

THE HOLY TRINITY UNIVERSITY



Dogma II

The Doctrine of Creation

Why we study the Doctrine of Creation?

- To keep the Earth from damage.
- To memorize God's Job.
- To praise God.
- To live in harmony with creatures,
- To keep belief in the Existence of God.
- To realize the role of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the ministry of creation.

Chapter One

One of the most profound statements found in the pages of the Bible appears in the very first verse where God declares that He alone is the Creator of both “the heaven and the Earth.

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- The Scriptures declare in their opening words, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the Earth” (Genesis 1:1)..

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The implications of the existence of God as our Creator are overwhelming concerning the truth about the purpose and meaning of human existence....

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.....in this Universe as
well as the question of
Who actually created the
marvelously complex
“heavens and Earth”

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“heavens and Earth”
that includes the
awesomely complicated
biological life that
flourishes on Earth.

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As St. Basil the Great said,
"We should understand in
the creation the original
cause of the Father as a
founding cause, the cause
of the Son as a creative, and
the cause of the

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Spirit as an implementing one." Thus the Father is the "Creator of all things", the Son is the one "through whom all things were made", and the Holy Spirit is the one "in whom are all things

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Everything that He (God the Creator) had made ... was very good" (Gen. 1:31), because "first He conceived, and His conception was a work carried out by His Word, and perfectly by His Spirit.

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"Out of nothing" (ex nihilo) finds its first expression in the Bible. "Beholding the heavens and the earth, and seeing all that is there,.....

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.....you will understand that God has created it all from nothing" (2 Macc. 7:28). Thus, the creation springs into being or passes into being out of non-being.

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As St. Gregory of Nyssa affirms, "It begins to be, and the very substance of the creation owes its beginning to change".

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This transition from non-existence is a change brought about by God's creative Word "who has established the world so that it shall not be moved" (Ps. 93:1)

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Before their fall the first human beings experienced the creation as one harmonious whole. It was like a beautiful garden (paradeisos, Gen. 2:8) which they tended with care and

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The human fall, however, which was essentially a sinful exercising of human freedom, introduced forces of disintegration into the body of creation.

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On the other hand,
humanity lost its
capacity to enter into
a proper relation with
nature and with the

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Enmity between the natural world and human beings replaced the relationship of harmony and care.

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Domination and
exploitation of the
creation for selfish ends
by greedy human beings
became the order of
history

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Thus, manifold forms of disintegration set in which converged in the fact of death and corruption.

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Fear of death instilled
anxiety, acquisitiveness,
greed, hatred and
despair in human beings.
Modern forms of
economic exploitation

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.....racial oppression, social inequalities, war, genocide, etc. are all consequences of the fear of death and collective signs of death.

1.1 The Doctrine of Creation

According to the Scriptures, creation is a gift from a loving Creator God. From the bodies we inhabit, the air we breathe, the sun we bask in,

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the food we eat, the flowers we pick, the water we drink, the ground we walk upon, and the pets we love, to the pleasures we enjoy and destinations we visit on vacation, life is filled with good gifts for us to steward and enjoy.

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People who do not
understand the doctrine of
creation and the doctrines
that relate to it want to die

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Some die a little bit at a time, weeping until they are empty and can no longer muster any tears.

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Others medicate themselves with prescriptions; antidepressants are now the most sold category of medicine, and depression is the most common diagnosis.

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Still others self-medicate with sex, food, alcohol, drugs, gambling, entertainment, video games, Internet surfing, and anything else that can serve as a diversion from the “unyielding despair

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The doctrine of creation states that God, who alone is uncreated and eternal, has formed and given existence to everything outside of himself. He did this from nothing by the word of his power, and all of it was very good.

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This means that God did not need to create in order not to be lonely. He did not need to create in order for him to be able to love. He was self-sufficient; he

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nothing by the word
of his power, and all
of it was very good.

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For all eternity, he
had been enjoying
perfect fellowship and
perfect love as the
three-in-one God,

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Creation was an overflow of His perfection not a manifestation of His inherent imperfection or lack. This means that God did not need to create in

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Study about the doctrine of Creation answers:

1. Where do I come from? (The question of origins)
2. Who am I? (The question of significance)
3. Why is the world in such a mess? (The question of evil)
4. Is there a future? (The question of purpose)
- 5, what is my role to keep and distract Creation.

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The Orthodox Biblical doctrine of creation is stated in the Apostles' Creed where it refers to God the Father as the maker of heaven and earth. This belief is one of the basic foundations of true biblical Christianity.

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Apart from the above it is also the means to understand “*The role of natural revelation and natural theology.*”

1.2 The meaning of Creation.

1. The act of creating; the act of causing to exist; and especially, the act of bringing this world into existence Romans 1

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2. The act of making, by new combinations of matter, invested with new forms and properties, and of subjecting to different laws; the act of shaping and organizing; as the creation of man and other animals, of plants,

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3. The act of investing with a new character; as the creation of peers in England.

4. The act of producing.

5. The things created; creatures; the world; the universe.

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As subjects then the whole creation came.

