

Genesis

The Book of Beginnings

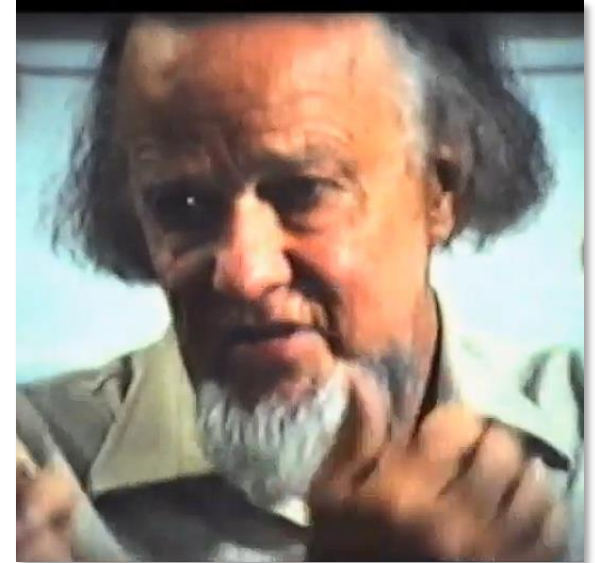
1. The Beginning



*"In the vast forest of the Scriptures,
Genesis is the **root**
from which the whole tree grows."
St. Augustine (354-430)*



*"Genesis is the **fountainhead**
of all Scripture."
Martin Luther (1483-1546)*

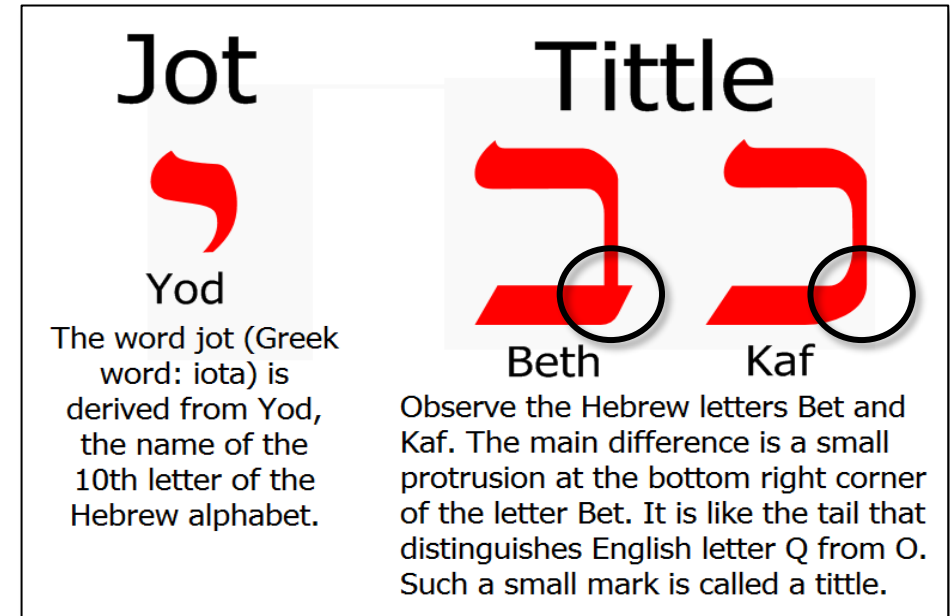


*"Genesis is the book that gives
the basic answers to the
questions of origin, meaning,
morality, and destiny. Without it,
Christianity has no **foundation**."
Francis Schaeffer (1912-1984)*

How should we think of the Scripture?

*For truly, I say to you,
until heaven and earth pass away,
not a **jot**, not a **tittle**,
will pass from the Law
until all is accomplished.*
(Matthew 5:18)

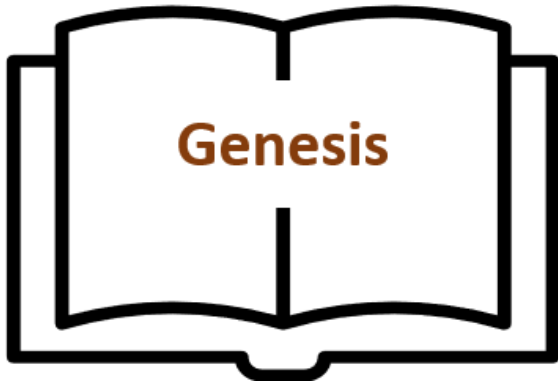
Have you not read...?
(Matthew 12:3, 12:5, 19:4, 22:31)



