

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:1-2:25

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Genesis

Means “*Origin*”

People are curious about the origins.

When reading there are TWO distinct creation narratives.

1. Literal of Creation
2. Poem - God's relationship with Humans

Genesis is in fact an argument for civilized world with laws and principals.



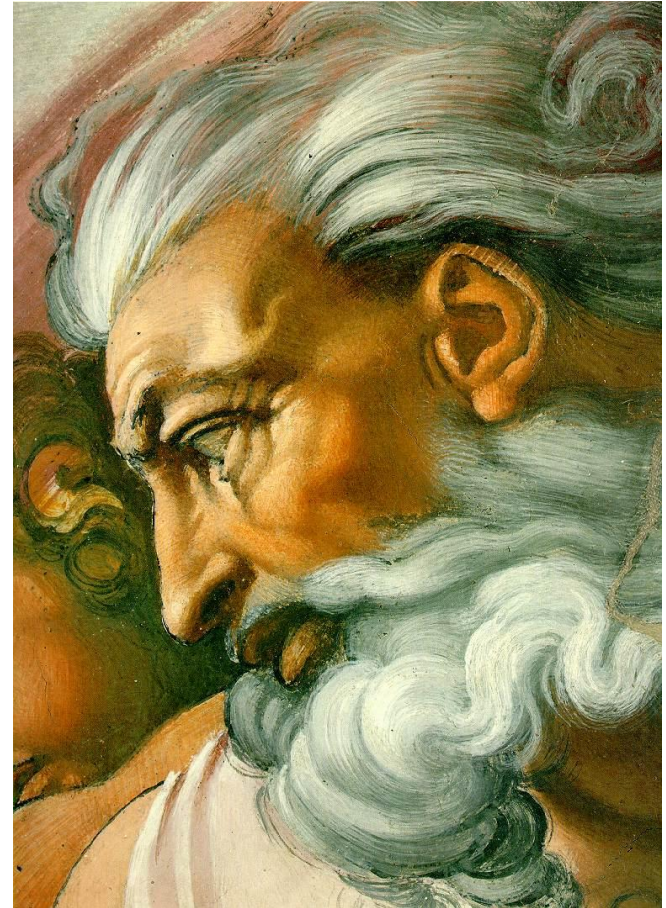
Who is God the Creator?

Genesis 1 describes a God whose goodness alone is the source of all life and all form.

Who needs nothing but chooses to create anyways. Creates not from leftovers but out of that chaos

Robert Alter (contemporary scholar) translates *“out of welter and waste”*

In the book we learn that he is loves zealously, has favorites, inflicts terrible punishments but also has mercy.



Seven Days Genesis 1:1-2:3

Narrates God's Creative Powers

Christians read it as a literal account of How the world is created.

Some Christians and Jews see it for different set of revelations: What and Why of creation.

Each day has a pattern and Each has a separation creation beginning.

Order of the account is not lifeless or rigid but exuberance of life burts through every line.

Genesis 1 & 2 sharing with humanity the responsibility for maintaining and protecting the natural world.

PAIRING OF DAYS AND WORKS

Day One

Light

Day Four

Sun, moon, and stars

Day Two

Separation of the waters and sky

Day Five

Water creatures, birds of the air

Day Three

Dry land, plants

Day Six

Animals and human beings

Adam and Eve Genesis 2:4b-25

Closer look to Humanity's Beginnings

Garden named Eden

Man was formed and host from Animals from clay or sculptor would.

Adam was put in an anesthesiologist to *birth* the first woman and present at what many consider the first wedding.

Echo the beauty that both Men and Women are created to share God's blessing equally.

Holds the message that the story of humans begins with Goodness, Joy, Community, Abundance and Love.



Notes on Names

In Hebrew term *adam* is a word of “*Humankind*” or “*earth*” or “*red*”

In Genesis 1 and 2 Adam means “*Human*” or “*the man*”

In Hebrew Women (*Isha*) means “*closely related to men*” (*ish*)

Eve means “*mother of all living*” (Genesis 3:20 (NRSV))



THE BIBLE

IN **Literature**

The American poet Robert Frost (1874–1963) is forever identified with the New England landscape he loved. In the sonnet “Never Again Would Birds’ Song Be the Same,” Frost hears the world through Adam’s ears, paying tribute to the power of the beloved to transform the lover’s world.

He would declare and could himself believe
That the birds there in all the garden round
From having heard the daylong voice of Eve
Had added to their own an oversound,
Her tone of meaning but without the words.
Admittedly an eloquence so soft
Could only have had an influence on birds
When call or laughter carried it aloft.
Be that as may be, she was in their song.
Moreover her voice upon their voices crossed
Had now persisted in the woods so long
That probably it never would be lost.
Never again would birds’ song be the same.
And to do that to birds was why she came.

The Complete Poems of Robert Frost
(Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1964)