

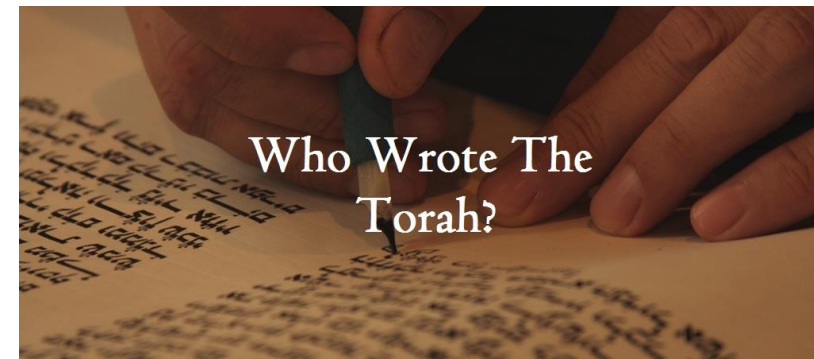
# Introducing God: The Pentateuch

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# Documentary Hypothesis (JEPD Theory)

- The Pentateuch was compiled from 4 main sources: J, E, P, and D.
  - There are two creation stories because there are two sources.
- Genesis 1: E – Elohist
  - Calls God Elohim
  - Reflects traditions of the northern kingdom (Israel)
  - Style
    - Prefers narrative style and stories of warning
    - God is distant and speaks in dreams
    - Stresses the prophetic
- Genesis 2: J - Yahwist (Jehovah)
  - Calls God Yahweh
  - Reflects traditions of the southern kingdom (Judah)
  - Style
    - Narrative style and stories
    - Frequently uses puns
    - God is anthropomorphic (has qualities of a man)



# Creation

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

**Day 1**



**Light  
and  
earth**

**Day 2**



**Separate  
waters  
above  
and  
below**

**Day 3**



**Dry land  
and plants**

**Day 4**



**Sun,  
moon,  
planets,  
and stars**

**Day 5**



**Flying  
and sea  
creatures**

**Day 6**



**Land  
animals  
and man**

**6 Days of Creation**

26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

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



# THE CREATION OF LIFE

There. These are the only ingredients I'll need and ... wait ... what's this?



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<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.



