

GENESIS
1:2 - 31

Welcome Friends

These are **God's resources** for you to read
at your own pace.



Anytime
during a week

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun



According to **your convenience**



You can go through all the material in one go
(**30-45 minutes** - Read, Reflect and Apply)

or



choose how much to read each day

or



use our recommended pauses to stop and
resume at your own pace.



*May the time you spend with the Lord
enrich your relationship with Him.*

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Why
Tap into **God's Intelligence**
to live life?

Because

God has chosen us to
be on the team of His Son

JESUS CHRIST
our Lord

His kingdom is a
Kingdom Of Light

It's a high calling;
**a Holy Calling;
a Heavenly Calling**

We are
Citizens of Heaven

Sent as **Christ's Representatives** on earth

Equipped and Empowered with
God's word that tells us how to live according to
Heaven's rules (**God's standards**) here on earth.

Implementing
God's Will on earth

Being
God's Salt & Light

Making
Disciples

Impacting
Communities

→ **Overcome**

Kingdom of darkness
Self-centered world & devil

How to use this Scripture Engagement



Begin with Prayer

Before you start each lesson, ask the Lord to use it to grow you up in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Read the Bible passage first

Invite God to open your eyes and deepen your understanding of His Word.



If you want to listen to Dr. J Vernon McGee's complete teaching on the passage, go to TTB.org, download the app, watch it on Youtube, or read this material.



After every teaching, you can look at the scripture engagement questions listed here for your consideration or, if you're reading this as a group, for your discussion.



Ask the Spirit to help you take what
He wants to show you to heart.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom and teaching...

~ Colossians 3:16

Personal Preparation

Personal preparation is for you to go through this material on your own during the week. If you are part of a group, your contribution in meeting and sharing together will encourage collective spiritual growth.

Meet Share Grow

Meet Together, Share Together & Encourage ONE ANOTHER



Coming Together Once a Week



For Your Study

Scripture : Genesis 1:2-25

Read Time : 10-15min



Prayer

Before we proceed, let us take a minute to ask God to guide our hearts, minds, ears, and eyes to understand His divine design.

Bible Passage



The earth was without form, and void;
and darkness was on the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God was hovering over
the face of the waters.

- Gen 1:2 (NKJV)

1 What does the Bible teach?

Dr. McGee believes a **great catastrophe** took place between *Genesis 1:1 & 1:2*

Without form
(**Tohu**)
means
ruin, vacancy, chaos
in Hebrew

Void
(**Bohu**)
means
emptiness, desolation
in Hebrew

Isaiah 45:18 states,
"God did not create the
earth in vain" (tohu),
meaning He created it
perfect and to be
inhabited, but
something made it a
wasteland.

2 The **Absence of God** is symbolised by **Darkness**

Dr. McGee interprets darkness as **the absence of God's presence**, which aligns with God's judgment, making it a ruin.

Genesis 1:2 states, "Darkness was upon the face of the deep."

3 The **Fall of Lucifer** & the **Pre-Adamic Theory**

Dr. McGee suggests that a **Pre-Adamic race** may have existed on Earth.

Dr. McGee connects this catastrophe with **The Fall of Lucifer (Satan)**.

The **entire universe** may have suffered **as a result of Satan's rebellion**.

4 Holy Spirit's Work – **Brooding Over Creation**

Genesis 1:2 – "The Spirit of God hovering over the waters."

"Hovering" means **brooded**, like a mother hen protecting her chicks.

The **Holy Spirit's** presence initiated re-creation.

Spiritual Application—**Rebirth Through the Holy Spirit**

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Dr. McGee parallels the Holy Spirit's re-creation with **spiritual rebirth**.

Water = The Word of God
Spirit = The Holy Spirit.

John 3:5 –
"Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Link between

Genesis 1:2

&

Salvation

Just as the Spirit created the earth,
He recreates us in salvation.



