

Genesis vs. Cultural/Religious Substitutes

Category	Notes	References
<p>1. Personal Creator vs. Impersonal Force</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4-5</p>	<p>Personal God actually exists. Eternal, all-powerful, All-knowing Sovereign (boss) over everything God uses words to communicate.</p>	<p>Ex 3:14; Gen 18:20-21; Ps 7:11; Rom 8:15-16; Ex 3:14; Ps 139:1-4; Jer 29:11; Is 63:9; Gen 1:3; Gen 2:16-17; Ex 20; John 1:1,14; Joh 15:15; Ps 96:4-5; Acts 17:24-28; Col 1:16-17; Gen 1:28; Idols: Ps 115:3; Is 46:9-10</p>
<p>2. Ordered Creation vs. Illusory or Chaotic Reality</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 5-6</p>	<p>Creation – exists, designed, orderly, good (but fallen), meaningful, humans assigned to manage it</p>	<p>Acts 17:24-26; Is 45:18; Rom 1:20; Col 1:16-17; Heb 11:3; Prov 3:19-20; Job 38:4-7 Ps 8; Ps 19; Ps 104; Gen 8:22</p>
<p>3. Objective Truth vs. Personal Truth</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 7</p>	<p>Truth exists. A statement is either T or F. God is true. The Bible is true.</p>	<p>John 14:6; John 17:17; Num 23:19; John 8:31-32; John 18:38 Ps 119:142, 151, 160 Rom 1:18,25; 2 Thess 2:10-12; Is 5:20, 40:8; Mal 3:6; John 14:6; Rom 3:4; Ps 86:11; 1 John 1:6; Dan 4:36</p>
<p>4. Historical Fall vs. Eternal Evil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 8-9</p>	<p>Evil actually exists. Not eternal. Struggle not eternal God's character is truth and good. Everything diverging from that is evil.</p>	<p>Is 45:5-7; 1 Tim 6:15-16; Jam 1:13-17; Rom 16:20; 1 Cor 15:24-28; Rev 20:10; Rev 21:1-5, 27; Rom 5:12; Is 59:2; Eph 2:1-3</p>

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5. Embodied Identity vs. Fluid or Disembodied Self Page 9	Humans are souls within a physical body. Bodies are designed individually on purpose by God. Our corrupt bodies will be replaced.	Rom 12:1; Job 10:8; Gen 1:27; Gen 2:27; Ps 139:13-16; John 1:14; Luke 24:39; 1 Cor 15:42-49; Phil 3:20-21; Rom 8:23; 1 Cor 6:19-20; 1 Thess 5:23
6. Holy God vs. Morally Mixed Spiritual Powers Page 10	God is holy, separate, distinct, pure goodness with no darkness at all. He is transforming people into holy ones.	Is 6:3; 1 John 1:5; Ps 92:15; Deut 32:4; Ps 5:4; Gen 18:25; James 1:13; Heb 6:18; Num 23:19; Mark 10:18; Ps 145:17; Gen 6:9; Hab 1:13
7. Redemption by God vs. Self-Salvation Page 10-11	Entire person to be redeemed – body, soul, and spirit. Unmerited grace and mercy.	Rom 3:10-12, 23; Eph 2:8-9; Jer 17:9; Acts 16:30-31; Col 2:8; Gen 3:15; Gen 12:1-3; Is 53
8. Linear History vs. Cyclical or Reset Time Page 11-12	Time was created by God and is directed by Him toward a specific end which He will not fail to achieve.	Is 46:9-10; Rev 1:8, 21:6, 22:13; Heb 1:1-2; 1 Cor 15:24-28; Rev 21:1-5; Rev 20: 10-15; Covenants Gen 12: Gal 4:4; Heb 9:27
9. Death as Enemy vs. Death as Transition Page 12	Death is an abnormality introduced because of sin, and is the last enemy that Jesus has/will conquer.	Genesis; Rom 5:12, 17; 1 Cor 15:26; Heb 2:14-15; Rev 20:14; 21:4; Is 25:8