**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

**2** By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.







## 2<sup>nd</sup> Creation Account: Genesis 2

<sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

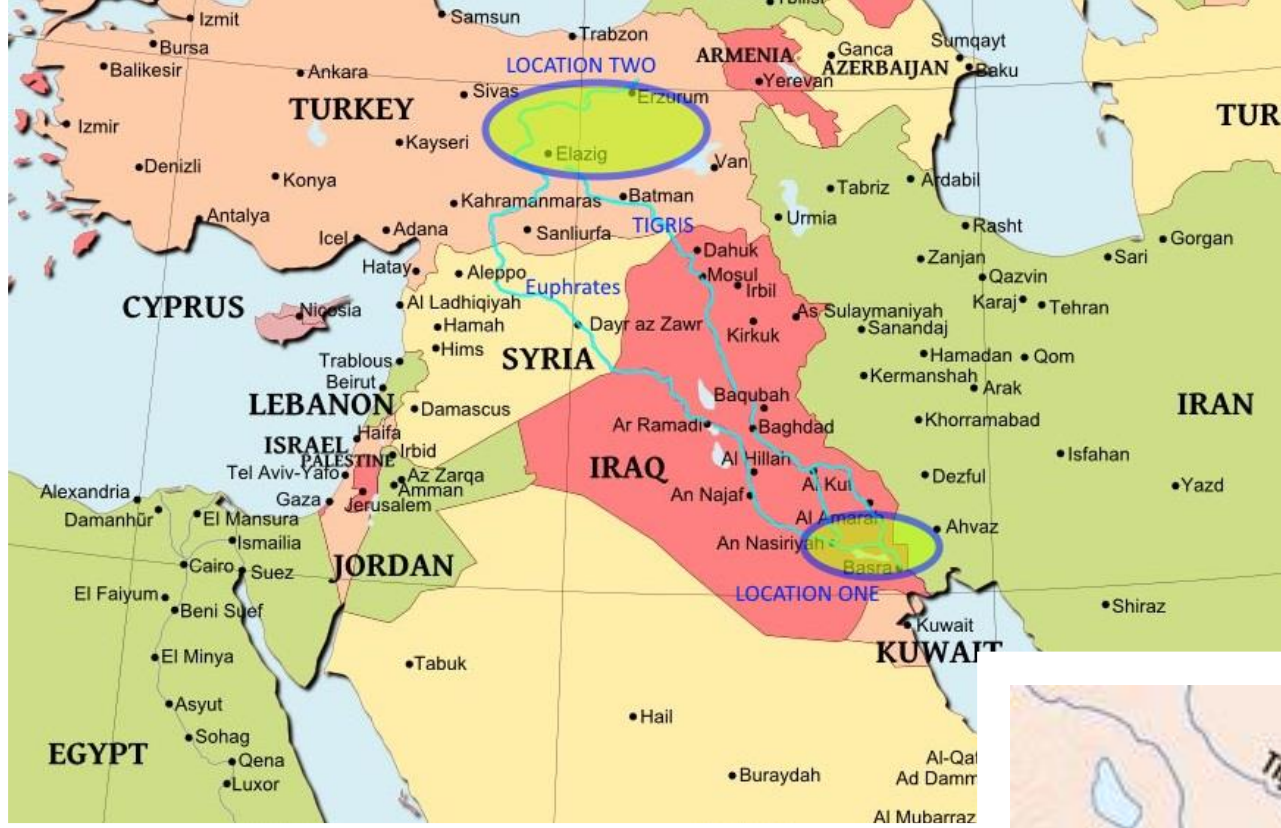




<sup>8</sup> Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup> The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.





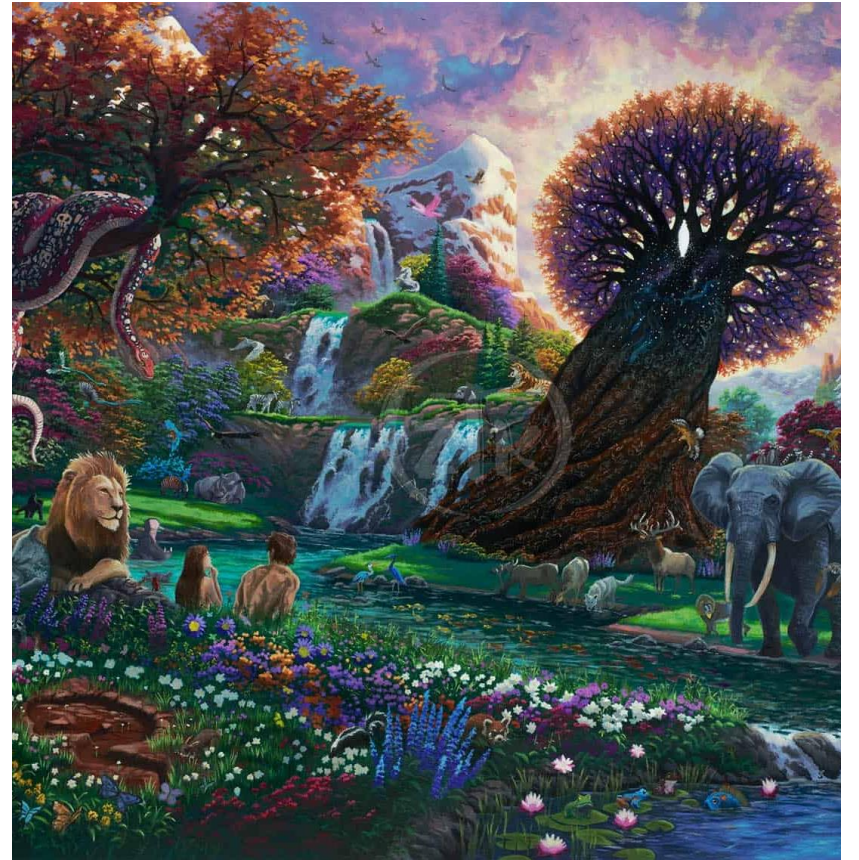




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<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

