

RECORDING SESSION

BIBLE STUDY - YEAR 3

Creation Stories Genesis 1 - 2



Opening Prayer - St. Francis' Canticle of the Sun

O most High, almighty, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing!

Praised be my Lord God with all creatures; and especially our brother the sun, which brings us the day, and the light; fair is he, and shining with a very great splendor: O Lord, he signifies you to us!

Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars, which God has set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for air and cloud, calms and all weather, by which you uphold in life all creatures. Praised be my Lord for our sister water, which is very serviceable to us, and humble, and precious, and clean.

Praised be my Lord for brother fire, through which you give us light in the darkness: and he is bright, and pleasant, and very mighty, and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our mother the Earth, which sustains us and keeps us, and yields divers fruits, and flowers of many colors, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for God's love's sake, and who endure weakness and tribulation; blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, for you, O most High, shall give them a crown!

Praised be my Lord for our sister, the death of the body, from which no one escapes. Woe to him who dies in mortal sin! Blessed are they who are found walking by your most holy will, for the second death shall have no power to do them harm.

Praise you, and bless you the Lord, and give thanks to God, and serve God with great humility.

(St. Francis, 1182-1226)



John 6:60-69 Many Disciples Desert Jesus 60 On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" 61 Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! 63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. 65 He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them." 66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. 67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."



Atheist Christopher Hitchens

8/22/21 - 9:30am Mass, Fr. Ralph D'Elia



https://www.vanityfair.com/culture/2000/01/christopher-hitchens

Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete scientist; theologian



https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/monsignorlorenzo-albacete-catholic-theologian-dies-at-73/2014/11/05/ c1a000f6-6501-11e4-836c-83bc4f26eb67_story.html





AUGUST 20, 2021

"We can't have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing; then afterwards we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves."

- St. Thomas Aquinas



Is there a conflict? Must we choose one or the other?

SCIENCE VS. RELIGION?

Could they possibly be complementary?



Pontifical Academy of Sciences

- Began in In 1603, the Academy of the Lynx-Eyed (Accademia dei Lincei)
- > was founded in Rome by Frederico Cesi (scientist, naturalist) under the patronage of Pope Clement VIII
- The purpose of the Academy was to develop "a method of research based upon observation, experiment, and the inductive method"- in other words, a truly scientific method.
- > It predates all other existing scientific societies, including the English Royal Society and the French Academy of the Sciences.²
 - In 1611, Galileo was inducted and quickly became its greatest member and president.
 - Published at least 2 of Galileo's works



- Galileo di Vincenzo Bonaiuti de' Galilei (February 15, 1564 – January 8, 1642 - Pisa, Italy)
- astronomer, physicist and engineer, sometimes described as a polymath
- The father of observational astronomy,
- The father of modern physics,
- The father of the scientific method,
- The father of modern science
- A devout Catholic

The Galileo Affair



1636 portrait by Justus Sustermans



- ... Is a blip in the relationship of Church and Science
- Obviously motivated by papal abuse of power Pope Urban VIII committing sin of vengeance on his old friend
- Subsequent scientific findings would start to prove heliocentrism
- 1820
- 1822, Galileo's *Dialogue* was removed from *The Index of Forbidden Books*
- 150 years later, in October 1979, St. John Paul II (pope) gave a speech to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences —
 - Praised Galileo's mind and greatness
 - Acknowledged the Church's error in condemning him.

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• When noted by the Church, prohibition against Copernicanism/heliocentrism was removed in

• FYI - Index discontinued by Pope Paul VI in June 14, 1966



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- Closed when Frederico Cesi died in 1630
- > It was **re-founded** in 1847 by Blessed Pius IX, under the name Pontifical Academy of New Lincei.
- > In 1937 it received its present name from Pope Pius XI the *Pontifical* Academy of Sciences ("pontifical" refers to the pope, who is also known as the Roman Pontiff).
- - Its goal is "the promotion of the progress of the mathematical, physical, and natural sciences, and the study of related... questions and issues."
- Since 1908, it has had forty-five Nobel Prize winners among its members.