6. Any part of the things created.
Before the low creation swarmed with men.

7. Anything produced or caused to exist

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In creation ministry, The
Nature of God is
Displayed.

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God is Eternal

Since everything had a beginning through God's act of creation, it proves that He is eternal.

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•**God's Powerful Nature**

The Bible clearly requires us also to believe that God created the universe out of nothing. The common Latin phrase used to describe what creation teaches is *Ex Nihilo*. This means that before God began to create the universe, nothing else existed aside from Him.

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God is a Talking God

Another spectacular truth we see in God's act of creation is the personal nature of God. He is a personal being because He speaks. We see this nature directly from Genesis 1 where we read that God speaks.

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God is Independent and Sovereign over Everything

The act of creation declares that God is not a part of or dependent on His creation. This is crucial to our understanding of the nature of God.

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God Alone is the Sustainer of All Creation

Contrary to the Deist's idea of God, this entire creation is not like an old clock that as long as it has been wound up doesn't need any more intervention from God

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The Bible affirms that God did not create the world, and the rest of its course is left to itself to function properly.

Church Fathers on Creation

Justin Martyr

“For as Adam was told that in the day he ate of the tree he would die, we know that he did not complete a thousand years [Gen. 5:5].

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We have perceived, moreover, that the expression ‘The day of the Lord is a thousand years’ [Ps. 90:4] is connected with this subject” (*Dialogue with Trypho the Jew* 81 [A.D. 155]).

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Clement of Alexandria

“And how could creation take place in time, seeing time was born along with things which exist? . . . That, then, we may be taught that the world was originated and not suppose that God made it in time, prophecy adds:

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‘This is the book of the generation, also of the things in them, when they were created in the day that God made heaven and earth’
[Gen. 2:4].

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For the expression
‘when they were
created’ intimates an
indefinite and dateless
production”

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Basil The Great

“‘And there was evening and morning, one day.’ Why did he say ‘one’ and not ‘first’? . . . He said ‘one’ because he was defining the measure of day and night . . . since twenty-four hours fill.

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- The Holy Scripture begins with God created heaven and earth ascertaining the existence of God Gen 1:1 St Paul also said the builder of all things God Heb 3:4

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of nothing into being by his
word. He said det it be!
there was nothing before
the creation of the world.
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St. Paul explained that God created the world out of nothing when he said By the faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear_

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Chapter Two

The Universe and its Characteristics.

God says that the cosmos was fashioned in six days, not because the maker was in need of a length of time for God surely did everything at the same time, not only in giving commands but also in His thinking creation of the intelligible cosmos.

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Cosmos is originally a Greek word, meaning both "order" and "world," because the ancient Greeks thought that the world was perfectly

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We now use *cosmos* without the idea of perfect order. Now it means, "all of creation," and particularly on the scale of the stars, the planets, the black holes, the other universes.

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The great importance of cosmology for theology, especially Christian theology, raises the more fundamental issue of the general relationship of religion to the cosmos. This relationship has not received as much recent attention as it merits.

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St. John Chrysostom, in his Homily, in which he interpreted this epistle of the Apostle said, God brought all and everything out of nothing in to being to manifest His glory through His works.....

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As the spirit of human beings is invisible but is known by the state of motion, God is invisible to bodily eyes, but is manifested and known through His will and works.

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- St. David also (psalms 19:1-2) tells us that "The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament shows His handy-work "

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As St. Paul has stated clearly,
God is known to His creations
by the things that are made
when he said, "Because that
which may be known of God
is manifest in them; for God
has showed it unto them.

Chapter Three

God's Wisdom and Glory in Creation
Genesis 1-2 gives us the narrative of how God created the universe, but several places in Scripture give us a poetic interpretation of the same events to draw out different emphases.

