

# Hard Things Made Simple

## Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”

1. “In the beginning:”
  - a. At the very first \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. No physical existence \_\_\_\_\_ previously
  - c. At the very first time that can be \_\_\_\_\_ by a human being not living an eternal existence.
2. “**God Created**”:
  - a. God brought \_\_\_\_\_ existence, what previously did \_\_\_\_\_ exist
  - b. God designed, engineered, decorated, placed, and interlinked \_\_\_\_\_ we have ever discovered about our world, and so much more.
3. “The Heavens”:
  - a. Everything \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth
    - Atmosphere
    - Space
    - Paradise and Hades
    - Universe
4. “The earth”:
  - a. Everything \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth, \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth, and the Earth itself that is not \_\_\_\_\_
    - Dirt and all the minerals in all their forms
    - Water
    - Air
5. “The Heavens and the Earth”:
  - a. Everything that \_\_\_\_\_ the two together
    - time, distance, sound
    - gravity and other natural laws
    - laws of physics, chemistry, and biology

**Simple Message:** God is the creator of \_\_\_\_\_, he created it out of His own resources and power, and under His own authority.

**Truths that we learn from this passage:**

1. God is the only \_\_\_\_\_ of the creation process
  - a. God does not lie (Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2)
  - b. God is all knowing (I John 3:20)

Therefore, our “beginning” happened just as \_\_\_\_\_ described it in the Bible.  
Therefore, our understanding of the Biblical text is our first and foremost priority.  
Therefore, science/philosophy/myth must conform to \_\_\_\_\_, not vice versa.

**Controversies Cleared:** Evolution / Age of the Earth, Proper conservationism,  
Climate Change, Over population

2. God sets all the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.
  - a. Right and Wrong
  - b. Penalties and Reward
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness and salvation
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ of His followers

Therefore, there \_\_\_\_ absolute right and wrong.  
Therefore, heaven and hell are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Therefore, the gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ news because it saves us from hell

**Controversies Cleared:** Heaven and hell are real places  
Eternal reward and punishment are real things  
Opportunities for forgiveness end at your Earthly death  
Abortion / Homosexuality / Euthanasia and Suicide

**Application:**

1. When discussing or pondering any of these issues (related issues), use the Bible as the \_\_\_\_\_ for all other ideas, proposals, and/or teaching.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ take source material outside of the Bible and filter the Bible through it.
3. IF you have an eye witness, whose \_\_\_\_\_ lied or been wrong, has the power to crush his enemies but doesn't, is \_\_\_\_\_, and communicates clearly – \_\_\_\_\_ HIM.