Blessed Nicolas Steno 1638-1686 Father of Modern Geology



Grand Canyon, USA



[[File:Dinosauria montage 2.jpg|thumb|Dinosauria montage 2]]



Father Georges Lemaître 1894-1966 Father of the Big Bang Theory



John William Draper (1811 - 1882)

Warfare or Conflict Model

Andrew Dickson White (1832 - 1918)



Billboard on I-75 N near Ocala, FL



CREATIONISM

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There is <u>NO</u> conflict between faith and science:

Science -> HOW

And we are good with this, yes?

Faith --> WHY



And so we move back to Holy Scriptures... to the 6th Century BC.... Where the Ancient Israelites are in exile... When there were not the scientific advances of today.... exile....

- and we see how God revealed the truth of creation to those in



Philip Hermogenes Calderon By the Waters of Babylon 1852

We left the Israelites In Babylon/Diaspora....

WHAT HAPPENED? WHY ARE WE HERE? WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE DID MAN COME FROM?

Before we hear from the Biblical writers.....

Israel's History Did Not Occur in a Bubble

Black Sea





https://historyonlinenow.weebly.com/section-1-civilization-in-the-fertile-crescent.html



The Creation Story

of Enuma Elis







Charmaine Carter



USCCB.COM → BOOKS OF BIBLE → INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS → Section "Genesis 1-11"

HTTPS://BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/GENESIS/O

LRB, PAGE 58 - "Genesis 1-11"



CCC §289, Among all the Scriptural texts about creation, the first three chapters of Genesis occupy a unique place. From a literary standpoint these texts may have had diverse sources. The inspired authors have placed them at the beginning of Scripture to express in their solemn language the truths of creation - its origin and its end in God, its order and goodness, the vocation of man, and finally the drama of sin and the hope of salvation. Read in the light of Christ, within the unity of Sacred Scripture and in the living Tradition of the Church, these texts remain the principal source for catechesis on the mysteries of the "beginning": creation, fall, and promise of salvation.





Genesis in the Liturgy of the Mass - Sundays

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Gen 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a		41-ABC	Easter Vigil (1st Reading)
Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7		22-A	1st Sunday of Lent
Gen 2:18-24		140-B	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen 3:9-15		89-B	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen 9:8-15		23-B	1st Sunday of Lent
Gen 11:1-9		62-ABC	Pentecost Sunday: Vigil Mass (Option 1)
Gen 12:1-4a		25-A	2nd Sunday of Lent
Gen 14:18-20		169-C	Sunday after Trinity Sun: Body & Blood of Christ
Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3		17-B	Sunday in Octave of Christmas: Holy Family (opt. B)
Gen 15:5-12, 17-18		27-C	2nd Sunday of Lent
Gen 18:1-10a		108-C	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen 18:20-32		111-C	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18		26-B	2nd Sunday of Lent
Gen 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18		41-ABC	Easter Vigil (2nd Reading)
Exod 3:1-8a, 13-15		30-C	3rd Sunday of Lent
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Genesis in the Liturgy of the Mass - Weekdays, part 1

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	Ord. Time, Week 5, Tues	1
	Ord. Time, Week 5, Wed	1
	Ord. Time, Week 5, Thurs	1
	Ord. Time, Week 5, Fri	1
	Ord. Time, Week 5, Sat	1
	Ord. Time, Week 6, Mon	1
	Ord. Time, Week 6, Tues	1
	Ord. Time, Week 6, Wed	1
	Ord. Time, Week 6, Thurs	1
	Ord. Time, Week 6, Fri	1
	Ord. Time, Week 12, Mon	1
	Ord. Time, Week 12, Tues	1
	Ord. Time, Week 12, Wed	1
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	Ord. Time, Week 12, Fri	1
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Genesis in the Liturgy of the Mass - Weekdays, part 2