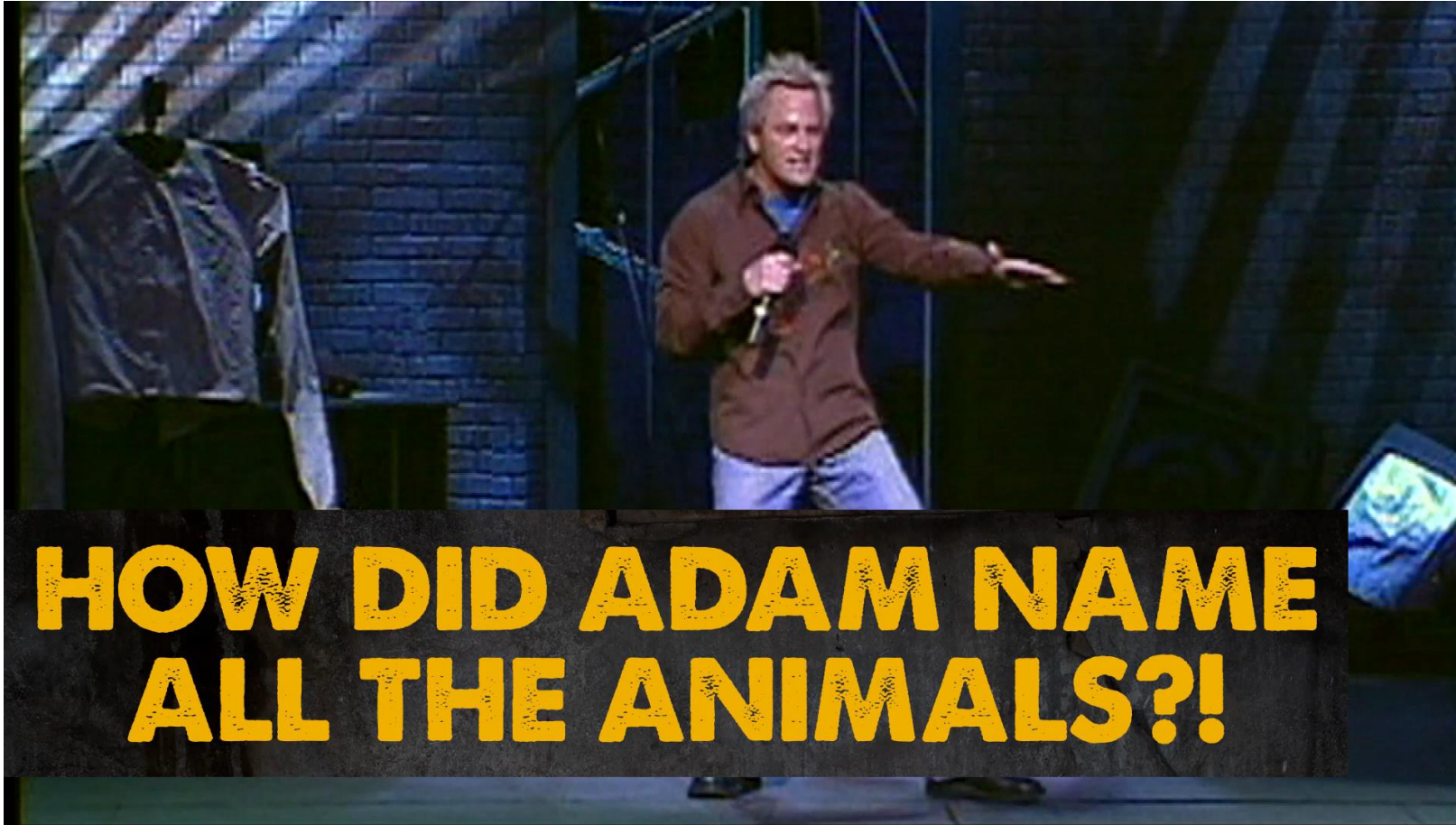
<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”





<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.