...and the Scripture cannot be broken...
(John 10:35)

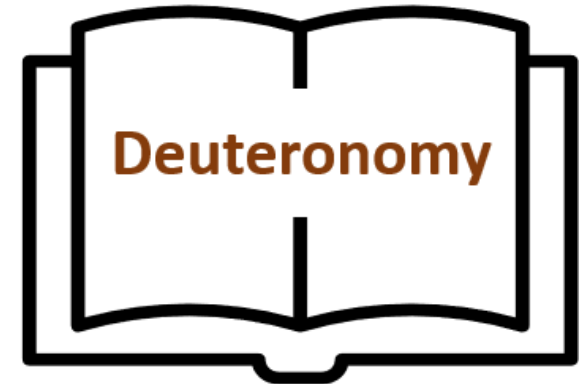
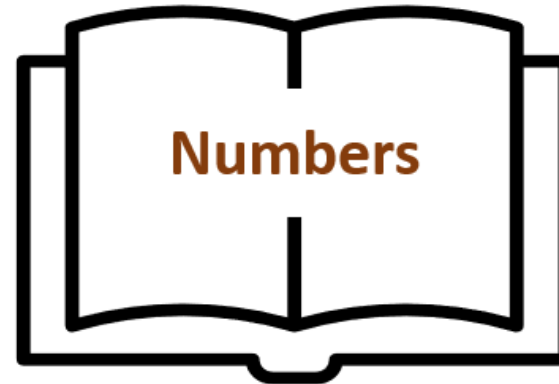
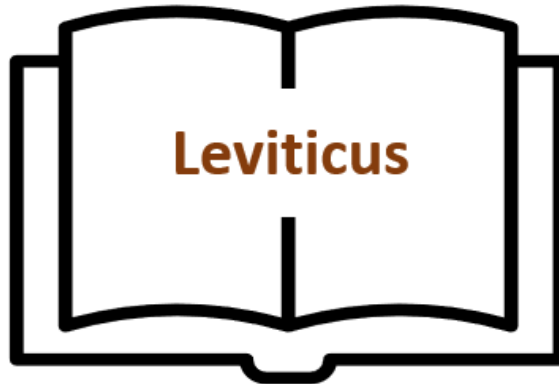
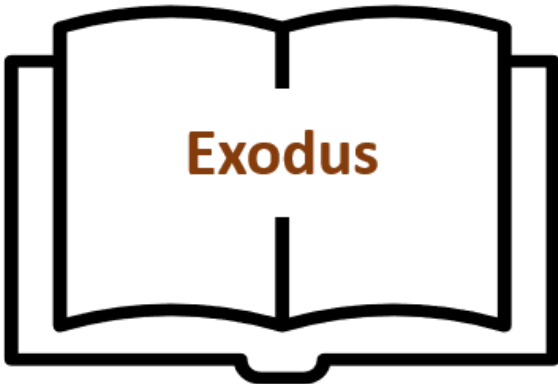
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Compiled from various sources

Moses is the foremost person and wrote down certain things



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These books were attributed to Moses from the earliest times.

*If you believed Moses,
you would believe Me;
for **he wrote of Me**.*

*But if you do not believe **his writings**,
how will you believe My words?*

(John 5:46-47)

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,
He interpreted to them in all the **Scriptures**
the things concerning Himself.

