

BIBLICAL CREATION

What does this mean and teach? God as Creator AND Maker:

➤ God created the elements

בְּרָא'שִׁית בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

Genesis 1:1 IN the beginning God created (בְּרָא) **the heaven and the earth**. **Genesis 1:2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

At the most basic level all things are made up of these elements → the dust/earth

We might call this: Chemistry

Create (אֵלֵּךְ): is used only of God and used only for creation Ex Nihilo

God **also** makes/forms → Ex Materia from what he created

Genesis 1:21 And God created (וַיִּבְרָא) great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:27 So God created (וַיִּבְרָא) man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work **which God created** (וַיַּעַשׂ) **and made**.

➤ God created the principle of life / life itself

Genesis 1:21 And God created (וַיִּבְרָא) great whales, and every living (כָּל־חַיָּה) creature that moveth (הַחַיָּה), which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Example from my work experience: canine, bovine, equine, feline...

We might call this: Biology & Zoology

➤ God created the Imago Dei in man!

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **Genesis 1:27** So God created (וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם) **man** in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **Genesis 1:28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

This was BOTH created AND made.

We might call this: anthropology

➤ God made all – male and female – in His image → the Imago Dei

Structural: who we are

Relational: to God and people

Functional: have dominion

Broadly this would include elements of basic rationality:

Cogito ergo sum:

The law of causality

Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
Luke 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. **Luke 1:28** And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. **Luke 1:29** And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. **Luke 1:30** And the angel said unto her, **Fear not**, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. **Luke 1:31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **Luke 1:32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: **Luke 1:33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, **How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?**

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. **Luke 1:36** And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, **who was called barren**. **Luke 1:37** **For with God nothing shall be impossible.** **Luke 1:38** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; **be it unto me according to thy word**. And the angel departed from her.

The law of non-contradiction: a cannot be a and non-a at the same

and in the same

The law of basic reliability of sense perception