**HOW DID ADAM NAME  
ALL THE ANIMALS?!**



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But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called ‘woman,’  
for she was taken out of man.”

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.



	<b>Gen 1:1-2:4a</b>	<b>Gen 2:4b-25</b>
Length	seven days	one day
Order	Man and woman created at the same time	Man was created first, then other creatures, and woman last
Material	Primordial chaos	Dry ground
Method	Speech	Molding/forming
Status	(very) good	<b>Tree of the knowledge</b> of good and evil is present
Humanity's Place	Apex of creation	One among the created order

# Job 38-41

**38** Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

<sup>2</sup> “Who is this that obscures my plans  
with words without knowledge?”

<sup>3</sup> Brace yourself like a man;  
I will question you,  
and you shall answer me.

<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?  
Tell me, if you understand.

<sup>5</sup> Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!  
Who stretched a measuring line across it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its footings set,  
or who laid its cornerstone—

<sup>7</sup> while the morning stars sang together  
and all the angels shouted for joy?”





# Job

<sup>8</sup> “Who shut up the sea behind doors  
when it burst forth from the womb,  
<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment  
and wrapped it in thick darkness,  
<sup>10</sup> when I fixed limits for it  
and set its doors and bars in place,  
<sup>11</sup> when I said, ‘This far you may come and  
no farther;  
here is where your proud waves halt’?



# Psalm 104

- <sup>5</sup> He set the earth on its foundations;  
it can never be moved.
- <sup>6</sup> You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.
- <sup>7</sup> But at your rebuke the waters fled,  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;
- <sup>8</sup> they flowed over the mountains,  
they went down into the valleys,  
to the place you assigned for them.
- <sup>9</sup> You set a boundary they cannot cross;  
never again will they cover the earth.



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# Proverbs 8

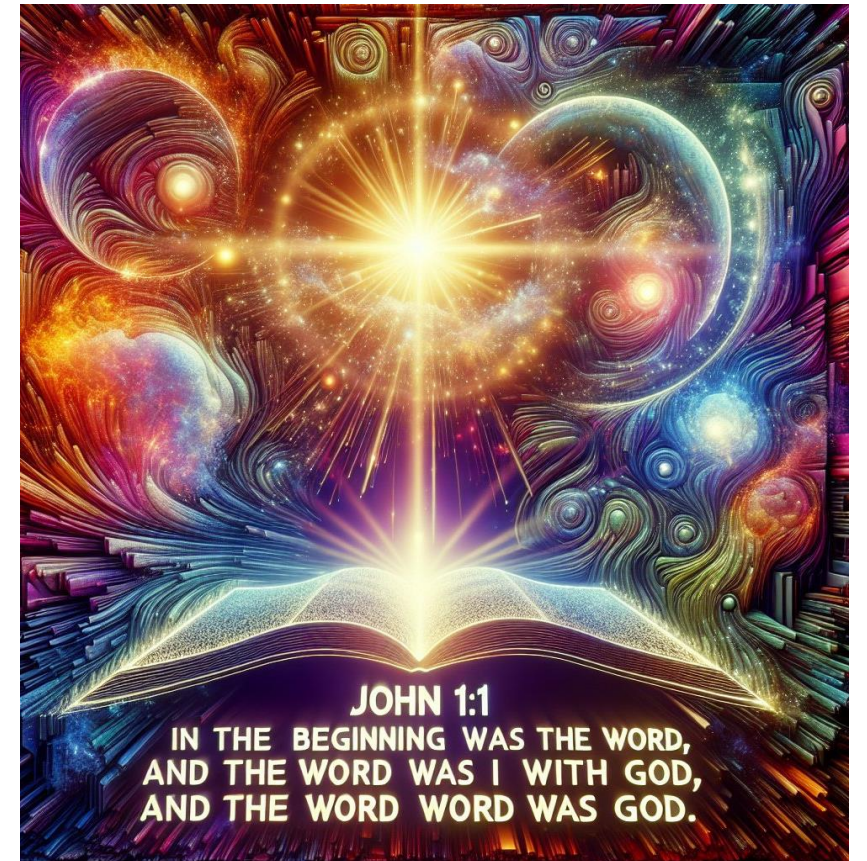
- <sup>22</sup> “The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,  
before his deeds of old;  
<sup>23</sup> I was formed long ages ago,  
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,  
when there were no springs overflowing with water;  
<sup>25</sup> before the mountains were settled in place,  
before the hills, I was given birth,  
<sup>26</sup> before he made the world or its fields  
or any of the dust of the earth.  
<sup>27</sup> I was there when he set the heavens in place,  
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he established the clouds above  
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he gave the sea its boundary  
so the waters would not overstep his command,  
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.