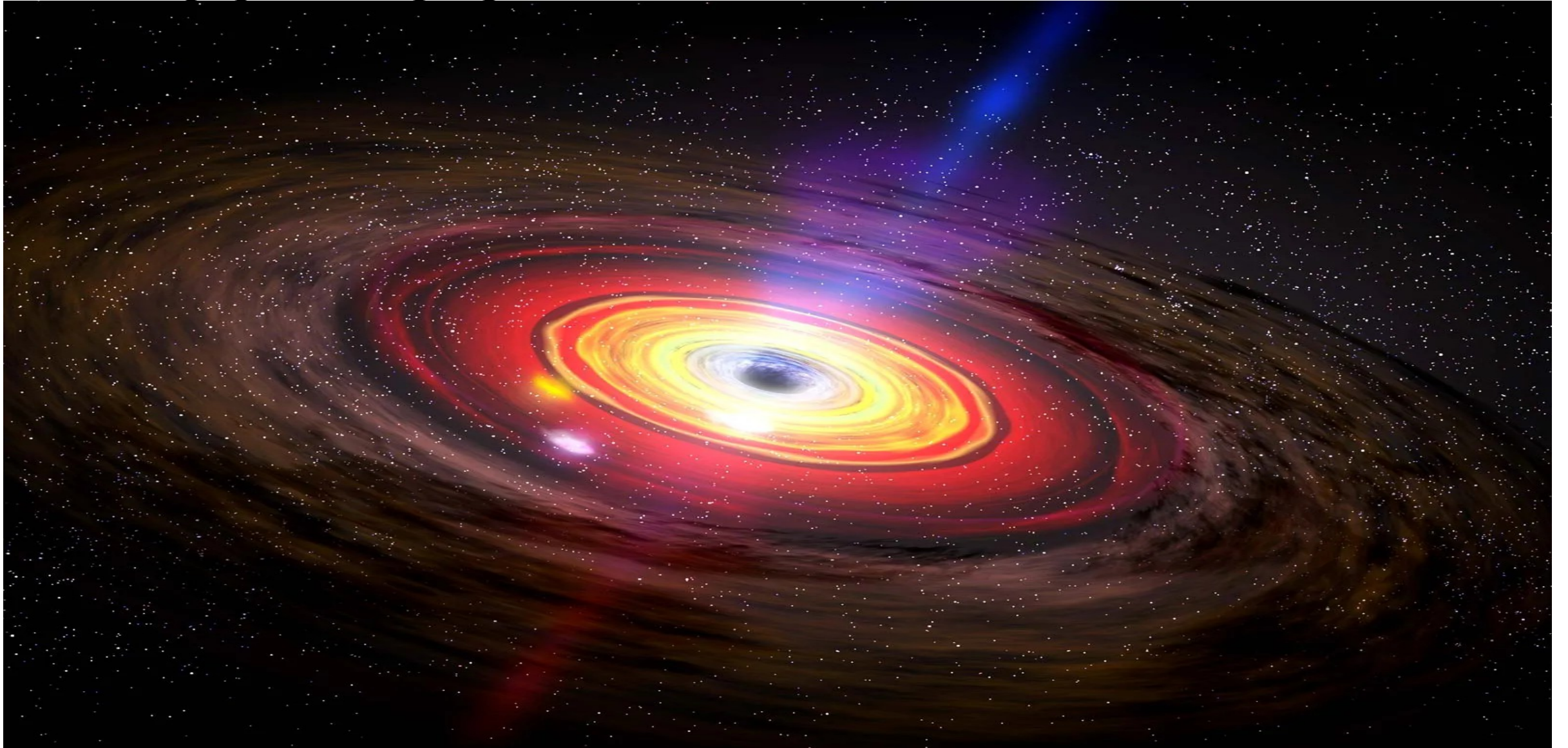
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Wisdom and creation

Several times in Scripture, God's wisdom is linked with creation:

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all (Psalm 104:24).

Black Hole



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It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens (Jeremiah

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Proverbs says:

The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew (Proverbs 3:19-20).

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Wisdom was also a major organizing principle for God's creation. We can see this in the orderly account in Genesis 1, where God develops the universe from the formless and empty state at the beginning of Day 1 to the inhabited world by the end of Day 6.

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At every stage, God's wisdom determined how things would proceed. Wisdom not only ensured that His creation was perfect, but it was also a cause for delight in what was created, from beginning to end. We see this with the repeated refrain

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God loves creatures for their own sake.

Far from creating the rest of the world to serve humans, God created humans in God's image to serve and care for the Earth. God loves all creation for its own sake. The Psalms (Psalms 104 and 148) show God

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Notice how God made many parts of creation for the benefit of other creatures! For example, God made the springs of water for the wild

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God made the grass for the cattle. God made the trees for the birds to nest. God made rain to water the forests and the mountains. God made the mountain crags for the goats.
(Ps 104:10-30)





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God delights in all creatures and provides for them. God calls humans to honor their right to life and to foster their well-being

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“O Lord! How manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures . . . These all look to you to give them their food in due season.” (Psalm 104:10-30).

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“As for me I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you”

(Genesis 9:9-10; see also Hosea 2:18).

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The biblical books of wisdom show us that humans learn from creation: The ancients learned much about life and about God by studying

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In this passage, the animals will teach the presence of God in all creation. “But ask the animals and they will teach you; the birds of the air and they will tell you. Ask the plants of the earth and they will teach you.

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Ask the fish of the sea and they will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the lord has created this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.” (Job 12:7-

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God is Eternal

Since everything had a beginning through God's act of creation, it proves that He is eternal. As Bill Bright says, "Before He spoke the first work of creation, time did not exist."

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He existed in eternity, which differentiates Him from everything He created. He is not bound to time. Thus, all history is but a little speck within eternity.

Bill Bright, *God: Discover His Character* (Orlando, FL: New

Life Publishers, Inc., 1999) 25

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- This is how Abraham described God as he experienced His faithfulness after making a treaty with Abimelech in

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“Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the Lord, *the Everlasting God*” (Genesis 21:33).

Grove(tamarisk) Tree



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Given that God is the originator of everything, there is nothing that can bring an end to His existence.

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This is the attribute of God clearly in view when Moses prayed to Him which was recorded in Psalm 90. Moses prayed; “Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

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Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God” (Palm 90:1-2).