Gen 17:3-9	Lent, Week 5, Thurs	1+2
Gen 18:1-15	Ord. Time, Week 12, Sat	1
Gen 18:16-33	Ord. Time, Week 13, Mon	1
Gen 19:15-29	Ord. Time, Week 13, Tues	1
Gen 21:5, 8-20a	Ord. Time, Week 13, Wed	1
Gen 22:1b-19	Ord. Time, Week 13, Thurs	1
Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	Ord. Time, Week 13, Fri	1
Gen 27:1-5, 15-29	Ord. Time, Week 13, Sat	1
Gen 28:10-22a	Ord. Time, Week 14, Mon	1
Gen 32:23-33	Ord. Time, Week 14, Tues	1
Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Lent, Week 2, Fri	1+2
Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a	Ord. Time, Week 14, Wed	1
Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5	Ord. Time, Week 14, Thurs	1
Gen 46:1-7, 28-30	Ord. Time, Week 14, Fri	1
Gen 49:2, 8-10	Advent, Dec. 17	1+2
Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26a	Ord. Time, Week 14, Sat	1
Exod 1:8-14, 22	Ord. Time, Week 15, Mon	1

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CREATION MYTHS

- Mesopotamian/Babylonian Creation Myth Enuma Elish
- Iroquois Creation Myth
- Australian Aborigine Creation Myth
- African Bushmen Creation Myth
- Greek Creation Myth
- Japanese Creation Myth

https://www.cs.williams.edu/~lindsey/myths/myths.html


https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-stories/adam-and-eve-in-the-garden.html

LRB p63

J-F

Documentary Hypothesis

The documentary hypothesis is a theory, based on the work of Julius Wellhausen (1883) and developed by Martin Noth (1948), that the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) developed out of a combination of at least four literary sources. These sources are often so carefully woven together that they are difficult to separate. Sometimes the sources disagree. A common characteristic in the Bible is the preservation of several—even contradictory—witnesses to important events. See, for example, the pro-monarchy (1 Sm 9:1–10:16; 11:1-15) and anti-monarchy (1 Sm 8:1-22; 10:17-27; versions of the story of Saul's rise to kingship.

Tradition	Approximate Date	Place loot de	Favorite Name for God	Characteristics
Yahwist (J) First to set events in sequence	950 B.C., time of Solomon	Jerusalem/Judah	YHWH (LORD)	God with human characteristics; stories of sin and mercy; promises to Abraham; lively, colorful style
Elohist (E) Combined with J after 722 B.C.	850 B.C., time of Elijah	Israel (northern kingdom)	Elohim (God)	God more distant (acts through mes- sengers, dreams, prophets); emphasis on the fear of God, Moses
Deuteronomist (D) Joshua–Kings influenced by D	650 B.C. and later, after fall of the northern kingdom to Assyria	Jerusalem (but with northern influence)	Varies	Call to remember, repent; emphasis on Sinai covenant, cent sanctuary; preaching style
Priestly (P) Final editor of Pentateuch	550 B.C. and later, during the Exile	Babylon Tuco molection method and the states of the states	El Shaddai, Elohim, Yhwh	1,0

garden: beyond there it divides and beall allow of there --P6 104:14-15 comes four branches. ¹ The nume of the

J = Yahwist - Judah, S.Kingdom. "YHWH"

 $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{Elohist} - \mathbf{Israel}, \mathbf{N}.$ Kingdom. "*El/Elohim*"

 $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Priestly} - \text{order}, \text{ proper}$ worship, ritual laws, genealogies

D = **Deuteronomist** importance of fidelity, Temple

922 BCE

722 BCE

539 BCE

400 BCE





GENESIS 1 & 2 2 CREATION STORIES

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Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 Priestly source Babylon 2nd

