

MOST OF WHAT I NEED TO KNOW

A recent best seller book “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten” by Robert Fulghum
Well, most of what I need to know about life, I find in Genesis 1-4.

THE UNIVERSE

God created. Gen.1:1 (not by accident)

Complex nature declares the existence of God. Rom.1:20

Mankind created in the image of God, different from all other created things. Gen. 1:26-27

Man is not just an animal. Body, soul, spirit.

What was created is good. Gen.1:10,12,18,21,25,(very good) :31

Man not created sinful, nor born sinful.

MARRIAGE

Woman came from man; man comes from woman. Gen.2:21-23

Man and woman are interdependent. 1Co.11:12

One man and one woman are to be united. Gen 2:24

Sexual perversion is wrong. 1Co.6:9-10

Husband and wife are to cleave and not leave. Gen.2:24

Monogamy, not polygamy, not divorce. Mat.19:4-6

SIN

Don't be deceived. Gen.3:13

Sin is deceitful. Heb.3:13

Don't do it just because you can.

Choice, free will. Just because you can is not enough reason to do it.

Don't do it just because someone else did it. Gen.3:12

Can't blame others: “made me do it.” Gal.2:13

PUNISHMENT

Do wrong, suffer punishment. Gen 3:17-19

Cause and effect. Rom.6:23; Col.3:25

God is just.

God is fair and just. Deu 32:4 “...all His ways are just...”

God is loving. Solution promised. Gen.3:15

God is love. Joh.3:16, 1Jo.4:16

LIFE

Offer acceptable worship to be pleasing to God. (Able). Gen.4:4-5

1st commandment. Rom.12:1-2

Rivalry and jealousy can escalate to envy, hate, murder. (Cain angry). Gen.4:5-7

Exercise self-control. 1Co.9:25

Not everything in life is fair. (Righteous Abel killed.) Gen.4:8

The Righteous One (Jesus) was killed. Act.7:52

Righteous may suffer while sinners prosper. Cf. Psalms 73 (especially :16-17)