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When Paul wrote to Timothy, he thanked God for His patience. Paul said, “But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ

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....His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen” (1 Timothy 1:16-17).

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- This means that before God began to create the universe, nothing else existed aside from Him.

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- In other words, the word “nothing” does not imply some kind of existence, as some philosophers have taken it to mean

- *Ex Nihilo* means that God did not use any previously existing materials when He created the universe.

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- Genesis 1:1 says, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Psalm 33: 6 and 9 also tells us, “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all

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For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.” This means that God simply said the words and everything came into being instantaneously and orderly.

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God is a Talking God

Another spectacular truth we see in God's act of creation is the personal nature of God. He is a personal being because He

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We see this nature directly from Genesis 1 where we read that God speaks even as the first human beings were created. God said, "Let us make man in our image." This is absolutely crucial to our understanding of the nature of God which we learn right from the beginning.

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The God we know today and whom we believe, talks. He is not an impersonal power, a product of someone's spiritual imagination, an abstract force, a spirit that is hard to define, nor is He absolutely unknowable.

“It is not this God.”

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He has personality and dares to disclose Himself in words that human beings understand.” In other words, He communicates and we get to know Him based on what He says about Himself.

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Francis Schaeffer drives this idea by saying, “God is there and He is not silent”. Under the rubric that demonstrates God as a personal being is a display of Him communicating

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.....as a way of creating the heavens and the earth. God said, “Let there be light” (Genesis 1:3). That is how powerful God’s word is. He just spoke the words and everything came into being.

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God is Independent and Sovereign over Everything

The act of creation declares that God is not a part of or dependent on His creation. This is crucial to our understanding of the nature of God. It describes that He is eternally in fellowship within the Trinity and nothing can come close to this kind

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It establishes not only the “being” or “personal nature” of God as a talking God, but it makes God unique in such a way that He is not in need of anything outside of

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- It is due to this relationship that makes God uniquely other, or “one of a kind”. It means God is not dependent on anyone or anything. He is absolutely free. God is the only source of everything and He is not dependent on anyone else for

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- **God Alone is the Sustainer of All Creation**

- Contrary to the Deist's idea of God, this entire creation is not like an old clock that as long as it has been wound up doesn't need any more intervention from God to run its course.

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- The Bible affirms that God did not create the world, and the rest of its course is left to itself to function properly.

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- God is very much involved in creation. Deism is a view that God, the Supreme Being, does not intervene in human affairs or suspend the natural laws of the universe.

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- **St. Ephrem the Syrian**
- St. Ephrem the Syrian was a great theologian, and one of the greatest writers in the Syriac language, as the following excerpt from one of his hymns shows. “As the water surrounds the fish and it feels it, So also do all natures feel God.

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- He is diffused through the air, And with thy breath enters into thy midst. He is mingled with the light, And enters, when thou seest...

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- , into thy eyes. He is mingled with thy spirit, And examines thee from within, as to what thou art. In thy soul He dwells ...” Ephrem here represents God as the water, and all creatures as sea creatures.

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- Just like the sea, God both contains and transcends his creatures. He is not only over all things, but also in and around and embracing all things. The separation implied in Divine transcendence never nullifies the unity implied in Divine

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- Several times in Scripture, God's wisdom is linked with creation:
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Chapter Four

God's Natural Law, The Manners and the Order of Creation

- Augustine was born in A.D. 354 in North Africa, then a province of Rome.

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- As a youth, he studied the concepts of natural law and human reason from the writings of classic Greek and Roman thinkers like Aristotle and Cicero. Augustine converted to Christianity when he was 33.

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- He became a Christian priest and bishop of the North African city of Hippo. For a while, he believed reason and faith were compatible

- By the year 400, however, he had changed his mind. "Do not therefore try to understand in order that you may believe," he wrote, "but believe in order that you may understand."

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- Augustine taught that when Adam and Eve put their own desires above God's will, they committed a sin that became the source of evil among human beings. Christians often call this

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- ." Augustine believed that all human beings were born with original sin and were thus doomed to damnation. But like other Christians, he also believed that God was merciful and sent Jesus to save believers from sin and eternal suffering.

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Everything in the universe,
every plant and animal, every
rock, every particle of matter
or light wave, is bound by laws
which it has no choice but to
obey.

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- The Bible tells us that there are laws of nature“ ordinances of heaven and earth” (*Jeremiah 33:25*). These laws describe the way God normally accomplishes

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- **The Law of Life (Biogenesis)**

- There is one well-known law of life: the law of biogenesis. This law states simply that life always comes from life. This is what observational science tells us: organisms reproduce other organisms after their own kind

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- **The Laws of Chemistry**
- Life requires a specific chemistry. Our bodies are powered by chemical reactions and depend on the laws of chemistry operating in a uniform fashion.

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- Even the information that makes up any living being is stored on a long molecule called DNA. Life as we know it would not be possible if the laws of chemistry were different. God created the laws of chemistry in just the right way so that life would be possible.

