

WHO IS GOD?

Genesis 1:1 ESV

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

BERESHITH BARA ELOHIM ETH HASHSHAMAYIM VEETH HAARETS
GOD, IN THE BEGINNING CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

GOD IS ETERNAL(EVERLASTING) GOD IS OMNIPOTENT(ALL POWERFUL)
GOD IS OMNIPRESENT(EVERYWHERE, ALL THE TIME) GOD IS
OMNISCIENT(ALL KNOWING) GOD IS TRIUNE(FATHER,SON,HOLY SPIRIT)
GOD IS SELF EXISTING, SELF SUSTAINING, AND INFINITE

THE FATHER

A DEFINITION FROM CLARKE'S COMMENTARY

A general definition of this great First Cause, as far as human words dare attempt one, may be thus given: The eternal, independent, and self-existent Being: the Being whose purposes and actions spring from himself, without foreign motive or influence: he who is absolute in dominion; the most pure, the most simple, and most spiritual of all essences; infinitely benevolent, beneficent, true, and holy: the cause of all being, the upholder of all things; infinitely happy, because infinitely perfect; and eternally self-sufficient, needing nothing that he has made: illimitable in his immensity, inconceivable in his mode of existence, and indescribable in his essence; known fully only to himself, because an infinite mind can be fully apprehended only by itself. In a word, a Being who, from his

infinite wisdom, cannot err or be deceived; and who, from his infinite goodness, can do nothing but what is eternally just, right, and kind.

IT TAKES MORE FAITH TO BELIEVE IN A BIG BANG
WE HAVE 3 CHOICES, MATTER IS ETERNAL, MATTER FORMED
OUT OF CHANCE, A CREATOR MADE MATTER

ELOHIM IS PLURAL, POINTING TO THE THREE PERSONS OF THE
GODHEAD, BARA..CREATED EFFORTLESSLY..SINGULAR

FIRST THING GOD DID, MAKE SOMETHING FROM NOTHING, THE
HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND ALL THAT INHABIT BOTH REALMS

Genesis 1:2

²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

WITHOUT FORM AND VOID....TOHU WABOHU....UNINHABITABLE

GENESIS COMMENTATOR UMBERTO CASSUTO PROVIDES THIS GREAT
PICTURE

“JUST AS THE POTTER, WHEN HE WISHES TO FASHION A BEAUTIFUL
VESSEL, TAKES FIRST OF ALL A LUMP OF CLAY, AND PLACES IT UPON HIS
WHEEL IN ORDER TO MOULD IT ACCORDING TO HIS WISH, SO THE
CREATOR FIRST PREPARED FOR HIMSELF THE RAW MATERIAL.....WITH A
VIEW TO GIVING IT AFTERWARDS ORDER AND LIFE.....IT IS THIS
TERRESTRIAL STATE THAT IS CALLED TOHU AND BOHU”

SPIRIT...RUWACH...BREATH,WIND
THE TRINITY IS PRESENT IN CREATION
ALL WILL BE CREATED THROUGH THE SON AND FOR HIM

THE SON

John 1:1-4 ESV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

JOHN INTENTIONALLY STARTS HIS GOSPEL LIKE GENESIS, HE GIVES US ANOTHER PICTURE OF THAT DAY, GIVING US A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE SON

JOHN KNEW JESUS CHRIST IN AN INTIMATE WAY...NOT JUST KNOWLEDGE OF HIM

EQUAL TO THE FATHER AND THE SPIRIT YET VERY DISTINCT
HE IS THE MEANS BY WHICH EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE WAS MADE

THE FATHER, THE SON, THE SPIRIT.....GOD, HIS WORD, HIS POWER
ALL ARE ONE BUT VERY DISTINCT INDIVIDUAL PERSONS OR BEINGS

JESUS CHRIST IS THE MEANS BY WHICH EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE EXIST

LIFE..ZOE...PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL, ETERNAL LIFE

LIGHT...PHOS...DAYLIGHT, FIRELIGHT

Colossians 1:15-18 ESV

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

IMAGE...EIKON...PORTRAIT. FIRSTBORN...PROTOTOKOS...FIRST SEAT...SUPREME STATUS

ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER IN CHRIST...HE IS THE REASON FOR OUR WHOLE EXISTENCE

JESUS IS OUR SHEPHERD, OUR LEADER, OUR TEACHER, OUR LORD

HE IS THE FIRST PERSON TO ETERNALLY RESURRECT FROM THE DEAD THIS MAKES HIM SUPERIOR IN EVERYTHING...THE PERFECT ONE

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 ESV

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 ESV

¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be

reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

John 14:6 ESV

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

THE HOLY SPIRIT / NOT A GIFT OR A MIRACLE GEANIE

HE IS OUR TEACHER

John 14:25-26 ESV

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

HE GIVES US THE POWER TO MINISTER/WITNESS

Acts 1:7-8 ESV

⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

COME UPON...EPERCHOMAI..TO COME..COME UPON...HAPPEN TO

HE IS OUR PROMISE

Ephesians 1:13-14ESV

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

HE IS OUR SANCTIFIER

Romans 8:26-30 ESV

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS CONVICTION THAT CONFORMS US TO THE SON

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS GLORIFY AND POINT TO THE FATHER AND THE SON

THE ETERNAL TRIUNE GOD IS ONE

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