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**Stress Relief
“God Is”
Genesis 1:1**

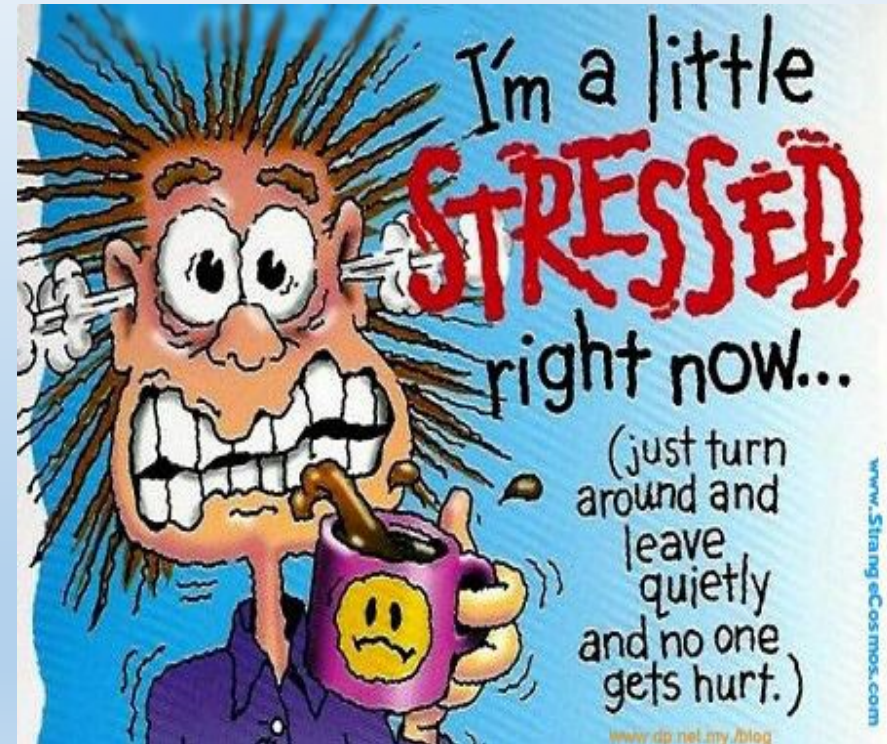
Stress

- Silent, Un-Silent
- Still, Un-Still
- Small, Un-Small
...Killer

It Kills Relationships:

- Family
- Work
- Church

...it Kills YOU!



Stress

The World has Many Ways of Dealing with Stress...

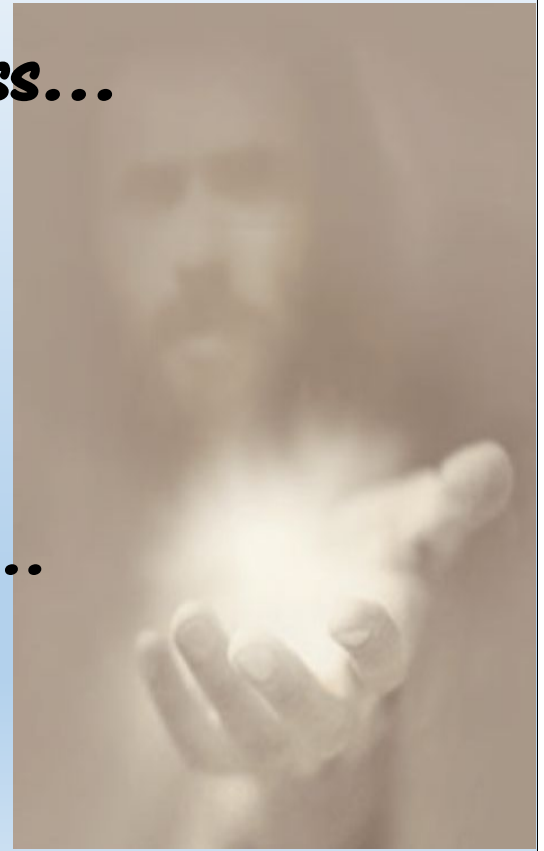
•But the Greatest is Not of this World!

- **Easy to Find** - *He's Act looking for you*
- **Easy to Incorporate** - *He wants to be involved*
- **Easy to Implement** - *let Go! -turn it over to Him*

You will find Him between the Covers of the Bible...

...God wastes no time...