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The creation scientist
Johannes Kepler
discovered that the
planets in our solar system
obey three laws of nature.

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- He found that planets orbit in ellipses (not perfect circles as had been previously thought) with the sun at one focus of the ellipse.

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- thus a given planet is sometimes closer to the sun than at other times. Kepler also found that planets sweep out equal areas in equal times in other words, planets speed up as they get closer to the sun within their orbit

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And third, Kepler found the exact mathematical relationship between a planet's distance from the sun (a) and its orbital period (p).

- planets that are farther from the sun take much longer to orbit than planets that are closer (expressed as $p^2 = a^3$). Kepler's laws also apply to the orbits of moons around a given planet.

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The Laws of Physics

The field of physics
describes the
behavior of the
universe at its most

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.There are many different laws of physics. They describe the way the universe operates today. Some laws of physics describe how

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, how energy is transported, how gravity operates, how mass moves through space, and many other phenomena.

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The laws of physics are usually mathematical in nature; some laws of physics can be described with a concise formula

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, such as $E=mc^2$. The simple formula $F=ma$ shows how an object with mass (m) will accelerate (a) when a net force (F) is applied to it. It is amazing that every object in the universe consistently obeys these rules.

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The Laws of Mathematics

The laws of mathematics are an example of a “transcendent truth.” They must be true regardless of what kind of universe God created

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This may be because God's nature is logical and mathematical; thus, any universe He chose to create would necessarily be mathematical in nature.

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The Laws of Logic

All the laws of nature, from physics and chemistry to the law of biogenesis, depend on the laws of logic.

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Like mathematics, the laws of logic are transcendent truths. We cannot imagine that the laws of logic could be anything different from what they are....

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. Take the law of non-contradiction for example. This law states that you cannot have both “A” and “not A” at the same time and in the same relationship. Without the laws of logic, reasoning would be impossible. But where do the laws of logic come from?

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The atheist cannot account for the laws of logic, even though he or she must accept that they exist in order to do any rational thinking. But according to the Bible, God is logical. Indeed, the law of non-contradiction reflects God's nature; God cannot lie (*Numbers 23:19*)

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The Uniformity of Nature

The laws of nature are uniform.
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change, and they apply
throughout the whole cosmos

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The laws of nature
apply in the future just
as they have applied in
the past; this is one of
the most basic
assumptions in all of

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Without this assumption, science would be impossible. If the laws of nature suddenly and arbitrarily changed tomorrow, then past experimental results would tell us nothing about the future.

Chapter Five

Day One- Sunday Its
Mysterious teaching.

On the first day of creation,
you might think God created
light. In Genesis 1:3, it seems
so. “God said, ‘Let there be

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...and there was light.”

However, in 1 John 1:5, we read how “God *is* light.”

God began the creation process of the universe by extending Himself, by

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Everything that exists is made of light, including water, and scientists confirm that the universe is still expanding at the speed of light. On the first day, he separated the light from the dark creating day and night.

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The Uniformity of Nature

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.The laws of nature apply in the future just as they have applied in the past; this is one of the most basic assumptions in all of science. Without this assumption, science would be impossible

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Why is it that we can depend on the laws of nature to apply consistently throughout time? The secular scientists cannot justify this important assumption.

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But the Christian can
because the Bible gives us
the answer. God is Lord
over all creation and
sustains the universe in

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a consistent and logical way.
God does not change, and so
He upholds the universe in a
consistent, uniform way
throughout time (Jeremiah
33:25).

4. The six Days Creation

Day One- Sunday Its
Mysterious teaching.

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However, in 1 John 1:5, we read how “God is light.”

God began the creation process of the universe by extending Himself, by sending his energy out.

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- The first of every month was a new moon Sabbath with the Seventh New Moon being a special Sabbath called the Feast of Trumpets (see below). (Numb. 28:11-15; 29:1-6; Lev. 23:23-25).
- Nisan 15 - the first day of the feast of unleavened bread was a Sabbath. (Lev. 23:6-7; John 19:31)
- Nisan 16 - the feast of first fruits was not a Sabbath until the New Testament declared it to be so at Christ's resurrection.

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The Sabbath Principle Shown
to be an Abiding Principle

The Sabbath is a creation
ordinance (Genesis 2:3) Since
the other creation ordinances
of labor (Gen. 2:15),

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.....marriage (Gen. 2:24-25)
and fruitfulness (Gen.
1:28), have abiding
significance for all
mankind, one would expect
the same of the Sabbath.

Cont....

Gentiles are repeatedly commanded to keep the Sabbath (Exodus 20:10; Deut. 5:14; Numb. 15:30-36; Neh. 13:16 in context of 15-22; Isaiah 56:1-8; 66:23).

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Evidence of Sabbath observance prior to the formation of Israel can be seen in the fact that Cain and Abel offered their sacrifices at the end of the week.

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It is one of the “Ten Commandments” (Exodus 20)
These commandments were written by the very finger of God to show their importance and they were written on stone to show their abiding validity.

Cont....

