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How LIFE Began with GOD

The one true God has always existed in three Persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit

- *God was and is eternally alive.*
- *God created all things and gave the breath of life to every living thing.*
- *God holds all creation together.*
- *God created humans in His spiritual image to be His beloved "children".*

Genesis 1

God created the heavens and the earth and everything on the earth.

Genesis 1:26a, 27

Then God said, "Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves." So God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:7

The LORD God formed a man's body from the dust of the ground and breathed into it the breath of life. And the man became a living person.

How LIFE Began *without GOD*

Humans who do not believe in God think up their own theories of how life began:

- *Life has always existed.*
- *Life is a "mind" that reincarnates itself into its next body, after death.*
- *Life is an illusion.*
- *Life resulted from a "Big Bang".*
- *Life started from one cell that came alive by itself and evolved over billions of years into every form of plant and animal that exists today.*

Darwin's Theory of Evolution states that humans evolved from apes. Instead of being children of God, humans are children of apes. It is no wonder that holocausts, genocides, and other human atrocities have been traced back to this godless theory that devalues human life.

Colossians 2:8

Don't let anyone lead you astray with empty philosophy and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the evil powers of this world, and not from Christ.

TRUTH with GOD

All truth is from God. Humans could never know the truth about where they came from, what their purpose on earth is, nor what will happen to them after they die, if God had not revealed those facts in His book, the Bible.

God reveals truth to humans through:

- *His written truth, the Bible*
- *His creation and nature*
- *Jesus Christ, truth in human form*
- *Instinctive knowledge of His existence placed into every human heart*

Psalm 119:160

All your words are true; all your just laws will stand forever.

John 14:6

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Romans 1:19

The truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts.

TRUTH *without* GOD

When humans reject God, their minds become dark and confused. Instead of believing God's absolute truth, they believe that truth differs, depending on the situation and a person's own beliefs. Without God's truth, humans are easily deceived by:

- *lies, brain-washing*
- *deceptive philosophies*
- *superstitions, myths*
- *erroneous theories*
- *false religions*

Romans 1:20

From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.

Romans 1:21

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. The result was that their minds became dark and confused.

LOVE with GOD

Qualities of God's divine love for humans:

- *ETERNAL, FAITHFUL: God always loved us, even before we were born.*
- *UNCONDITIONAL: When humans sinned against Him and rejected Him, God did not stop loving us.*
- *SACRIFICIAL: God sacrificed His only Son Jesus for mankind's sins, so that the death penalty required for sins would be paid for us.*
- *SELFLESS: Jesus chose to die for us.*

Ephesians 1:4

Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

1 John 4:10

This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Romans 5:8

God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

LOVE *without* GOD

Qualities of worldly love are:

- *NOT LASTING, UNFAITHFUL*
- *CONDITIONAL*
- *CHANGEABLE, FICKLE*
- *SELFISH, SELF-SERVING*
- *LUSTFUL*

I John 2:15...17

Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you. The world offers only the lust for physical pleasure, the lust for everything we see, and pride in our possessions. These are not from the Father. They are from this evil world. And this world is fading away, along with everything it craves. But if you do the will of God, you will live forever.

John 12:25a

Those who love their life in this world will lose it.

I John 3:18, 19a

Let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions. It is by our actions that we know we are living in the truth.

MEANING of LIFE with GOD

The meaning and fulfillment of human life is found in knowing and loving God.

- *God created humans with an empty place in the center of their heart for Himself to live in, so He can always be with us.*
- *When we invite Jesus into our heart to be our Savior, God comes to live in us and becomes our constant inner friend who will always be available to talk with us and help us.*
- *The joy of living comes from God's constant presence with us to protect, guide, comfort and talk with us.*

Psalm 27:8

My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "LORD, I am coming."

Psalm 16:11

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

MEANING of LIFE *without GOD*

Without God, humans search for meaning in vain. That empty place in their heart cannot be filled with anyone or anything besides God Himself.

- *King Solomon searched for the meaning of life by working hard and achieving the height of wealth, fame, pleasure, honor, and power available in this world. But nothing satisfied him. In the end, he discovered that all of these things are meaningless in themselves without God.*

Ecclesiastes 1:2-4, 8

Everything is meaningless, utterly meaningless! What do people get for all their hard work? Generations come and go, but nothing really changes. Everything is so weary and tiresome! No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content.

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honor him in your youth before you grow old and no longer enjoy living.

ETERNITY with GOD

Everyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior is God's child. Their eternal home is with their Father God in heaven.

- *God has prepared a place in heaven for His children.*
- *God has also prepared a new heavenly body for their spirit and soul to live in forever.*

John 11:25b, 26a

Jesus said: Those who believe in me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again. They are given eternal life for believing in me and will never perish.

I Corinthians 2:9b

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.

Revelation 21:4

God will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever.

ETERNITY *without GOD*

Humans are eternal spirits who will live forever with God in heaven or without God in hell.

- *Hell is the eternal home of those who lived and died without receiving Jesus as their Savior from their sins.*
- *Hell is a real place where unbelievers perish in outer darkness, forever separated from God and from everyone and everything they love.*
- *Multitudes are perishing in hell, just because they never received the free gift of eternal life in heaven from Jesus who died to pay for their sins.*

Romans 6:23

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

I John 5:12, 13

Whoever has God's Son has life; whoever does not have his Son does not have life. I write this to you who believe in the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

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Patsy Oda invited Jesus Christ into her heart as Savior when she was eight years old. Miraculously, she became aware of God as her Heavenly Father and heaven as her eternal home.

But the religion of her Japanese ancestry, culture and family was Buddhism, which does not believe in God or in Heaven. Her family could not understand the invisible reality in her heart. But she could not deny the God who had become so real and precious to her.

Opposition to her faith challenged her to examine both Buddhism and Christianity for over 50 years. Part of God's plan and purpose for her life was to write what she learned about the eternal differences between Buddhism and Christianity. Her autobiography *Heart's Desire* tells about her life with God.