Gen 1:1

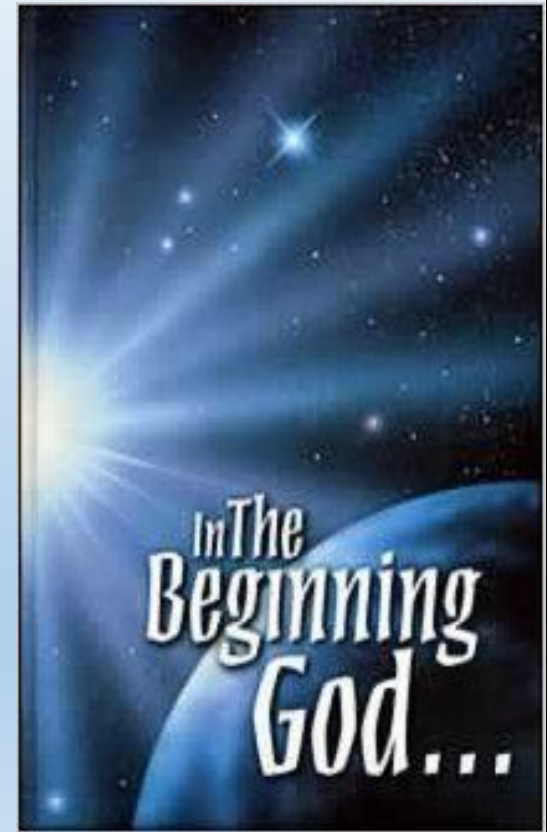


Our God Presented...

...Recognize Him

In the Beginning, God

- **The Fact of God is Never Explained in the Bible.**
- **The Existence of God is Never Argued in the Bible.**
- **The Bible Does Not Try To Teach Against Atheism.**
- **The Bible gives only One Half Of One Verse To Atheism,**
"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."
- **God is Simply Presented.**
- **God therefore Must Be Accepted by faith.**



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The Finite Can Never Prove the Infinite

- **Job 33:4**, *"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?"*
- **Psalm 14:1**, *"The fool hath said in his heart there is no God."*
- **Fool -Nabal= moral perversity. The fool says in his heart, No God.**
- **It is not that he Cannot Believe, he Chooses Not To Believe.**

God's Word Calls Them Fools

- **Romans 1:22**, *"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools"*
- **Romans 1:28**, *"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind."*

Stress Relief

#1- God Is

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Our God Is Powerful...

...Respect Him

"In the beginning God," did what? He created

- Only God has Mighty creative power.
- Create=*bara*, means making something out of nothing.

Men can take things that are in existence and rearrange them, but...

...only God can make something out of nothing.

Romans 4:17, *"Even God, who quickeneth the dead," who quickeneth the dead—that means, who brings the dead to life—"and calleth those things which be not as though they were."*

- Plain English, God raises the dead and creates.
- What an incredible power is demonstrated.
- What a mighty God who created it all.

There are no laws of nature. They're the laws of God that nature must obey.

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GENESIS 1:1

- **Isaiah 40:12 (HCSB)**

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand or marked off the heavens with the span of his hand? Who has gathered the dust of the earth in a measure or weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills in the scales?

- **Isaiah 40:12 (NLT)**

¹² Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale?

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#2- God Is Able

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2 Cor 9:8

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work

Our God Is Purposeful...

...Reverence Him

Why did God create the heavens and the earth? 3 Reasons.

#1- God did it for His Pleasure. Rev 4:11, *"Thou art worthy, oh Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou hast created all things and for thy pleasure they are and were created."* God rejoiced in His creation

#2- He created it all for His Praise. Ro 11:36 says, *"For of him and through him and to him are all things to whom be glory forever."* All things have come from Him, all things operate through Him, all things are returning back to Him, then give Him glory, amen?

- Ps 150:6, *"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."*

#3- God did it for His People.

- man needed a home.
- God is next going to create man and God wants man to have a place to dwell.

Ps 84:11, *"For the Lord thy God is a sun and a shield." "The Lord will give grace and glory." I love this next part. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."*

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#3- God Is More Than Enough

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Our God Is Personal...

...Receive Him

God is a...

- **Real Person.** God is spirit, but He is a person....someone with emotion and, intelligence and will.
- **Revealed Person** -"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,"
 - Elohim—El in the Hebrew, it's a compound name.
 - **El**= power, incredible power
 - **Allah**= to keep a covenant, to keep a promise, to keep one's word.
- Elohim is a plural noun= Trinity
- [John 1:1](#), *"In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God and all things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made." He is the Elohim. Jesus is our mighty God*

Our God Is Personal...

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He is a...

- Real Person

- Revealed Person

- Redeeming Person.

- Genesis 1:1 tells of God's wonderful creation, but in
- Genesis 3 Sin came and this first creation
- He made His first creation, rested, but now He's gone back to work.
- And Jesus said, *"My heavenly Father works and I work and I must work the works of him that sent me."*
- 2 Corinthians 5:17, *"Therefore, if any man be in Christ Jesus, He is a new creation,"*

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#1- God Is

#2- God Is Able

#3- God Is More Than Enough

#4- God Is...

- Here

- Now

- Waiting