God's law is always summarized as "Ten Commandments" (Ex. 34:28; Deut. 4:13; 10:4), not as nine. It is arbitrary to chisel one of the commandments out of the stone on which they were written.

Cont....

Explicitly called an everlasting or perpetual statute (Exodus 31:16-17) This is because it is a sign of the everlasting covenant (Ezek. 20:12,20; Is. 55:3 with 56:1-8; Ex. 31:16-17).

Cont....

We are commanded to worship God on the Sabbath Lev. 23:3; cf. e.g. 2 Kings 4:23; and Christ's habit of meeting on the seventh day with God's people (Mark 6:2; Luke 4:16) which habit we will see was transferred to the first day of the week after the resurrection.

Cont....

Sabbath command to labor for six days. If the fourth commandment has been thrown out as some allege, how can the Ten Commandments summarize all the law? (cf. 2 Thes. 3:6-15, etc. for this side of the commandment.)

Cont....

New Testament

continuation “There remains therefore a Sabbath observance⁶ for the people of God” (Heb. 4:9). Far from being abolished, the Bible says it “remains.”

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The EOTC is the Christian the observers Sabbath of Jew(The Old Testament Sabbath) and The Christian Sabbath which is Sunday.

For Orthodox Chiristians the day of Sunday is Lord's Day.

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- Rev 1:10

I was in the Spirit on the
Lord's day, and heard
behind me a great voice, as
of a trumpet,

Cont....

The Reason for the observance Sunday more than Saturday in the EOTC due to:-

Sunday Is:

- The first day of Creation.
- The Day of the Exodes.
- The Day of Lord's Resurrection.
- It is supposed the day for the second coming of our Savior.

Cont....

Old Testament prophecy

The O.T prophesied that in N.T times Gentiles would honor the Sabbath (Isa. 56:1-8) and that eventually “‘from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,’ says the Lord” (Isaiah 66:23,

Cont....

Christ taught proper observance of the Sabbath (Matt. 12:1-14; Mark 2:23-3:6; Luke 13:10-17; 14:1-6; John 7:22-24)

Cont....

In these passages Christ does not overturn the O.T. Instead, He uses the O.T to justify His actions and to overturn the false interpretations and additions imposed by the Pharisees.

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- In AD 100, Barnabas spoke of Sunday as “the Sabbath” which God had made.
- In AD 200, Tertullian said that the church solemnizes Sunday just as Jews solemnize Saturday.

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- In AD 220, Origen insisted that on Sundays we must abstain from all work and devote the entire day to worship, readings and private devotions.

Cont....

- In AD 300, Eusebius called Sunday “the one and only truly holy day” in 300 AD.

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Indeed, from AD 74 and on,
there are so many
references to Sunday being
treated as a rest day, a
“commandment,” a holy
day,

Cont....

The first day of creation reminds believers that all things find their source in the Lord, who has been in existence forever (Psalm 90:2).

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Each Person of the Trinity
took part in creation
(Nehemiah 9:6; Job 38:4;
Psalm 89:11; John 1:3; Acts
17:24; Hebrews 1:10).

Cont....

- Christians should be moved to worship the Lord for His wondrous work of creating the heavens, the earth, water, and light in one day.

Cont....

The creations of each day are the following.

A. The first day – Sunday

1. Fire, Wind, Water and Earth = The four elements

Cont....

5. Darkness 6. The
seven heavens 7. Angels
8. Light (Jubilee 2:5 – 8;
Gen. 1:1 – 5

Conti....

- ሉቃስ ወንጌል 12:55

በአዜብም ነፋስ ሲነፍስ፡- ትኩሳት
ይሆናል ትላላቸው፤ ይሆንማል።

Conti...

የዮሐንስ ራእይ 7:1

ከዚህም በኋላ በአራቱ በምድር ማዕዘን
ቆመው አራት መላእክት አየሁ፥ እነርሱም
ነፋስ በምድር ቢሆን ወይም በባሕር ወይም
በማንም ዛፍ እንዳይነፍስ አራቱን የምድር
ነፋሳት ያዙ። Cf Eunuch 25:1

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B. The second day – Monday

- The waters that covered the earth were divided and the firmament in the midst of the waters appeared.

(Gen. 1:6-9, Jubilee 2:9).

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C. The third day – Tuesday 1. Vegetation that can be plucked with fingers 2. Plants (grasses) that can be cut with sickle 3. Trees that can be cut with axe (Gen. 1:11 -13)

Conti...

Plants in the life of human beings

They are the main
source of food.

Conti...

- From the whole food products there is no one that can share equal food benefit for animals and humans.

Conti...

Plants are the lung of the world, that are balancing world's climate, the way to obtain rain, erosion protectors, as well as shelter for wild animals.....

Conti...

Plants are directly
and indirectly hold
lion share for
medication.

Conti...

- Humans used plants to produce transportation, house, and house hold equipment.

Conti...

- Airplanes, tracks
ships, Clothes,
....importantly use
plants.

Conti...

Plants are

Useful for Spiritual

and body

development.

Conti...

