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God and Man

"In the beginning God created..."

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning..."

John 1:1-2

"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."

Hebrews 11:1-3

Human beings were created to be curious. We want to know about stuff, and that curiosity often drives us to discover things or to drive ourselves a little crazy trying to. Of course we are not all curious about the same things are we?

I enjoy playing golf. I enjoy golf, even though I understand almost nothing about it. I am always amazed by what can happen to a golf ball after I hit it, if I hit it. I am not, however, curious about golf to spend years trying to understand it. Some people are.

Others are curious about other things and their curiosity drives them to try to find the answers. What are you curious about? Does your curiosity drive you to try to learn the answers?

A lot of people have been and continue to be curious about God? Who is God? Where did God come from? How did God create the universe? When did God create the universe? Most of us would love to know the answers to all our questions about God, but we never will. There are, however, a lot of things we can know about God because he shows them to us through his Son, and through his Holy Spirit-inspired Word.

God's Word begins with a simple statement of fact. *"In the beginning God created..."* This statement gives us a lot of information about God and also fuels lots of questions about God, doesn't it? This statement tells us that God existed before the beginning of the story and this statement tells us that God has the power to create. This statement does not tell us where God comes from or who or what he is and this statement does not tell us how he creates. And so we are curious.

There is a rule that I think we must apply here. It isn't a Biblical rule, but it is a true rule, at least in my experience. So, here's my rule. Human beings like to know the answers and if we are not given the answers we will fill in the missing information with what we do have and make up the rest.

So, when early man looked to the horizon he wondered what was on the other side. That curiosity sent him on a quest to find out what was on the other side which we are still pursuing today. As mankind pursued that quest he filled in the missing knowledge with his own answers. Since he couldn't see what was over there, there must not be anything over there. His world ended at the horizon and was therefore flat.

When we read that first line in the Bible; *"In the beginning God created..."*; our curiosity is aroused and we set out on our natural human quest to discover the answers; to learn the truth. God created... How did God create? How long did it take him? Is a day a day? What about dinosaurs?

And, since God does not supply us with all of the information we long to have, we fill in the empty spaces with our own stuff. Since God does not tell us where he came from and who or what he is we make up our own answers. He is an alien life form. He is from another dimension.

God created... Since God does not tell us how he created we fill in the empty spaces with our own answers. Each of the six days of creation are millions of years long. It all started with a big bang. And so on and so on and so on.

But, what can we know about God? First, God was there at the beginning. And second, God was powerful enough to create what we see from nothing. Those are the two things we can know. Now, do you choose to believe those two truths or do you choose to deny them? Do you believe that God was there in the beginning? Do you believe that he is and is powerful enough to create? Do you believe?