Genesis 2:4 - 2:25 Yahwist/Elohist source



Genesis 1:1 —

God is **timeless** - no borders of time, alpha and omega, beginning and end



- John 1:1-5 [LRB p2180], Colossians 1:15-20 [LRB p2424] Christ was with God **BEFORE** time
- In the beginning [OF TIME] when God created the heavens and the earth.... (NABRE)
 - God had to create dimension of time
 - before he created the three dimensions: length, width, breadth
 - Genesis = [Heb] *Bereshit*, 'In the beginning'

The Story of the Nations





TWO CREATION STORIES



- Genesis 1 systemic creation process
- Priestly late/after exile (Babylonians)
- Ritual process; steps of creation
- Order out of chaos was necessary
 - Backdrop of *Enuma Elish…* or other
 - Stories heard while in Babylonian exile
 - 6 "days" of creation not 24hrs
 - Followed by a day of rest gives meaning to the Sabbath
 - Next mention in association with Exodus — the actual event (Ex 16:23)



> The Garden of Eden

- > Yahwists, Calls God 'YHWH' -
- > YHWH is given human characteristics, anthropomorphism
- "This is the story...at their creation."
- > vv4-5, *Ex nihilo = "from nothing"* no preexisting material
- **Lateran IV Council**, **1215AD**: "We firmly believe and openly confess that there is only one true God... [who is] the one principle of the universe, Creator of all things invisible and visible, spiritual and corporeal, who from the beginning of time and by His omnipotent power made from nothing creatures both spiritual and corporeal, angelic, namely, and mundane, and then human, as it were, common, composed of spirit and body."
 - The Nicene Creed (325AD) 1st proclamation (as well as Apostles' Creed, ~90-100AD)

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Apostles' Creed, c.90AD

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;

Nicene Creed, 325AD

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

The Four Elements of Catholic Doctrine of Creation. We believe...

- 1. God creates the world ex nihilo, "from nothing."
 - He starts with no pre-existing material
 - God causes something to exist out of nothing
- 2. God creates the world *cum tempore*, "with time."
 - God exists outside of time, so his creative act is timeless
 - Time exists only in relation to man, not God
 - Every moment is a moment of creation then and now
- 3. God creates the world *cum libertate*, "freely."
 - God chooses to create what he creates.
- 4. The world is created *ex Trinitate*, "by the Trinity," that is by all three divine Persons equally.
 - The Trinity has always existed together, created together

> The Garden of Eden

Solution Good Created the heavens and earth, with a stream > No rain, or greenery, or man to work the ground > V6, But a stream - started to water earth >v7, then God created *adam*, man [*adama* = ground] > Formed him from dust of ground, breathed in him God is 'working' as he is creating man **'ruah'** = breath, spirit - that enlivens, 'ruach ha-kodesh' = the Holy Spirit, the divine force of God > Man becomes a living being

The Story of the Nations





The Creation of Adam, by Michelangelo, c 1511







[[File:Human evolution.svg|thumb|Human evolution]]

Scientists have examined fossils of extinct species that have features in between whales and land mammals.



These features are called transitional characters.





But their skeletons suggest how a gradual transition from land mammal to aquatic whale could have happened.

https://slidetodoc.com/evidence-for-evolution-the-fossil-record-fossils-are/



None of these species are directly related to modern whales.



What is the meaning of Evolution

Evolution - 1/ the process by which different kinds of living organisms are thought to have developed and diversified from earlier forms during the history of the earth.

2/ the gradual development of something, especially from a simple to a more complex form."the forms of written languages undergo constant evolution"

Google Dictionary



Darwinism

FELLOW OF THE ROYAL, GEOLOGICAL, LINNÆAN, ETC., SOCIETIES; AUTHOR OF 'JOURNAL OF RESEARCHES DURING H. M. S. BEAGLE'S VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD.'

JOHN MURRAY, ALBEMARLE STREET.

THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES

BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION,



PRESERVATION OF FAVOURED RACES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

By CHARLES DARWIN, M.A.,



Charles Robert Darwin 1809 - 1882

LONDON:

1859.