Poisonous and harmful for both human beings and animals. Or for one of the two. Useful for pleasure. Ex. Vine, buckthorom.

Conti...

Temporarily power provider both mentally and physically but later the cause for depression, the reason for mental and physical sickness, the reasons for crime, and various disorders. Khat, Cannabis,

Conti...

Estimated 350.000
plants are available in
the world. 80.000 of
them is edible for
humans. 150 species
are cultivated for

Conti...

The fall of dam, The Noah's
offering, Abraham's
offering, His worshiping
place, Elijah's eating meal
from angle of God,

Conti...

Jesus Christ's
Crucifixion, The holy
Eucharist, Holy Merion,
Holy Oil, are depend on
plants created on the

Cont....

D. The fourth day -
Wednesday 1. The sun
2. The moon 3. The
stars (Gen. 1:14 - 16)

Conti...

የሉቃስ ወንጌል 21:2

በፀሐይና በጨረቃም በከዋክብትም
ምልክት ይሆናል፤ በምድር ላይም አሕዛብ
ከባሕሩና ከሞገዱም ድምፅ የተነሣ
እያመነቱ ይጨነቃሉ፤

Conti...

የማቴዎስ ወንጌል 4:24

ዝናውም ወደ ሶርያ ሁሉ ወጣ፤ በልዩ ልዩ
ደዌና ሥቃይም ተይዘው የታመሙትን ሁሉ
አጋንንትም ያደሩባቸውን በጨረቃም
የሚነሣባቸውን ሽባዎችንም ወደ እርሱ
አመጡ፥ ፈወሳቸውም።

Conti

የማቴዎስ ወንጌል 17:14

ወደ ሕዝቡም ሲደርሱ አንድ ሰው ወደ

እርሱ ቀረበና ተንበርክቶ፦ ጌታ ሆይ፥ ልጄን

ማርልኝ፥ በጨረቃ እየተነሣበት ከፋኛ

ይሣቀያልና፤ Cf Eunuch 26:1

Conti....

D. The fourth day – Wednesday

1. The sun

2. The moon

3. The stars (Gen. 1:14 – 16)

Conti....

• **E. The fifth day - Thursday In the water:-**

1. Those creeping with their breastbone (chest)
2. Creatures moving with their feet
3. The flying birds, animals and beasts (Gen. 1:20 - 22)

Conti....

F. The sixth day – Friday On dry land:-

1. Animals
2. Birds and fowls
3. Beasts of the earth
4. Man with a living soul (Gen. 1:24 – 28)

Conti....

God, after creating all these creations, saw that everything was good. He was satisfied and blessed them to be fruitful and multiply in order for their continuance. (Gen. 1:21; Ps. 104:31)

Conti....

Creation of man

After God created all the
numerous creatures
according to their kind,
from Sunday to Friday,

Conti....

He made man in His own
image and after His
likeness, to be superior
and have dominion over
all other creatures.

Conti....

Man was made in a more distinct manner. God breathed into his nostril the breath of life, which distinguishes him from all other creatures which live and act on instinct.

Conti....

God created them male
and female, and blessed
them to be fruitful and
multiply and replenish
the earth and subdue it.
(Gen 1:26 – 28)

Conti....

Man who is made in the
image of God is rational.
And should keep the reason
why created by respecting
words of God like one man
for one woman and be

Conti....

G. Seventh day-Saturday

God ceased from all works of creation and rested on the seventh day. He blessed and hallowed the seventh day to be observed as a rest and a holy day (Gen 2:3)

Conti....

God is the Creator and Giver of
Life and sustains through His
Providence, protects and
guides all that He created. (Ps.
104:27 – 31; 1cor. 3:22, 15:28;
Acts 14:1

Conti....

Chapter Six

6 The Four Classical Elements and their Symbolical Teachings according to EOTC

Assignment from Akismmaros
and related books.

Conti....

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- ዘጠኝ ዓለማት እሳት፣ ሰባቱ ሰማያት፣ ምጽንዓተ ምድር (ከመሬት በታች ያለውና መሬት የጸናቸበት እሳት፣ ገሃነመ እሳት ናቸው።

Conti....

- አምስቱ ዓለማት መሬት፣የምንኖርባት ምድር፣ሶስት ሰሞቹ ያላት ሲሆን ከውሃ ሳትለይ ጸብር ጭቃ. ከውሃ ከተለየች በኋላ ምድር ማኅደር መኖርያ ከደረቀች በኋላ መሬት ትባላለች። ብሔረ ህያዋን፣ ብሔረ ብጽዓን፣ ገነት፣ ሲኦል ናቸው።

Conti....

ሁለቱ ዓለማት ነፋስ፣ ባቢል ከጠፈር በላይ
ሐዓስን የተሸከመው ጠንከራ ነፋስ ነው። በርባዓስ
ድቅድቅ ጨለማ ከምድር በታች የሚገኝ ምድርን
የተሸከመው ነፋስ የሚገኘው እዚህ ነው።

Conti....