3 Stages of the Earth's Formation

Dr. McGee sees **three distinct phases** in *Genesis 1:1-31*

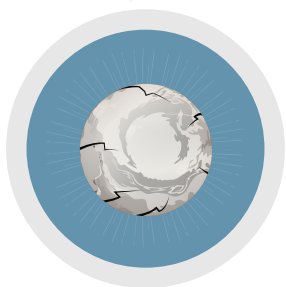
Stage 1



Creation of the universe

God originally created everything (*Genesis 1:1*).

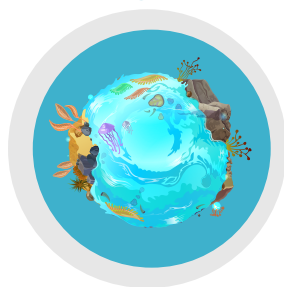
Stage 2



Convulsion of the earth

A catastrophe left the earth "without form and void" (*Genesis 1:2*).

Stage 3



Construction of the earth

God restored and structured the earth over six days (*Genesis 1:3-31*) (*Exodus 20:11*).

6 days of Divine Order & Creation ●●●●●●

Dr. McGee highlights how creation shows **order, progress, promptness, and perfection.**

The Creation Days Were Literal



Dr. McGee affirms that the **days of creation** were **24-hour days**

(*Exodus 20:11*)

He states, "**I don't see how you could get anything else out of it.**"

This contradicts interpretations that see these as **long ages or symbolic time periods.**

The 'Let There Be' Statements - God's Commands of Creation

Genesis 1, records **"Let there be" statements** (10 times):

LET THERE BE LIGHT
LET THERE BE A FIRMAMENT
LET THERE BE LIGHTS
LET THE WATERS BE GATHERED TOGETHER
... and more.

TEN
DIVINE COMMANDS
of Creation

TEN
COMMANDMENTS
of Creation

are compared to the
Ten Commandments,
calling them

This emphasizes **God's absolute authority in creating the world through His spoken word.**

6 days of **Divine Order** & **Creation** ● ● ● ● ● ●

Day 1 | **Light** (Genesis 1:3-5)



Genesis 1:3 - "God said,
Let there be light."

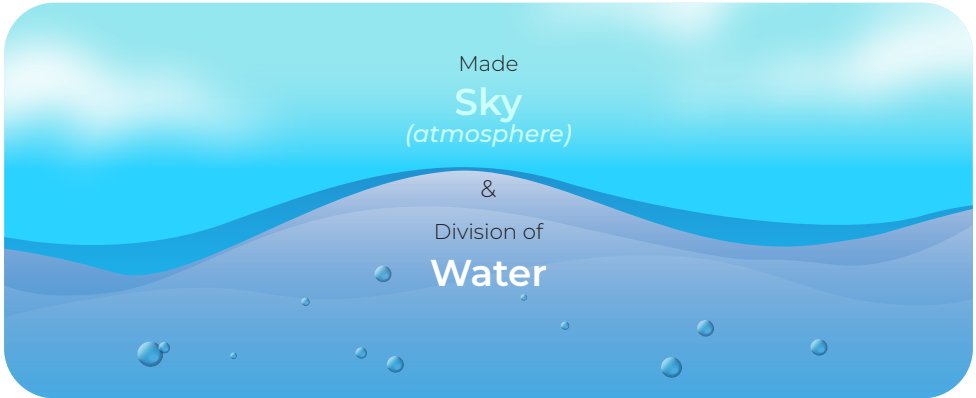
First recorded words of
God in the Bible.

This is **the first time** that
God's audibly spoken words
are recorded in Scripture.