Evolution vs. Darwinism

Darwinism, *theory* of the evolutionary mechanism propounded by Charles Darwin as an explanation of organic change. It denotes Darwin's specific view that evolution is driven mainly by natural selection.

In short — a theory that suggests that organisms with the strongest and most desirable characteristics are best able to survive and reproduce.

Speciation - the formation of new and distinct species in the course of evolution.



Charles Robert Darwin 1809 - 1882

https://www.britannica.com/science/Darwinism



Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, 12 August 1950, the twelfth year of Our Pontificate.

Pope Pius XII

Venerable Brethren,

Greetings and Apostolic Benediction

Disagreement and error among men on moral and religious matters have always been a cause of profound sorrow to all good men, but above all to the true and loyal sons of the Church, especially today, when we see the principles of Christian culture being attacked on all sides.

ENCYCLICAL HUMANI GENERIS OF THE HOLY FATHER **PIUS XII** TO OUR VENERABLE BRETHREN, PATRIARCHS, PRIMATES, ARCHBISHOPS, BISHIOPS, AND OTHER LOCAL ORDINARIES ENJOYING PEACE AND COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY SEE CONCERNING SOME FALSE OPINIONS THREATENING TO UNDERMINE THE FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE



"a general term comprising views that regard religious teachings about God as compatible with modern scientific understanding about biological evolution. Theistic evolution is not in itself a scientific theory, but a range of views about how the science of general evolution relates to religious beliefs in contrast to special creation views. Theistic evolutionists accept the scientific consensus on the age of the Earth, the age of the universe, the Big Bang, the origin of the Solar System, the origin of life, and evolution.

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A Must Read...

MESSAGE TO THE PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES: ON EVOLUTION Pope John Paul II



Magisterium Is Concerned with Question of Evolution for It Involves Conception of Man

Message delivered to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences 22 October 1996

Link on webpage



> The Garden of Eden

v8, God planted the garden (God did the initial work)

In middle, 2 trees: 1/ Life, 2/ Knowledge of Good and Evil

Choice = Free Will

>vv10-14, beautiful description of 4 rivers;

> gold and jewels in the land

The Story of the Nations





- > The Garden of Eden
 - >v15, God invites man in garden to work > There is dignity in work**

CCC §2402 In the beginning God entrusted the earth and its resources to the common stewardship of mankind to take care of them, master them by labor, and enjoy their fruits. The goods of creation are destined for the whole human race. However, the earth is divided up among men to assure the security of their lives, endangered by poverty and threatened by violence. the appropriation of property is legitimate for guaranteeing the freedom and dignity of persons and for helping each of them to meet his basic needs and the needs of those in his charge. It should allow for a natural solidarity to develop between men.

Also CCC § 2427-29, 2434

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- > The Garden of Eden
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- *Rerum Novarum* (On Capital and Labor), Pope Leo XIII - encyclical May 15, 1891
- Laudato si' (On Care of Our Common Home), Pope Francis encyclical, 2015



> The Garden of Eden

- >vv16,17, Gives order to man re: two trees
 - > When they eat, they do not die
 - > Means: they die to life of immortality
- >vv18-20, compassion and generosity of God provide a mate for man
 - > First animals
 - > V21, Then Eve deep sleep, removed rib, made woman
 - The oneness (like cutting a branch from plant to start) another)

Brought her, gave her to the man > Notice: NO order to be fruitful and multiply in this story of Creation

The Story of the Nations







NOW IN BABYLON...



> The Story of Creation

- > Having heard **Enuma Elish**, re-told story of creation,
 - ... of God bringing orderly universe out of primordial chaos
- Priestly Source, written late exile/early post-exile
- God creates the earth in 6 "days"
 - God is the Almighty, great God
 - > He is enthroned above the heavens
 - > He does not fashion things with his hand out of

Preamble: The Creation of the World

Days of Creation Genesis 1:1-2:3



Day 1: God creates day and night by dividing light from the darkness.