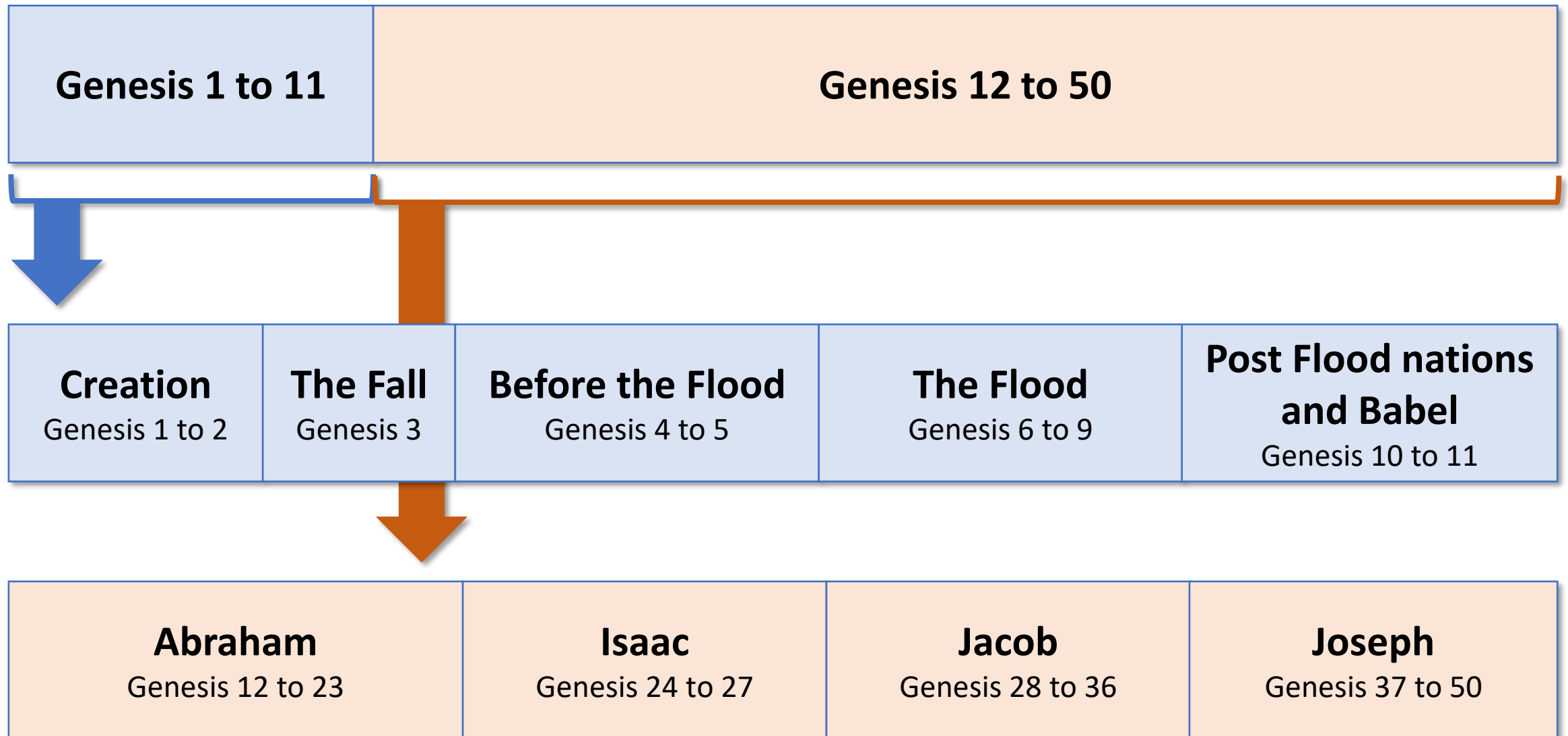
(Luke 24:27)

*...everything **written** about Me
in the Law of Moses and the Prophets
and the Psalms must be fulfilled.*

(Luke 24:44)

