

Creation Stories

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then 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 1:1

Can you name what was created on each day of creation? No peeking at the Bible please.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Do you think these stories actually happened?

If so why? If not why not?

If these stories are a myth or etiological, then what is the meaning and intent behind them?

What do these creation stories mean to you? How do they influence your faith and/or life?

Written in the Babylonian Exile, this story is believed to have been used as a counter story to the Babylonian myth of creation, Enuma Elish. How might this story reflect what the people were going through at that time?

What are some of the most important origin stories in your family, your community, and your culture? How have those stories shaped the world around you in both positive and negative ways?