

DAILY BIBLE READING 'Plan'

Why the Bible? Why read it 'daily'? What's that all about?

One Christmas when I was a child someone said an astounding thing: the same person lying in the manger helped create the universe! "What?" I thought: "how could that be?!"

As a ten year old, I was a voracious reader. I devoured books on dinosaurs, the geological ages, encyclopedias, anything I could get my hands on. My assumptions mostly were what I now refer to as 'Type 1': the universe was natural, discoverable, consisting of "birds, animals and reptiles, etc." I also had just been exposed to 'science fiction', and so I was beginning to learn what I term 'Type 2' assumptions: stories based on human imagining.

My curiosity about the baby creating the universe took my reading in yet another direction: the Bible. Every night I read more stories. Curiosity quickly gave way to adventure and wonder. That sense of adventure is still with me 65 years later and after 50+ times reading through the Bible.

I have read thousands of books. I have yet to find one that matches the trueness and remarkable-ness of God's book. Now my assumptions are what I refer to as 'Type 3': God is the Creator of everything. I invite you to begin reading. And not just to yourself. Read with others. Read it aloud to others: your children, your friends, your co-workers and employees.



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Ancient Israelite kings were required to write out their own personal copy of the Bible to guide them. King David wrote: "Your testimonies are my meditation. They give me more understanding than my advisors. They make me smarter than my opponents. I can stand as an equal with other kings because of them" (Psalm 119:46, 98-100).

I invite you to read along with me. Share your insights and questions with others on this page.