

The God of Creation

*Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth."*

1. The God of Creation **PRE-EXISTED**

*Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning **God** [This assumes God already existed.]"*

Fundamental reasons to believe in God¹:

- Creation (**Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20**)
- Instinct (**Romans 2:15**)
- Jesus Christ (**John 14:9; Mark 10:6**)

"Humans are surrounded by evidence for God. This may explain why young children in every culture have a concept of God. **Psychologist Paul Bloom at Yale University** reports that 'when children are directly asked about the origin of animals and people, they tend to prefer explanations that involve an intentional creator, even if the adults who raised them do not.' In other words, children tend to hold a concept of God even if their parents are atheists. **Psychologist Justin Barrett at Oxford University** reports similar findings. Scientific evidence has shown that 'built into the natural development of children's minds [is] a predisposition to see the natural world as designed and purposeful and that some kind of intelligent being is behind that purpose.' **Even if a group of children were put 'on an island and they raised themselves,' Barrett adds, 'I think they would believe in God.'** It appears that we have to be educated out of the knowledge of God by secular schools and media."²

"What do you think is the number one reason people don't believe in God? Most people doubt God because of willful disobedience. When people live selfish, sinful lives, they don't want to believe there is a God to whom they are accountable. They want to be free. (See **John 3:19-20**)"³

See also **Hebrews 11:6**.

2. The God of Creation is One God, Yet **PLURAL**

The name used for God in Genesis 1:1 is from the Hebrew Elohim. Elohim is the plural form of the simpler name El. **Elohim occurs thirty-two times** in the first chapter of Genesis. After that the name Yahweh appears as well and is often paired with Elohim and, in the NIV, the two together are translated "the Lord God."

¹ Bob Russell, *Risky Creation: Genesis 1-11*, (Standard Publishing, 2007), 1.

² Nancy Pearcey, *Finding Truth: 5 Principles for Unmasking Atheism, Secularism, and Other God Substitutes* (David C. Cook, 2015), 31.

³ Russell, *ibid.*, 1.

“God created. Although the Hebrew word for ‘God,’ ‘Elohim, is plural in form (possibly to express majesty), the verb ‘create’ is singular, indicating that God is thought of as one being.”⁴

The word “Trinity” is not found in the Bible. It comes from the Latin word, Trinitas and was first used by Tertullian in the second century. The word actually means **“the state or character of being three.”**

Light Symbolizes The Trinity – M. R. DeHann

In saying “God is light” the biblical authors are telling something about the Trinity. A scientific analysis of sunlight reveals that it consists of three kinds of rays:

1. Chemical rays: These rays are invisible and can neither be seen or felt.
2. Light rays: These rays can be seen but never felt.
3. Heat rays: These rays are felt but never seen.

God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. We know the Godhead consists of three Persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father corresponds to the chemical rays of sunlight; No man hath seen God at any time. The Son, who is the light of the world, corresponds to the light rays, the One whom we can see but not feel. The Holy Spirit corresponds to the heat rays, since He is felt in the lives of believers but never seen.

3. The God of Creation is POWERFUL

*“In the beginning God **created**...”* The first thing God wanted us to know about Himself is that He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Hebrews 3:4, “For every house has a builder, but the one who built everything is God.” (NLT)

I always laugh when I hear about these scientists who go into the laboratory, and they create lifelike substances, and they say, “Look! Life is created in the laboratory.” Don’t you believe it! They didn’t create anything. Only God can create. Only God can make something of nothing. They didn’t create anything. Now, suppose I have a father who is a master craftsman, an architect, and a builder, and he builds a beautiful, incredibly magnificent mansion. But I don’t like the idea of my father, so here’s what I do: I get my father’s tools, I take my father’s plans, I take my father’s building materials, I go out into the shed, and I build a crude little doghouse—with my father’s tools, my father’s plans, my father’s materials. And after I build my little doghouse, I say, “See? That proves my father doesn’t exist.” That’s what they do. They take God’s materials, God’s methods, God’s mind—things that are already there—they rearrange them a little bit, come out with some synthetic lifelike substance, and say, “That proves that God doesn’t exist.”⁵

4. The God of Creation is PERSONAL

The fact that He reveals Himself in His Word shows that He wants us to know Him.

Isaiah 45:11-12 (NLT2) ¹¹ This is what the LORD says— the Holy One of Israel and your Creator: “Do you question what I do for my children? Do you give me orders about the work of my hands?”

¹² I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the stars are at my command.

Isaiah 42:5 (NKJV) - Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it:

Read also Isaiah 43:1-3

“The great God of the universe Who heaped up the mountains, scooped out the oceans, and flung out the stars wants to have a relationship with you.” – Adrian Rogers

⁴ Crossway Bibles, *The ESV Study Bible* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2008), 49.

⁵ Rogers, *ibid.*, Ge 1:1.