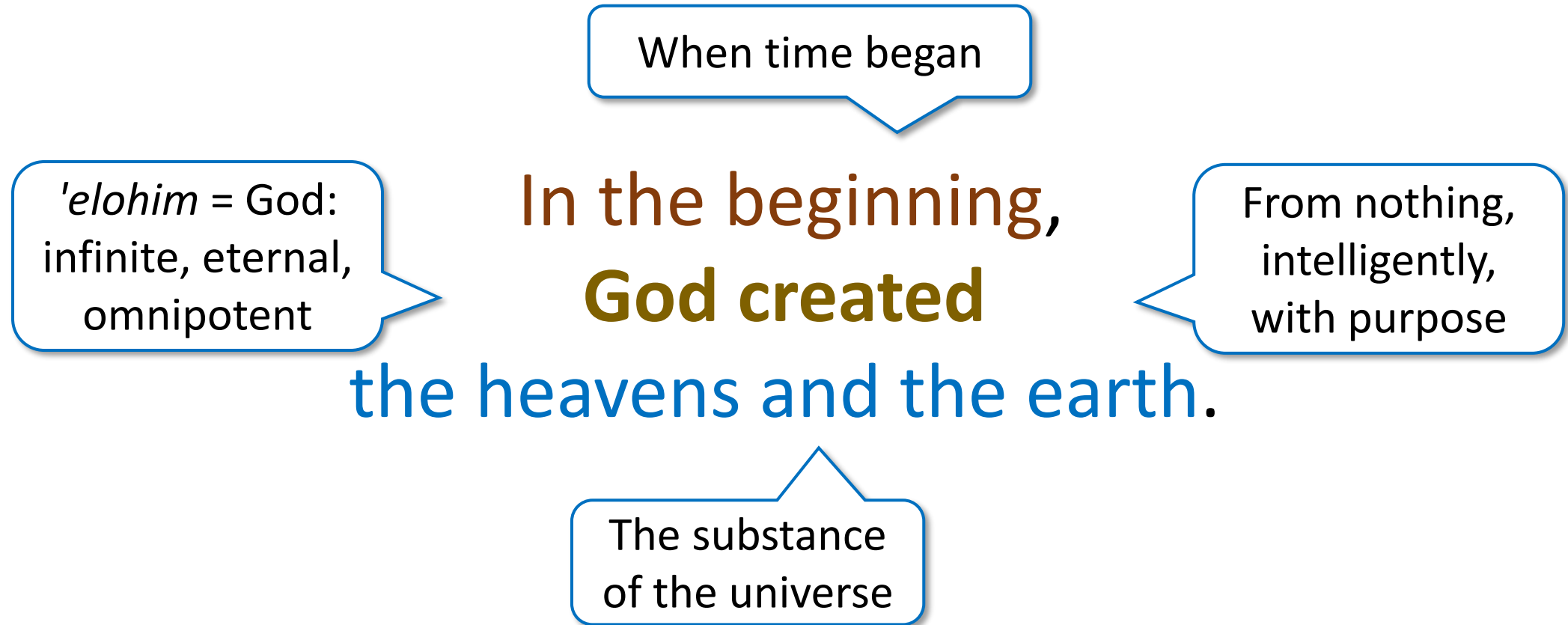
**Moses certainly wrote some part of these books,
but we unable to say that he compiled all of them.**

An outline of the Book of Genesis *



* Approximate chapter divisions only

Where the road divides...



Where the road divides...

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

- The earth and the heavens are the Lord's.
- His wisdom is seen in the creation.
- He has authority over all the creation.
- He created it for His own purpose.

Where the road divides...

Unformed and unfilled

The 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.
(Genesis 1:2)

Is there a time gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2?

*For **in six days** the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.*

(Exodus 20:11)



The first words...

And God said,
“**Let there be light**,” and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good.

And God separated **the light** from **the darkness**.

God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

(Genesis 1:3-5)

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

(2 Corinthians 4:6)

Orderly creative activity...

Formed

and

Filled

1

The heavens and the earth are created.
“Let there be light”

4

The sun, moon and stars are made.

2

The waters are separated by an expanse.

5

The seas are filled with living things
and birds are made.

3

Dry land appears.
The earth brings forth vegetation,
plants and fruit trees.

6

Land animals are brought forth.
Mankind, male and female,
are made in the image of God.

The creation of mankind...

Plural

Then God said,

***“Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness.
And let them have dominion...”***

Singular

So God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.

And God blessed them....

(Genesis 1:26-28)

The creation of mankind...

“Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness.”

When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your
fingers,

... **what is man that You are mindful of him...?**

(Psalms 8:3-4)

For what will it profit a man
if he gains the whole world
and **forfeits his soul?**

(Matthew 16:26)

Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.

(Proverbs 4:23)

The creation of mankind...

And God said to them,

*“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it,
and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over
the birds of the heavens and over every living thing
that moves on the earth....”*

And God saw everything that He had made,
and behold, **it was very good**.



Before the fall!

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
(Genesis 1:28-31)

The seventh day...

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

And on the seventh day **God finished His work**
that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day
from all His work that He had done.

