

The Doctrine of Creation - Part 1

- *Introduction*

Orthodox: (of a person or their views, especially religious or political ones, or other beliefs or practices) conforming to what is generally or traditionally accepted as right or true; established and approved

Heresy: belief or opinion contrary to orthodox religious (especially Christian) doctrine

- *Seven Biblical Statements on Creation*

- *God created the universe “ex nihilo” = out of nothing (Gen 1.1; Heb 11.3; Rom 4.17)*

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. - Heb 11:3

as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. - Romans 4:17

- *God created all things (Gen 1.1; Jn 1.3; Neh 9.6; Col 1.16)*

All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. - John 1:3

“You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. - Neh. 9:6

16 For by^[a] 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. - Col. 1:16

- *God created time (Gen 1.1; Ps 90.2; 2Tim 1.9)*

*Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. - Psalm 90:2*

who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, - 2 Tim. 1:9

even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. - Eph. 1:4

- *God created by his word (Gen 1.1-2.3; Heb 11.3)*

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- *God created as a Triune Act (Gen 1:26; Ps. 19:1; Job 33:4)*

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. - Psalm 19:1*

*The Spirit of God has made me,
and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. - Job 33:4*

- *The universe God created was “very good” (Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25)*

- *God created the universe to show His Glory (Isa. 43:7; Ps. 19)*

*everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,*

whom I formed and made.” - Isaiah 43:7

- *Views of Creation*

1. *Theistic Evolution*

2. *Gap Theory*

3. *Day-Age View*

4. *Literary-Framework View*

5. *Young-Earth Creationism*

6. *Historic-Creationism*