

ALONGSIDERS

FIVE MOVEMENTS



IMAGINATION

THE SPIRIT OF GOD

way of creativity
path of listening



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- **Josef Pieper** (German Catholic Philosopher)



In the beginning God _____ ...

- Genesis 1:1



In the beginning God **created...**

- Genesis 1:1

When God began to **create...**

- Genesis 1:1 (Tanakh)



In the beginning God created heaven and earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep while the **Spirit of God** (ruah) hovered/swept over the face of the waters.

- Genesis 1:1-2 NRSV

“create” (vv. 1, 21, 27)

“make” (vv.7, 16, 25, 26, 31)

“speak” (vv. 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 , 10, 11, 14, 14, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29)



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Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our **image**, in our **likeness**.

So God **created** mankind in his own image, in the image of God he **created** them; male and female he **created** them.

- Genesis 1:26-27



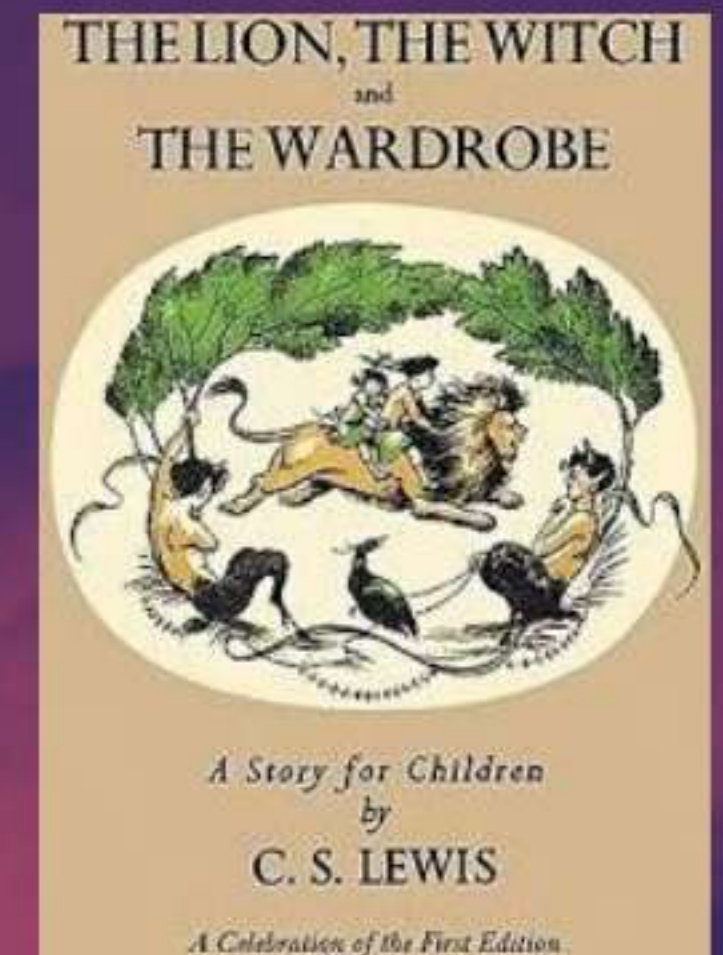
“While artistic ability is a talent some possess (and/or cultivate with time, hard work and intention), creative capacity is something all of us are born with. Put another way, artists are skilled with unique talents, but creativity is part of what makes us human.
- Ken Wytsma



“My Dear Lucy,

I wrote this story for you, but when I began it I had not realized that girls grow quicker than books. As a result you are already too old for fairy tales, and by the time it is printed and bound you will be older still. But some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again. You can then take it down from some upper shelf, dust it, and tell me what you think of it. I shall probably be too deaf to hear, and too old to understand a word you say, but I shall still be your affectionate Godfather,

C.S Lewis



Spirit gives Samson great power to fight and defeat a lion - Judges 14:6

Spirit enables King David to rule with wisdom and prudence - 1 Samuel 16:13

Spirit breathes on a valley of dry bones bringing them to life - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Spirit is anticipated to pour out on all people - Joel 2:28-32

Jesus returns to Galilee in the power of the Spirit after leaving the desert
- Luke 4:14

Jesus tells his disciples they will not be orphaned for the Spirit will be with/in them
and help them - John 14:17

Spirit fills the place and people, igniting the early church - Acts 2:2-3

Spirit gives gifts for the common good - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

We are to live by the fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22



Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

- Psalm 139:7-8



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