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Genesis

The Story of God And Humanity



When E F Hutton Talks,
People Listen!



“When God Speaks...”

A dark, cosmic background featuring a vibrant nebula with swirling patterns of purple, blue, and yellow. Numerous small, distant stars are scattered across the field of view.

Things Happen!

Psalm 33:6-9 (NLT2)

The LORD merely spoke, and
the heavens were created.

He breathed the word, and all the stars were born.
He assigned the sea its boundaries and locked the
oceans in vast reservoirs. Let the whole world fear
the LORD, and let everyone stand in awe of him.
For when he spoke, the world began!
It appeared at his command.

The *Declaration* of the Beginning

- “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters” (Genesis 1:1-2).
- In the dateless past God, through the eternal Word, brought the universe into existence out of nothing.

The Trinity in Creation

- *Elohim*, a plural noun is used 32 times in Genesis 1.
- This may be word form known as “plural of majesty.”
- It could also reference that God exists in three persons and it could be both.
- In Scripture, creation is said to have involved...
 - The Father (Acts 4:24)
 - The Son (John 1:1–3)
 - The Holy Spirit (Psalm 104:30).

Where In The World Is Jehovah?

- The name *Jehovah* first appears in Genesis 2:4.
“This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the *LORD* God made the earth and the heavens.”
- It is used 11 times throughout chapter two.

The *Explanation* of Creation

“And God Said...” – Genesis 1:3-31

1. “Let there be Light...”
2. “Let there be an expanse...” (Sky)
3. “Let the waters...be gathered...and dry ground appear ... and “Let the land produce vegetation...”
4. “Let there be lights in the sky...” (Governing and causing days, nights, seasons, and years)
5. "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly (in) the expanse of the sky."
6. “Let the land produce living creatures...” “Let us make man in our image...”(to rule over a vegetarian earth)

The *Organization* of Creation

Genesis 2:1-25

- On day seven, God ceased his work, or rested, and blessed the seventh day and made it holy.
- God had planted a garden in Eden and put man there.
- Two trees in the middle, one provided life, the other the experience of good and evil; it was forbidden.
 - To eat it and thus experience evil was to earn death. Evil is sin and the “wages of sin is death.”

- God determined that humans should not be alone.
- The animals were given identities, but none provided the companionship that a human needed.
- Woman is first made from man, but man will, thereafter, come from woman, relying on each other.
- Man and woman became one flesh.
- They lived together without shame or fear because there was no sin and no death.

Some Truths About God And Humanity

- We were created by God, *Elohim*.
- We were created in God's, *Elohim's*, image.
- We were, thus, created to live in community.
- We are the highest form of creation, because we were created to be the image bearers of the creator.



Tree of Life

Tree of the
Knowledge of Good
and Evil

Two Trees,
One Choice,
Forever Consequences

What Was God's Original Intent In Creation, As Seen In The Garden of Eden?

These are called
“**Creational Principles**”
and are an important part of understanding
God's will for us through scripture. This
includes our Exegesis and Hermeneutics.

No Human Hierarchy

Man and Woman Were Equals

Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created man in his own image,

in the image of God he created him; male and female
he created them. God blessed them and said to them,
"Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and
subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of
the air and over every living creature that moves on
the ground."

Death Did Not Exist

- God invited humans to LIVE in His creation
- Humans, by their choice to disobey God and eat of the forbidden fruit that allowed them to experience good and evil, invited death into God's creation.
- Not even an animal died until after sin entered the world and, along with it, shame.
- God was the first to shed blood by taking a life when He killed animals to make clothes for Adam and Eve.

Slavery Did Not Exist

- There was no ownership by humans of any being that had the breath of life.
 - There was no competition or need for it.
- There was no accumulation of wealth or need for it.
- There was no unfulfilled need, as it was all provided.
- There was only one requirement by God for humans, to trust His plan and provision for them.

Divorce Did Not Exist

- Man and woman became one flesh.
- After the fall into sin, divorce was allowed by God, and is still allowed, because of the hardness of the human heart.
- However, it was not part of Creational Intent.

Meat Eaters Did Not Exist

Every living being in the garden was herbivore.

Genesis 1:29-30 (NIV)

God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food."

Humans Were Given The Responsibility Of Ruling In Creation.

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Humans Were Also Made Stewards Of God's Creation.

*The LORD God took the man and put him in the
Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*

Genesis 2:15 (NIV)

We Must Not Waste Or Exploit Creation.
We Honor The Creator By How We Care
For His Creation.



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We Still Have The Same Options, Choices, And Consequences.

John 3:16 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Options, Choices, And Consequences

- These Are The Options
 - Good And Evil
 - Life And Death
- Choose Trust In God – Receive Eternal Life
- Choose To Trust In Self – Perish Eternally