

Section: Doctrine of God

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**Q14. Who made each of us and every other created thing?**

God made us and every other created thing.

* **Trinity in Creation**

**1 Corinthians 8:6a** yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist

**John 1:3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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

**Psalm 104:30** When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

* **God Is the Creator of the Physical Universe**

**1689 Baptist Confession of Faith**: “In the beginning it pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, to create or make the world, and all things therein, whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days, and all very good.”

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

**Hebrews 11:3** 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.

**Revelation 4:11** “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

**Genesis 1:2-5** 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. 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. So God spoke and it came to be. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

**Isaiah 5:20** Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!

**Genesis 1:5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

* **God Is the Creator of Heavenly Beings (Rulers/Authorities—Angels)**

**Colossians 1:16** For by 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.

**John Gill**: “... by these some understand civil magistrates among men, and the various degrees and orders of them ... But since these seem rather to be said of the invisible things in heaven, and to be an explanation of them … the apostle's sense is, that the angels, the invisible inhabitants of the upper world, are all created by Christ.”

**Genesis 2:1** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

**John Piper “**But of all the things—the millions of things Paul could have mentioned that Christ made and that exist for his glory—he chose to mention these: ‘thrones, dominions, rulers and authorities.’ Verse 16 [of Colossians 1]: ‘For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether *thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities*— [even these] were created through him and for him.’ Now Paul knows that these ‘rulers and authorities’ include evil supernatural powers. Look at Colossians 2:15 where Paul celebrates Jesus’ triumph on the cross: ‘He disarmed the *rulers and authorities* and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.’

So here are the ‘rulers and authorities’ that he referred to in Colossians 1:16. They turn up again in Ephesians 6:12: ‘We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but *against the rulers, against the authorities*.’ They are, Paul says, ‘the cosmic powers over this present darkness ... the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.’”

**2 Kings 6:15-17** When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Then Elisha prayed and said, “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

**Hebrews 13:2** Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

* **God Is the Creator of Mankind, and We Are Made in His Image**

**1689 Baptist Confession of Faith**: “After God had made all the other creatures, he created humanity. He made them male and female, with rational and immortal souls, thereby making them suited to that life lived unto God for which they were created. They were made in the image of God …”

**Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**Genesis 2:7** then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

**Genesis 2:21-22** So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

**Romans 9:18-21** So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

**Daniel 4:35** all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

**Genesis 9:6** [God declares] “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.”

**Genesis 2:19-20** Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field …

**Mark 8:34-37** And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?”

**1689 Baptist Confession of Faith**: “God the good Creator of all things, in his infinite power and wisdom, upholds, directs, arranges, and governs all creatures and things, from the greatest to the least, by his perfectly wise and holy providence, to the purpose for which they were created.”