Dr. McGee highlights the importance of **God speaking to bring order from chaos.**

6 days of **Divine Order** & **Creation** ● ● ● ● ● ●

Day 2 | **Firmament** (Genesis 1:6-8)



Made
Sky
(atmosphere)

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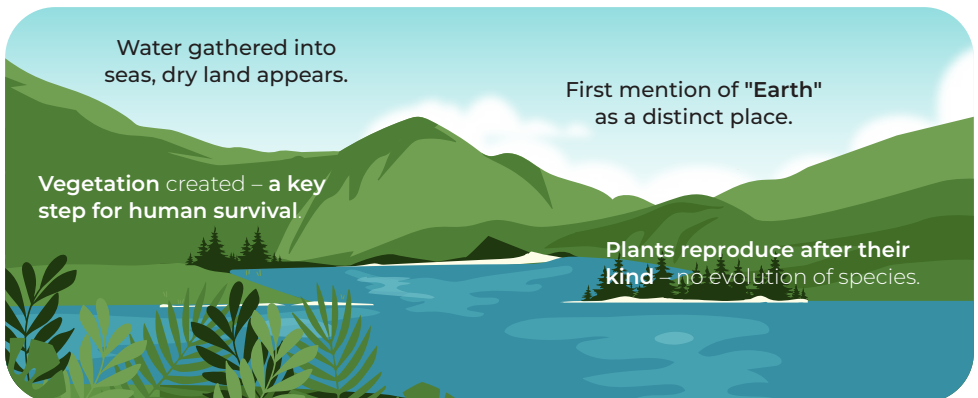
Division of
Water

Three Heavens in the Bible



6 days of **Divine Order & Creation** ●●●●●●

Day 3 | **Dry Land & Plant Life** (Genesis 1:9-13)



6 days of **Divine Order** & **Creation** ●●●●●●●●

Day 4 | **Sun, Moon, and Stars**

(Genesis 1:14-19)

God **"made"** the Sun,
Moon & Stars visible

His **Purpose** was **timekeeping**
(seasons, days, years).

Genesis 1:16 –

"He made the stars also" –
A vast yet simple
statement.

6 days of **Divine Order** & **Creation** ●●●●●●●●

Day 5 | **Marine & Flying Creatures**

(Genesis 1:20-23)

"Let the waters bring
forth abundantly."

Creatures reproduce
after their kind.

God's command is to
multiply & fill the earth.

Day 6 | **Land Animals & Humans**

(Genesis 1:24-31)



The Creation of Man

A Unique Event

Genesis 1:26-27 – God said, "Let us make man in our image."

Man is Made in the Image of God

One of the greatest statements in Scripture.

What does "image of God" mean?

Man is a **Trinity**
(Spirit, Soul, and Body)
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Man has
self-consciousness,
free will, and moral
responsibility.

Man is a **unique**
personality.



"So God Created Man in His Own Image"

The Hebrew word for **create**

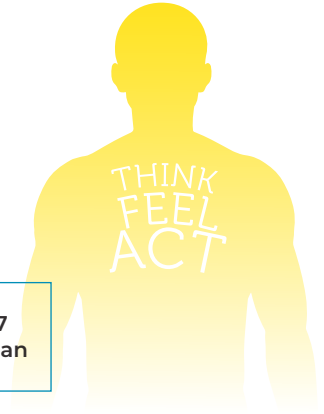
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(bara)

is used **three times** in *Genesis 1*

Genesis 1:1
Creation of the
physical universe

Genesis 1:21
Creation of **life**

Genesis 1:27
Creation of **man**



Man was **something new**, distinct from animals.

God gives **detailed information** only about **man's creation**, not the universe

why?

Because **God wants man to know about his origin, his Creator**, not to explain the **entire cosmos**.

God created them Male and Female

The **details of how man and woman were created** are given in **Genesis 2**.

The **creation of the universe** is only briefly mentioned,
but **man's creation is emphasized**.

Hebrews 11:3

Creation was made "Out of nothing"
(*ex nihilo*)

God's Blessing and Command to Multiply

Genesis 1:28 (NKJV)

"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"

God gave **mankind a special role** in creation.

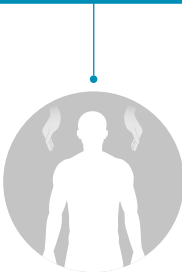
Sex and reproduction were designed by God -they are not a new discovery.