Day 2: God creates the sky and waters by separating the waters.



Day 3: God creates the seas and dry land by gathering the waters together. God makes vegetation to grow on the land.

Days of Filling





Day 4: God creates the sun, moon, and stars to fill the day and the night



Day 5: God creates birds to fill the skies and fish to fill the seas



Day 6: God creates animals and humans to fill the land.

Day 7: God rests on the seventh day and blesses it and makes it holy.

https://onestone.com/products/rose-chronological-guide-to-the-bible





He speaks - and creates by his word!

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Days of Filling





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The Story of Creation

Days 1-3 directly related to events on days 4-6

Days 1-3, Days of Forming environment Days 4-6, Fills the corresponding days the their elements

Preamble: The Creation of the World

Days of Creation Genesis 1:1-2:3

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Definition of a Day day."

• ... Evening came, and morning followed — the Jews: sundown to sundown = 1 day

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Sundown to Sundown









THE WORLD OF THE HEBREWS — Graphic representation of the Hebrew conception of the world. God's heavenly seat rests above the superior waters. Below these waters lies the firmament or sky which resembles an overturned bowl and is supported by columns. Through the openings (floodgates) in its vault the superior waters fall down upon the earth in the form of rain or snow. The earth is a platform resting on columns and surrounded by waters, the seas. Underneath the columns lie the inferior waters. In the depths of the earth is Sheol, the home of the dead (also called the nether world). This was the same prescientific concept of the universe as that held by the Hebrews' pagan neighbors.



The Story of Creation

Day 6, God creates 'human beings' [man] and woman at the same time] in his image and likeness (1:26)

>re: a mate:

- No first trial with animal
- No rib story
- Focus on complementary with God as well as with each other

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GENESIS 1:26

From a letter attributed to Barnabas (Cap. 5, 1-8; 6, 11-16; Funk 1,13-15, 19-21)

The new creation

The Lord was willing to hand over his body for destruction so that by the shedding of his blood we might be made holy through the remission of our sins. According to Scripture this refers to both Israel and us. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised by our iniquities; by his wounds we are healed. He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, like a lamb that is dumb before its shearer. What a debt of gratitude, then, do we owe to the Lord for letting us see the meaning of the past, for instructing us about the present and not leaving us in ignorance about the future. In the words of Scripture: Not unjustly are nets spread for birds. This means that a man is justly condemned if, knowing the right way, he heads into the way of darkness.

The Lord was ready to undergo suffering for our souls' sake, even though he is Lord of the whole earth, the one to whom God said at the foundation of the world: Let us make man in our own image and likeness. But, in that case, my brothers, how could he allow himself to suffer at the hands of men? This is the explanation. The prophets inspired by his grace foretold what he would do; he allowed himself to suffer because he had to be seen in the flesh, in order that he might destroy the power of death and manifest the resurrection from the dead. In this way he would carry out the promises that had been made to our forefathers, and while still on earth prepare for himself a new people; he would also show that, after the resurrection, he was to be our judge. Furthermore, by teaching Israel and working such great signs and wonders, he proclaimed the good news and showed the depths of his love for that people.

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Having thus renewed us by forgiving our sins, he refashioned us; he gave us the souls of children, as though we had been born anew. For it is to us that Scripture refers when the Father says to the Son: Let us make man according to our own image and likeness; and let him rule over the beasts on the earth and the birds in the air and the fish in the sea. The Lord saw the beauty of our fashioning and added: Increase and multiply and fill the earth.

All this God said to his Son. But let me now point out to you how he also speaks to us. It is indeed a second act of creation that the Lord has performed in these last days; that is why he says: Behold, I am making the last things like the first. It was this that the prophet had in mind when he said: Enter into a land flowing with milk and honey, and rule over it. It is true, you see, that we have been completely remade. This is what God means by the words of another prophet: Behold, says the Lord, I will take the stony hearts out of this people, that is, the people whom the Spirit of the Lord foreknew, and put hearts of flesh into them. For he willed to appear in the flesh and live among us.

