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## In the Beginning

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The question of origins has been a challenge to great thinkers for thousands of years. Where did we come from? How did it “all” begin? Where is the evidence? What proof do we have that the conclusions we hold are really true? Is there a Creator God, a Supreme Being, Who stands outside time and space and holds the entire physical realm in His hand? Or, is “God” a myth, a legendary creature conjured up in the minds of those who give “God” as the answer to the questions they can answer no other way?

The journey begins by examining the claims and then using the best sources available to determine whether or not the claims stand up.

For instance, Jews and Christians claim, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). Christians take it a step further by introducing the Jewish Messiah in this manner, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word *was* God” (John 1:1 – emphasis mine). The claim continues that this “Word” (God) not only existed “in the beginning” but that He preexisted creation and was the Creator of all that exists.

Claims now. No proof...yet.

But what if the Jews and Christians are correct? What if “In the beginning *God*...”? What difference does it make in the way we live today? How does it affect our lives and relationships? How does it impact our families? Our careers? The way we make laws? Our knowledge of God Himself?

Stay tuned.

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