

Genesis 1:26

Let us make man ...



The belief in only one deity is known as monotheism. The Hebrew Bible clearly teaches monotheism, and to avoid any misunderstanding, the one and only Creator revealed His personal name which is Yahweh.

Although the Torah and prophets clearly teach monotheism, Trinitarians believe in three separate entities. Others believe in two. Some teach that only one deity has eternally existed, and then at some point in time, that first one created a second, and then the two deities together, somehow cooperated to create the earth and/or life upon it. Many of these various polytheists like to use **Gen 1:26** for the purpose of showing more than one god in the Hebrew Bible. Their "proof" is the three plural pronouns which you will see in rectangles when you turn the page.

Gen 1:1 is written in the second person. It does not say, "In the beginning I created ..." We are not told who wrote the Book of Genesis, or when, or how, he received his information. But certainly there were no humans to witness the creation of this earth.

Of all the books in the world, Genesis is said to be the oldest, and certainly it could be subject to some loss of accuracy through the centuries, especially when we consider that it passed through the time of confusion of languages at the tower of Babel. It would seem unwise to place too much emphasis on these three plural pronouns, especially when the same

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES,
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GENESIS.

CHAPTER 1

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

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.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness **he** called Night: and the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters: and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven: and the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth: and the gathering together of the waters called **he** Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit-tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day, and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and the fowl *that* may

fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created 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.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and the beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

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.

27 So God created man in **his** own image, in the image of God created **he** him, male and female created **he** them.

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.

29 And God said, Behold, **I** have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, **I** have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that **he** had made: and behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

CHAPTER 2

THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended **his** work which **he** had made; and **he** rested on the seventh day from all **his** work which **he** had made.

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

page has fifteen singular pronouns in reference to the Creator! See those marked with circles.

And more recently, Yahweh gave Moses and the prophets absolute and dogmatic statements showing conclusively that there is only one Creator:

Ex 20:2-3: I am Yahweh Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Ex 20:11: For in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth...

Deut 4:35: ... that Yahweh He is god; there is none else beside Him.

Deut 6:4: Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our god is one Yahweh.

Isa 43:10: ... that ye may know and believe Me and understand that I am He: before Me there was no god formed, neither shall there be after Me.

Isa 44:6: ... I am the first, and I am the last; and besides me there is no god.

Isa 44:24: ... I am Yahweh that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by Myself.

Isa 45:5-6: I am Yahweh, and there is none else, there is no god besides me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides me. I am Yahweh, and there is none else.

Other tracts on this subject are: 2 Are Too Many Gods; A Concept of Oneness; Who is Elohim?; Some Oneness Prophecies; and John 1:1 In the beginning was the word.