

LIFESTORY: GOD LIVES

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The story of Life is more than a varied tale of human triumphs and tragedies. It reaches back before the genesis of history and stretches far into the future of eternity. Its scope is beyond our world - indeed it involves all life in the universe. Yet the story is best told from the vantage of this tiny blue planet on which we all reside, for it is here where the greatest mysteries of the saga have been revealed. It is in this place formerly known as Paradise where our part of the story begins, authored by the One who has no beginning and no end.

THE STORY OF LIFE IS FIRST THE STORY OF GOD

"In the beginning, God..." Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

The God who IS.

"God said to Moses, I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:14 (NIV)

"The LORD is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King." Jeremiah 10:10 (NIV)

"'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'" Revelation 1:8 (NIV)

The God who KNOWS.

"O LORD, you have searched me and you know me." Psalm 131:1 (NIV)

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" Romans 11:33 (NIV)

The God who DOES .

"Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him." Psalm 115:3 (NIV)

"No one is like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power." Jeremiah 10:6 (NIV)

"God can do anything, you know-far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dream..." Ephesians 3:20 (Message)

The God who LOVES .

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

"...love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1John 4:7,8 (NIV)