Society has **distorted and degraded sexuality**, but God intended it to be pure and beautiful.

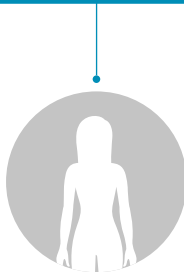
There are **four ways God has brought human life into existence**



Four ways God has brought human life into existence



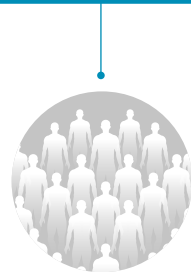
**Direct
Creation**
(Adam)



**Indirect
Creation**
(Eve)



**Virgin
Birth**
(Jesus Christ)



**Natural
Generation**
(The standard method
of reproduction)

Man's Moral Responsibility in God's Image

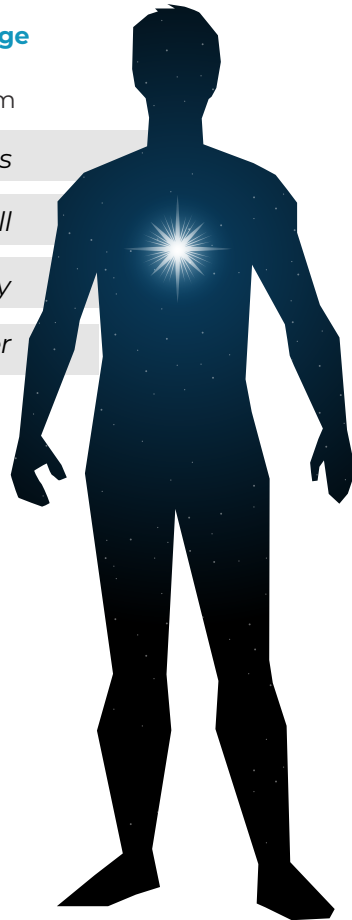
God **created man in His image**, giving him

Self-consciousness

Free will

Moral responsibility

Accountability to God the Owner



The Meaning of “Replenish the Earth”

The word "**replenish**" suggests that **the earth was inhabited before Adam**.

This supports the idea of a **Pre-Adamic world that was destroyed**.

Man's Role: To Subdue the Earth

God told **man to subdue the earth**



This includes

Scientific discovery (Proverbs 25:2: “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.”)

Exploration and learning

Man was given **intelligence and curiosity** to uncover God's hidden treasures.

Dominion Over Creation

God told Adam to “have dominion,” which means **Adam was created to rule the earth.**

Adam *was not just a glorified gardener* but a **ruler**

Before the fall, Adam had complete control over nature

Jesus demonstrated this dominion



Calmed the storm (*Mark 4:39*).



Multiplied food (*John 6:1-14*).

Adam *may have similar authority*
before sin entered the world

The Original Diet of Mankind

Genesis 1:29 (NKJV)

"And God said, 'See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.'"

Man was originally a vegetarian.

Meat-eating only began after the flood (*Genesis 9:3*).



God's Provision for All Living Creatures

Genesis 1:30 (NKJV)

"Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so."

God provided plants for all creatures - both **man and animals** were originally vegetarian.

This **emphasizes God's provision** in creation.

God's Final Approval of Creation

Genesis 1:31 (NKJV)

*"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was **very good**. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day."*

*This is **the only time in Genesis 1** that God calls His Creation '**very good**' showing completion and perfection.*



There was **no sin, no suffering, no death** - the world was in its perfect state.

The Bible Acknowledges God's Existence

God is mentioned 32 times in Genesis 1.

The **Bible makes no attempt to prove God's existence** - it affirms it.

Psalms 14:1 (NKJV): *"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'"*

Faith is required to accept God's role as Creator.

God's Creation Reveals His Power and Nature

Romans 1:20 (NKJV)

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and

Godhead, so that they are without excuse."

The **world itself is evidence of God** - His power, wisdom, and divine nature.