šâbat = rested
or ceased

So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy,
because on it God rested from all His work
that He had done in creation.

(Genesis 2:1-3)

Therefore...

**Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.**

(Psalm 145:3)

**The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**

(Psalm 19:1)

O Lord, how manifold are Your works!
In wisdom have You made them all;
the earth is full of Your creatures.

(Psalm 104:24)

I praise You, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.

(Psalm 139:14)

Have you not known?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

His understanding is unsearchable.

(Isaiah 40:28)

**The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein...**

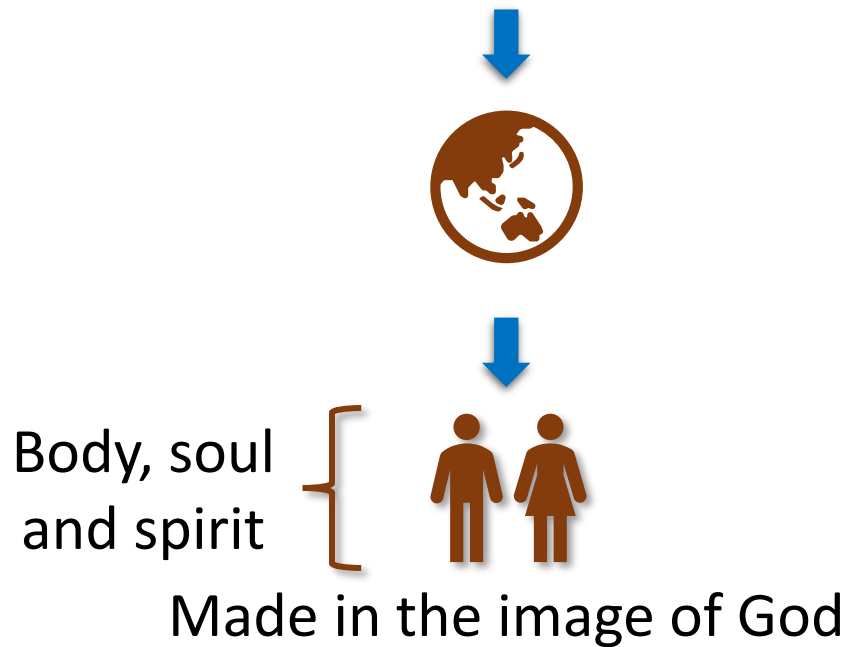
(Psalm 24:1)



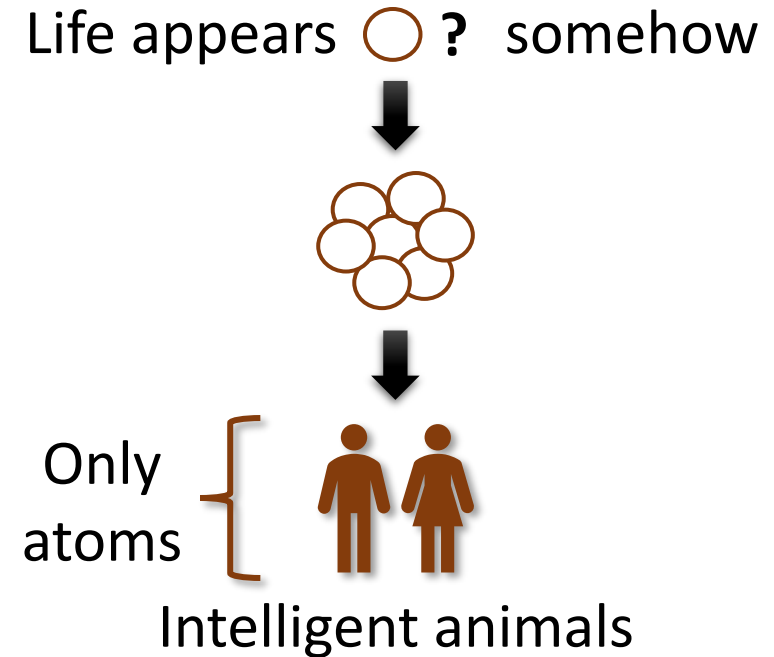
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(Psalm 119:105)

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



**There is no Creator.
The universe just happened.**



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