And so, my brothers, the dwelling place of our hearts is a temple sacred to the Lord. Again, the Lord says: Let me give thanks to you in the assembly of the people. So it is we whom he has led into a fertile land

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The Story of Creation 1:28, God <u>blesses</u> them Then..., commands — <u>more of an invitation</u> to participate in God's creation: **Be fruitful and multiply**" Fill the earth

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Principle of Double Agency ~ St. Thomas Aquinas ~

- explains both a **Primary** and a **secondary** cause to every cause and effect action in the universe,
 - > with both wholly responsible for the actions.
- God is <u>always</u> the Primary cause of every action.
- With his creative power, he makes things exist such that they can also cause actions, the so called natural causes.
- In so doing, the Primary and secondary causes of each action work together to continue creation, and each action is wholly accomplished by the Primary and secondary causes.



Principle of Double Agency ~ St. Thomas Aquinas ~

- God enables man to utilize science to gain understanding of 'how' events in nature occur;
- > but it is religion and faith which explains the 'why' of the causes both primary and secondary. Understood properly, one grows in appreciation and awe of our Creator.
- The creationist theory explains the 'how' of creation to God, while excluding God's invitation of man into his mysteries by revealing his creative works through science and allowing him to participate in ongoing creation. Creationism excludes this relationship gifted by the grace of God.
- God is always the Primary cause... and everything he has created has its own to fulfill.
- To Adam and Eve / mankind/ animals / trees: "Be fruitful and multiply"





GENESIS1



> The Story of Creation

> v28, gives man dominion over all creatures

> Not to exploit, but to care for

Home), Pope Francis, 2015

> v29, Priestly Source: man and animals were to be <u>vegetarian</u>

of violence

Preamble: The Creation of the World

- Encyclical, Laudato si' (On Care of Our Common
- Gen 9:3, after flood story, diet changes to include meat, bc



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> The Story of Creation

> vv2:1-3, Sabbath day rest

- > AND Exodus 31:13, becomes a sign of their Covenant



Preamble: The Creation of the World

> READ Exodus 16:23, first mention of Sabbath, God's provision Then READ Exodus 20:11 (8-11), first association with Creation

> **Chapter 11: Why Do Catholics** Worship on Sunday and not the Sabbath?



Netanyahu apologizes to Haredi MKs after phoning **Olympic medalist on Shabbat**

Opposition leader says he is 'very careful to keep the Sabbath' and his staff will learn to do better; Likud blames 'technical error' that led to publishing post before nightfall

By TOI STAFF

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Opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu (R) apologizes to ultra-Orthodox MKs after releasing a statement on the Sabbath, August 8, 2021. (Video screenshot)

Opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu apologized on Sunday to ultra-Orthodox lawmakers within his own Knesset bloc after he phoned Olympic gymnast Linoy Ashram to congratulate her on winning a gold medal and publicized the call before nightfall on Saturday.

https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-apologizes-tophoning-olympicmedalist-on-shabbat/ haredi mks-after-

GENESIS 2:24-25



> The Story of Creation

wife, and the two of them become one body.

The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame.

