

God Creates the World

In six days, God speaks the universe into existence—light, sky, land, plants, sun, moon, stars, animals, and finally mankind in His own image.

Genesis 1:1-31 • Genesis 2:1-3

CHARACTERS: God

THEMES: God's power, Creation, Order from chaos, God's goodness

IN THE BEGINNING, there was nothing but God. No light, no land, no sky—only darkness over the deep waters. Then God spoke. 'Let there be light,' He said, and light blazed into existence. God saw it was good and separated the light from the darkness, calling them Day and Night. This was the first day.

On the second day, God made the sky, stretching it like a tent between the waters above and below. On the third day, He gathered the waters into seas and made dry land appear. Then He filled the land with plants and trees bearing fruit with seeds.

The fourth day brought the sun to rule the day and the moon and stars to govern the night. On the fifth day, God filled the waters with fish and the skies with birds, blessing them to multiply. The sixth day saw land animals of every kind, and then the crowning act of creation.

'Let Us make man in Our image,' God said. He formed Adam from the dust and breathed life into him. Male and female He created them, blessing them to be fruitful and giving them dominion over all the earth.

God looked at everything He had made, and it was very good. On the seventh day, He rested—not from weariness, but to establish a pattern of rest and worship for all time.

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