ኢራቱ ዓለማተ ማይ፣ ሃኖስ፣ ጠፈር፣
ባሕር ውቅያኖስ ናቸው።

Conti....

7.1 About the Seven Heaven and about the Seven Arch Angles.

የሰባቱ ሰማያት ተፈጥሮ

Conti....

ቅዱስ ዳዊት የእግዚአብሔር ቃል የእሳት
ነበልባል ይቆርጣል። ብሎ እንደተናገረ ሰባቱን
ሰማያትን የፈጠራቸው ከእሳት መቀቱን
አሰማምቶ ብርሃኑን በመውሰድ መው። መዝ
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**እነዚህ ሰማያት የብርሃን ሰማያት ናቸው።
ሰባቱ ሰማትም ከላይ ወደታች....**

Conti....

1.ጽርሐ ኦርያም

ይህች ከሰማያት ሁሉ በላይ ናት። ስለዚህም ሰማየ ሰ፣ያት ወይም የሰማዮች ሰማይ ትባላለች። ከሁሉም ሰማይ ይልቅ ብርሃት ናት ። እነሆ ሰማይ ሰማየ ሰማያትም፣ ምድርም በእርሷም ያለው ሁሉ የአምላክህ የእግዚአብሔር ነው። እንዳለ ዘዳ 10:14፣ 1ኛ ነገሥ 8:27

Conti....

2. መንበረ መንግሥት

እግዚአብሔር ዙፋኑን በመሆኗ መንበረ መንበር ትባላለች። እርሱ በፈቀደው አምሳል ጌትነቱንና ክብሩን የሚገልጽበት ስለሆነች መንበረ መንግሥት ትባላለች። ኢሳ 6፡1፣ ሕዝ 1፡26። ከዚህ በተጨማሪ በሦስት ስሞች ትጠራለች።

Conti....

በመላእክት የሚመሰገንባት ሰማይ ስለሆነች መንበረ
ሰብሐት ሁሉን የሚቻል አምላክ ዙፋን በመሆኗ መንበረ
ዳዊት፣ እውነተኛው ብርሃን መለኮት የሚገለጽባት
መንበረ ብርሃን ትባላለች። 1ኛ ጢሞ 6፡13፣ ራዕ 4፡
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Conti....

3. ሰማይ ውዳድ

ይህ ሰማይ በኢፋቤል ላይ ተዘርግቶ ለመንበረ መንግሥት እንደ አዳራሽ ወለል የሆነና መንበረ መንግሥት እንደ ዙፋን የተዘረጋበት የብርሃን ሰማይ ነው። ሕዝ 1፡22-26

Conti....

4. ኢየሩሳሌም ሰማያዊት(ንግሥተ ሰማያት)

ይህች ሰማይ በፊት ሳጥናኤል የተፈጠረባት ቢክድ የተባረረባት ለአዳም የተሰጠችው የምዕመናን ቦታ ናት። እኛ

ክርስቲያኖችም ተስፋ የምናደርጋት፣ ዘላለማዊ ሕይወት

የምንኖርባት ሰማይናት። 1ኛ ቆሮን 2፡9. ገላ 4፡36፣ ዕብ 12፡22፣ ራዕ 21፡2-14

Conti....

5.ኢዮር

6. ራማ

7. ኤረር

ከላይ የተጠቀሱት ሦስቱ ሰማያት የመለእክት መኖር የመለእክት
ከተሞች ይባላሉ። ቅዱስ ጳውሎስ ወደ እነዚህ ሰማይ መነጠቁን
ተናግሯል። ፪ኛ ቆሮን ፲፪፡፪

ቅዱሳን መላእክት

ቅዱሳን መላእክት ከእሳት ከነፋስ የተፈጠሩ መናፍሶት
ናቸው። ዕብ 1፡14። መላእክት በመቶ ነገድ በአስር
ከተሞች አድርጎ የፈጠራቸው ሲሆን በባሕርያቸውም
ፈጣኖች፣ ረቂቃን፣ ሕያዋን፣ የማይበሉ፣ የማይጠጡ....

Conti....

፤ የማይደክሙ፤ የማይጋቡ፤ የማይዋለዱ ናቸው። መሳ
13<15-21፤ ማቴ 22፥30 እግዚአብሔር መቶውን
ነገድ መላእክት በአሥር በአሥር እየከፈለ እየሰየመ
አለቃ እየሾመላቸው በሚኖሩበት ሰማይ ላይ
አስፍሯቸዋል።

Conti....

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ኤሬር

አጋዕዝት
ኪሩበል
ሱራፌል
ኃይለት

አርባብ
መናብርት
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- Angles of God are:
- Praise God Isa 3:6
- God's throne carries .Eze 1:10, 10:14
- The Guardians of human beings Psa 34:7, Matt 18:10

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- Can make Intercession. Psalm 106:21, Luke 1:19, Revelation 8:2,
- They know the earthly walk of all human beings. Luke 15:10
- Boing down is necessarily practiced to them. Joshua 5:13,
- They played a crucial role from the exodus to the incarnation which is the core for our salvation.

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