- Jesus refers to this when questioned about divorce: Matthew 19:1-11 [LRB p2027-8]
 - Sacrament of Marriage sacred
 - > A grace from God
 - Reflects to the world the love God has for man

Preamble: The Creation of the World

- That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his



Theology of the Body St. Pope John Paul II - General Audiences September 5, 1979 to November 28, 1984

> 129 General Audiences > What does it mean to be a 'man'? > What does it mean to be a 'woman'? > How can we find true happiness? Archdiocese of San Francisco - Theology of the Body > On Vatican website, English only for 1979 > Read here :https://www.piercedhearts.org/jpii/theology_body_audiences/ a_theology_body.htm





WHAT IS THEOLOGY OF THE BODY? I Why God Gave Us Bodies I Christopher West



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- > Too in-depth to discuss here
- > Linked a Vatican document on the webpage:
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TOWARDS A PATH OF DIALOGUE ON THE QUESTION OF GENDER THEORY IN EDUCATION

HE CREATED THEM"



'High Holy Days' is not a Biblical term nor a term from Talmud

"Holidays" = celebratory

"High Holy Days" = more reflective, spiritual

Leviticus 23: - READ - "this is your liturgical calendar"

What are the High Holy Days?

Rosh Hashanah

September 15-17, 2023



Rosh Hashanah commemorates the **creation of the world** and marks the beginning of the **Days of Awe**, a 10-day period of introspection and repentance that <u>culminates in the Yom Kippur</u> <u>holiday</u>, also known as the Day of Atonement. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the two "High Holy Days" in the Jewish religion.

https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/rosh-hashanah-history



High Holy Days 5782

- + 1st day of 7th month (Tishri) Sabbath rest
- + 10th day of 7th month (Tishri)
 - Sabbath rest
- + Jews also include:

שָׁנָה טוֹבָה, שֶׁנָה שׁוּבָה. a year of goodness, a year of return.

New Year's Day- Rosh Hoshanah Sept 15 - 77, 2023

Day of Atonement - Yom Kippur - Sept 24 - 25, 2023

 The Ten Days of Remembrance or Days of Awe + = Rosh Hoshanah <u>through</u> Yom Kippur Ask forgiveness from anyone they have wronged

Catechism on Faith & Science

159. Faith and science: "... methodical research in all branches of knowledge, provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never conflict with the faith, because the things of the world and the things of faith derive from the same God. The humble and persevering investigator of the secrets of nature is being led, as it were, by the hand of God in spite of himself, for it is God, the conserver of all things, who made them what they are." (Vatican II GS 36:1)

283. The question about the origins of the world and of man has been the object of many scientific studies which have splendidly enriched our knowledge of the age and dimensions of the cosmos, the development of life-forms and the appearance of man. These discoveries invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers....

284. The great interest accorded to these studies is strongly stimulated by a question of another order, which goes beyond the proper domain of the natural sciences. It is not only a question of knowing when and how the universe arose physically, or when man appeared, but rather of discovering the meaning of such an origin....





Catholic Dogma

On the doctrine on creation, cites the following points as essential beliefs of the Catholic faith ("De Fide"):

- nothing by God.
- God was moved by His Goodness to create the world.
- The world was created for the Glorification of God.

- God has created a good world.
- The world had a beginning in time.
- God alone created the world.
- God keeps all created things in existence.

Ludwig Ott (German, Catholic priest and theologian, 1906-1985) - Fundamentals of

• All that exists outside God was, in its whole substance, produced out of

• The Three Divine Persons are one single, common Principle of the Creation. • God created the world free from exterior compulsion and inner necessity.

• God, through His Providence, protects and guides all that He has created.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evolution_and_the_Catholic_Church



Amen?

Creation of Adam, Michelangelo, 1512





Cenesis 3-4 Come and See: Genesis - chapters 3-4 Website Resources

For Next Week:





'In the Beginning'

A CATHOLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE STORY OF CREATION AND THE FALL



Pope Benedict XVI

Joseph Ratzinger

<u>'In the Beginning...' - A Catholic</u> <u>Understanding of</u> <u>the story of Creation and the Fall</u>

Pope Benedict XVI

Closing Prayer - from LOTH, Evening Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father, you illumine the night and bring the dawn to scatter darkness. Let us pass this night in safety, free from Satan's power, and rise when morning comes to give you thanks and praise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. -Amen.

Closing Prayer - from LOTH, Evening Prayer

May the Lord + bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. – Amen.