Genesis 1 Refutes False Worldviews

Denies Polytheism - There is **only one God** who created all things

Denies Eternity of Matter - "In the beginning" shows that **matter had a starting point**.

Denies Pantheism - God is **separate from His creation**, not part of it.

Denies Fatalism - **God acts by His will**, not by chance or fate.

Striking Features of Genesis 1

Dr. McGee highlights **four major features** in *Genesis 1: 2 to 31*

1

Order

Creation follows a structured, logical sequence.

3

Promptness

God speaks, and things come into existence immediately.

2

Progress

Each day builds upon the previous one.

4

Perfection

Creation was flawless and without sin.



How
to tap into
God's Intelligence
to apply into your situation

Read the scripture
engagement

Reflect think
about it

Respond to the application
questions

Remember to note it in your
take away section.



Dr. J Vernon McGee says,

“ We are living in the day of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the day of grace, when the Spirit of God takes the things of Christ and reveals them to us. ”

Reflect & Apply



1. **Reflection:** The Awesomeness of God in Creation

Isaiah 40 powerfully declares the greatness of God, reminding us that **He measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and stretched out the heavens like a curtain** (Isaiah 40:12, 22). When we look at Genesis 1:2-31, we see

- how God's creation reflects **His order, progress, promptness, and perfection.**
- **Order:** God designed the universe with structure—nothing is random.
- **Progress:** He created with intention, building upon each stage.
- **Promptness:** His Word alone brought everything into existence instantly.
- **Perfection:** The world was flawless before sin entered.

How does understanding God's power in creation change the way you see Him?

Application

Isaiah 40:26 says, *"Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name. By the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one is missing"* (NKJV).

When was the last time you stood in awe of God's creation?

How does knowing God's perfect order and power in creation give you confidence in His plan for your life?

What areas of your life do you need to surrender, trusting that God works with the same **order, progress, promptness, and perfection**?

Take a moment to reflect, praise, and thank God for His greatness today! 

2. **Reflection:** Understanding God's Purpose in Creating Man

Genesis 1:26-27 states, *"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion...' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (NKJV).*

Dr. McGee highlights that man is uniquely created with a **spirit, soul, and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23)** to:

- **Know** God through the spirit (spiritual connection).
- **Understand** God's will through the soul (mind, emotions, and will).
- **Act** upon God's purposes through the body (physical actions in the world).

God intentionally created mankind **to rule, subdue, and steward the earth**, reflecting His divine authority. Before sin entered the world, Adam exercised dominion similar to how Christ later demonstrated authority over nature (Mark 4:39, John 6:1-14).

How does knowing that you are made in God's image change the way you live?

Application

Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV) - *"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter."*

God has given you the ability to learn, explore, and uncover His hidden treasures.

- In what ways are you using your mind, heart, and body to glorify God?
- How can you better align your free will, moral responsibility, and actions to mature in Christlikeness?



Pray today, thanking God for making you in His image and ask Him to help you live out His purpose with your spirit, soul, and body!

3. **Equip & Share:** Defending the Truth of Genesis 1

Genesis 1:2-31 not only describes God's creation but also **refutes false worldviews** by affirming:

- **Monotheism** – There is **only one true God** who created all things. (Not polytheism)
- **Creation of Matter** – The universe had a **definite beginning** ("In the beginning, God...") (Matter is not eternal).
- **God's Transcendence** – He is **separate from His creation**, not part of it (denying pantheism).
- **God's Sovereignty** – Creation happened by **His will**, not by chance or fate. (No fatalism)

How can you use these truths from Genesis 1 to teach others to discern between biblical creation and false worldviews like polytheism, pantheism, and fatalism?

Application

How can you **help others see God's truth** in a world filled with different beliefs?



Pray for wisdom and clarity in teaching God's Word, helping others understand His truth in creation!

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McGee's Quote



“

Well, one of the facts in Genesis chapter 1 is that God is mentioned thirty-two times in this chapter. The Bible does not attempt to prove the existence of God. Why not? Because God says, "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God...."

”

-Psalm 14:1



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