

NOTHING INTO SOMETHING

Genesis 1:1-5

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: What is your first memory? How far back in your life can you remember? What happened before the things you do remember? What if the universe could actually speak, what would it say? It does, however, reveal things and the first thing it reveals is God. God the Creator for all that is is God's handiwork.

I. GOD IS BEFORE ANYTHING

1. *"...In (the) beginning, God..."*
 - Before any human mind could comprehend - God was there.
 - Before anything known to exist - God was there.
 - Before any "Big Bang" theories or any human ideas, God was there.
2. God is the foundation of all:
 - God is before all.
 - God is above all.
 - God is beyond all.
 - God is over all.
3. God being who He is is why idolatry is such a heinous sin because it puts the created thing above God who created everything.

II. GOD IS THE ONE WHO CREATED ALL

1. At the right time, God was there to create.
 - God is the supreme creator.
 - Anything that exists does so because God brought it into being.
2. HOW God created is not important.
 - Was it in days of 24 hours each?
 - Was it in aeons?
 - What is important is that God is at the center, the foundation of all creation.
 - To argue about HOW God did it is to argue about non-essential
3. What is important is that creation is God's and that WE are part of it.
 - God has caused US to be a part of His continuing creative work.
 - Ever hold a tiny baby in your arms/hands?
 - Were you amazed and in awe at the workmanship you were holding?
 - When thinking about how God is continuing to create and is allowing US to be a part of it should cause one to rejoice and marvel in being allowed to be a part of God's plan.

III. GOD HAS PURPOSE IN HIS CREATIVENESS

1. Puny, weak-minded people argue that the universe is some sort of accident but the words of Genesis ring true to those who have ears of faith.
 - Creation has a divine purpose.
 - God has a reason in all that He creates.

God accomplishes His own purpose in creation:

- from nothing - into something!
- from formless - into structure!
- from darkness - into light!

2. This is God's way of creating:

- taking what seems like nothing and transforms it into an incredible something.
- what was once "***once without form and void***" has become the miraculous universe in which we live.

CONCLUSION:

1. Through Jesus Christ God has worked another creative process.

- He has transformed lost, worthless, sinful people into His children.
 - sinners into saints
 - lost into found
 - nothing into something.

2. "***...In (the) beginning - GOD!***"

3. There is nothing anybody can add to or take away from or even explain how God did it, but He DID!