus - is called by one of His titles “the Word,”

And we are told that He, (The Word) was with God

And was God

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and **without Him nothing was made that was made.**” (John 1:1-3)

He was a part of the Godhead or the Trinity.

Jesus has or is an “eternal spirit.”

“how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered Himself without spot to God”
(Hebrews 9:14)

Immortal has a beginning, but no ending.

Eternal has neither beginning or end.

Jesus is eternal.

Before creation, God the Father loved God the Son.

“for **You loved Me before the foundation of the world.**” (John 17:24)

Among the Godhead, there was a loving and intimate relationship.

Before creation, the Father and the Son shared glory.

“And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with **the glory which I had with You before the world was.**”
(John 17:5)

Looking for the carpenter inside the box

If I gave you a box

a beautiful wooden box, ornate, well made, inlaid with exotic woods and exquisite joinery.

You can look all you like, but you will not find the carpenter or the cabinet-maker inside the box.

You can know a lot about him.

He is careful,

Artistic
Skilled
creative

But he is not in the box.

We often do God a dis-service by expecting him to be bound by the box.

But God is not bound by the universe of time and space.

Who created God?

If you are asking questions like “Who created God?” You have a profound misunderstanding of...

God - He is not bound by time therefore to ask about his beginning is to talk about Him as a creature of time.

Time - Time is not all encompassing it is limited and has boundaries outside of which are non time bounded things.

Eternity - Eternity is not lots and lots of TIME... followed by more time.

To try to speed about God origins is to try to...

Examine a microbe on the moon with a microscope on the earth.

The are just so far apart that they have no concept of the other.

Scotts Commentary on the whole Bible.

*The Scriptures, in perfect harmony with the conclusions. of our reason when soberly exercised, declare that God is “from everlasting to everlasting.” **All else had a beginning.***

The Discussion before creation, before time.

So far we have really just talked about stuff.

Before the creation there was God

So what.

But there was a momentous discussion or council within the Godhead before ever there was a creation.

Before the Earth was

Before any people were

Before you were

Before Creation God know mankind would sin and would need a redeemer.

Before creation, God's creative plan included the cross.

“Him, [Jesus] being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;” (Acts 2:23)

This is in some ways one of, if not, The, more powerful verses not only in the Bible but in all writings in any language and at any time in history.

God made a decision that one of the trinity of the God Head would be **“taken by lawless hands”** and **killed on a cross!**

In eternity past,

“before the foundation of the world,”

It was decided that...

by the blood of Christ, we should be saved.

Talking of our redemption, Peter says that we are redeemed...

“... with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 **He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you” (1 Peter 1:19&20)

The Godhead planned, foreordained, that Jesus would shed his blood for us to save us.

John speaks of Jesus as...

“the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”
(Revelation 13:8)

Jesus was not killed before the creation.

He was killed about 2,000 years ago,

But the decision was made before the creation

It was a firm decision, he was slain before creation.

For you

Knowing how much it would cost him

For you

Jesus was prepared to die, before any of you were created.

Before creation, God promised the Son the elect for eternal life.

“in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, **promised before time began,**” (Titus 1:2)

No one was around “before time began”, except the Trinity. Therefore, this is best understood as a promise from God the Father to God the Son.

Before creation, God chose the saints for salvation.

“Just as He **chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, **having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the good pleasure of His will,” (Ephesians 1:4&5)

Before time we were chosen

Before time we were predestined for become sons of God

And this was, *“according to the good pleasure of His will,”*

Before, time began.

“who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus **before time began**,” (2 Timothy 1:9)

Before creation, the saint’s names were written in the Book of Life (as apposed to those whose names were not, as shown in the following verses).

God in not taken by surprise.

God knows who is on his list... and has know is before ever he created a single atom.

“And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, **whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world,**” (Revelation 17:8)

“All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**” (Revelation 13:8)

God of the details.

The Birth Of Jesus in Bethlehem was planned before he earth was made.

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (Micah 5:2)

Before creation (or during?), God prepared a kingdom for the Saints.

“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit **the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**” (Matthew 25:34)

Before creation, God planned secrets to be revealed to His creation by Him personally on the earth as the Christ and through His church.

Jesus stated “I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things **kept secret from the foundation of the world.**” (Matthew 13:35)

Paul says his preaching

The preaching of the gospel is the revealing of mysteries from before creation.

“Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of **the mystery kept secret since the world began**” (Romans 16:25)

“and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, **II according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord**”. (Ephesians 3:9-11)

The out working

All of this planing loving promising saw its outworking around 2,000 years ago when Jesus paid the price for your and my sin, so that we could be forgiven and become part of God’s family.

You might ask, could God not have just made people so they would not sin.

Maybe.

But maybe that was not possible and still have us... real people not automatons.

What we know is that God is all righteous and can not sin, so what He did was Perfect and right, but we will leave that as read for now and we can not go into that at this time.

Conclusion

So what?

9 out of 10 young people in the UK feel their life is meaningless and purposeless.

How sad it is, that evolutionist, humanist, God haters have hidden from them the truth that they are loved by God and made for Him and His pleasure.

Before the Earth was, he knew their names and loved them.

And planned for them.

Knew he would have to die to them to live, but still went ahead with the plan.