



Creator and Creation

Welcome to the first chapter of the first book of the Bible, Genesis! Right in the beginning, God shares with us His process in the creation of the universe. God in His infinite wisdom created the universe in six parts or six days followed by a seventh day of rest. He could have done it in an instant but chose not to. God wanted to demonstrate a pattern for man to follow in learning to work at the right pace.

Each day's creation is likened to a layer built upon layer with God as the Master Builder. If we are to look at the creation process in reverse, we would see that there was a purpose and order. For example, in order for plants to grow, there had to be land for them to take root, which meant the waters had to be gathered in order for dry ground to appear. The world was not created through random events but through intelligent design, in an orderly manner and with purpose.

Finally, on the sixth day, mankind was created. It was the apex of God's creation and nothing can compare to a human being because of this simple fact - man was created in the image of God, according to His likeness. Man did not come from apes but was created differently, set apart from everything else. God entrusted man with dominion over all the animals that He created. The seed-bearing plants and trees that have fruit with seed in it were given to man to farm and cultivate his own food supply in contrast to the animals that had to forage for food. Finally God commanded man to multiply and fill the earth, demonstrating His love for families.

All that God has shown through the very first chapter is how much He values every single one of us. In the eyes of God, nothing on earth is more valuable than that of a human life.



In verse 26, God said "Let Us..." Does that mean there is more than one god?

No, the bible clearly states that there is only one God (Deuteronomy 6:4). God is one in essence and exists as three distinct persons, the Father, Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit. This doctrine of the Trinity is the foundation of the Christian faith.

The Beginning

In the beginning...

GOD

created the heavens the earth

Darkness covered the deep waters.

FORMLESS
EMPTY

And God said...

Spirit of GOD was hovering over the waters.

Let there be light and there was... **LIGHT**

Saw that the light was **GOOD**

God called...

LIGHT DAY
DARKNESS NIGHT

EVENING MORNING
DAY 1

And God said...

Let there be a firmament between the waters to...

Separate the waters from the waters.

So God made a... and separated the... God called...

FIRMAMENT **waters above it** **FIRMAMENT SKIES** **waters under it**

EVENING MORNING
DAY 2

And God said...

Let the waters under the sky. Be gathered into one place. And let dry ground appear.

God called... **DRY GROUND LAND** **GATHERED WATERS SEAS** Saw that it was **GOOD**

Then God said... Let the land sprout vegetation. Saw that it was **GOOD**

Plants that yield seed. Fruit with seed in it. Trees that bear fruit. Each according to its kind.

EVENING MORNING
DAY 3

And God said...

Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens To divide day from night Be for signs and seasons For days and years To give light on the earth

God made two great lights... **Greater Light To rule the day** **Lesser Light To rule the night** **Stars** Separate light from darkness. Saw that it was **GOOD**

EVENING MORNING
DAY 4

And God said...

Let the waters teem with living creatures. And let birds fly above the earth.

So God created Great sea creatures according to its kind. Every winged bird according to its kind. **SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD**

And God blessed them...

Be fruitful and multiply Fill the water in the seas. Let birds multiply on earth.

EVENING MORNING
DAY 5

And God said...

Let the land produce living creatures according to its kind. Livestock Small creatures Wild animals. Saw that it was **GOOD**

Then God said...

Let us make man in our own image. **RULE OVER**

Blessed them...

Be fruitful and multiply Fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over...

Then God said...

I give... And to the... **FOR FOOD** **FOR FOOD** Saw all that He made and it was **VERY GOOD**

EVENING MORNING
DAY 6