# John 1

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**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.





# Other NT references

- <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. – I Corinthians 8
- <sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. - Colossians 1
- **1** In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. - Hebrews 1

# Young Earth

- Literal interpretation of Genesis
- Earth created around 4,000 BC





# St. Augustine of Hippo – AD408

- We must be on our guard against giving interpretations that are hazardous or opposed to science, and so exposing the Word of God to the ridicule of unbelievers. — Saint Aurelius Augustinus Augustine (*Genesis in the Literal Sense*)
- That day in the account of creation, or those days that are numbers according to its recurrence, are beyond the experience and knowledge of us mortal earthbound men. And if we are able to make any effort towards an understanding of those days, we ought not to rush forward with an ill-considered opinion, as if no other reasonable and plausible interpretation could be offered. — Saint Aurelius Augustinus Augustine (iv.44)

# Old Earth

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- Universe is 13.8 billion years old
- Earth is 3.7 billion years old
- Days are time periods or Gap theory
- Genesis is compatible with science





# GAP THEORY

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

**Genesis 1:1**

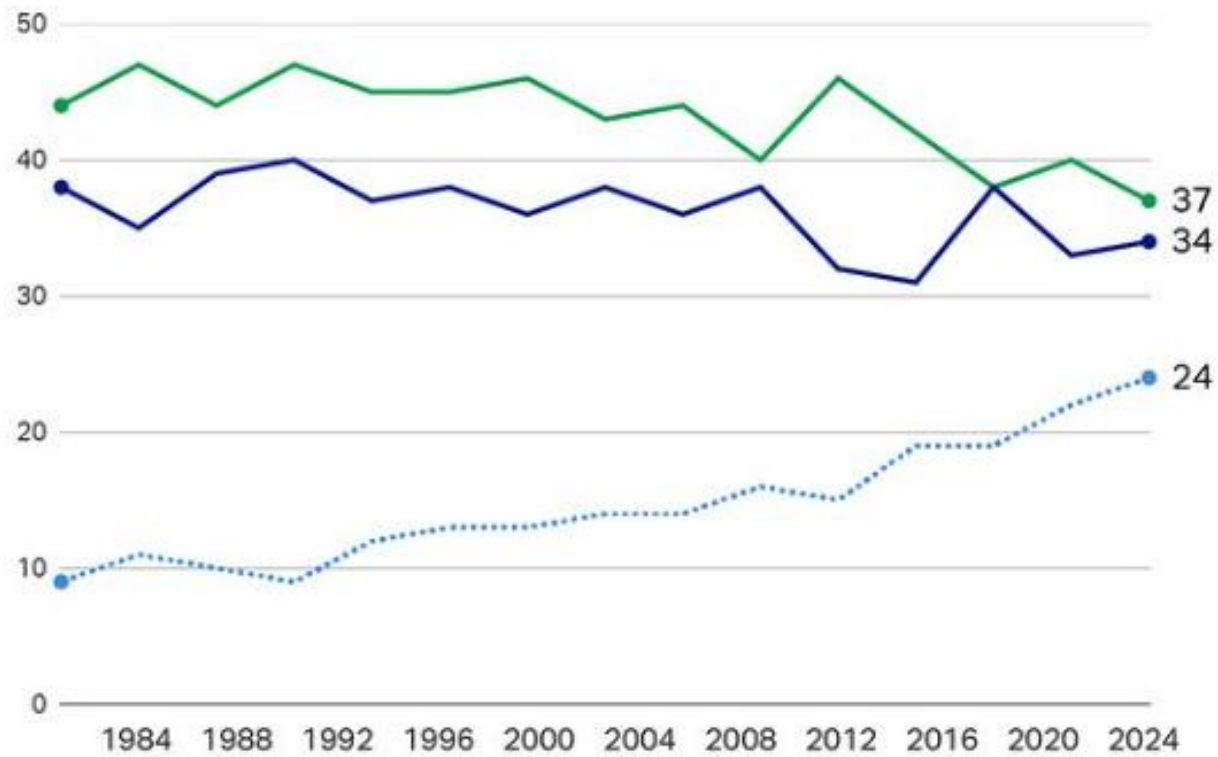
Billions of years

"And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

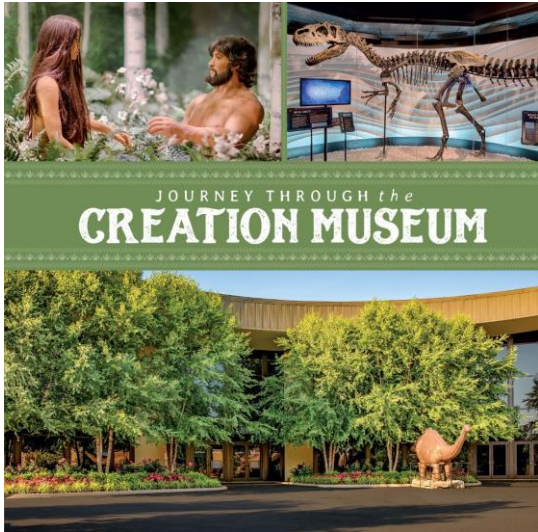
**Genesis 1:2**

## Evolving Views on Creationism

- % God created humans in present form
- % Humans developed, God guided
- % Humans developed without God



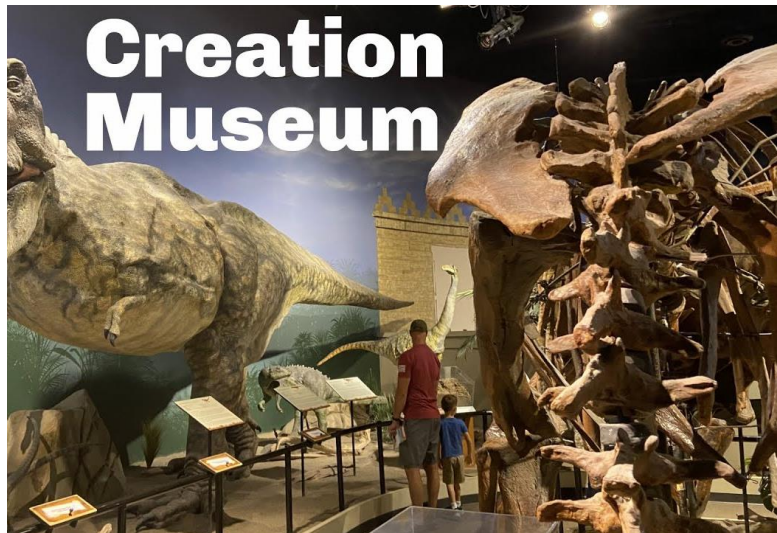




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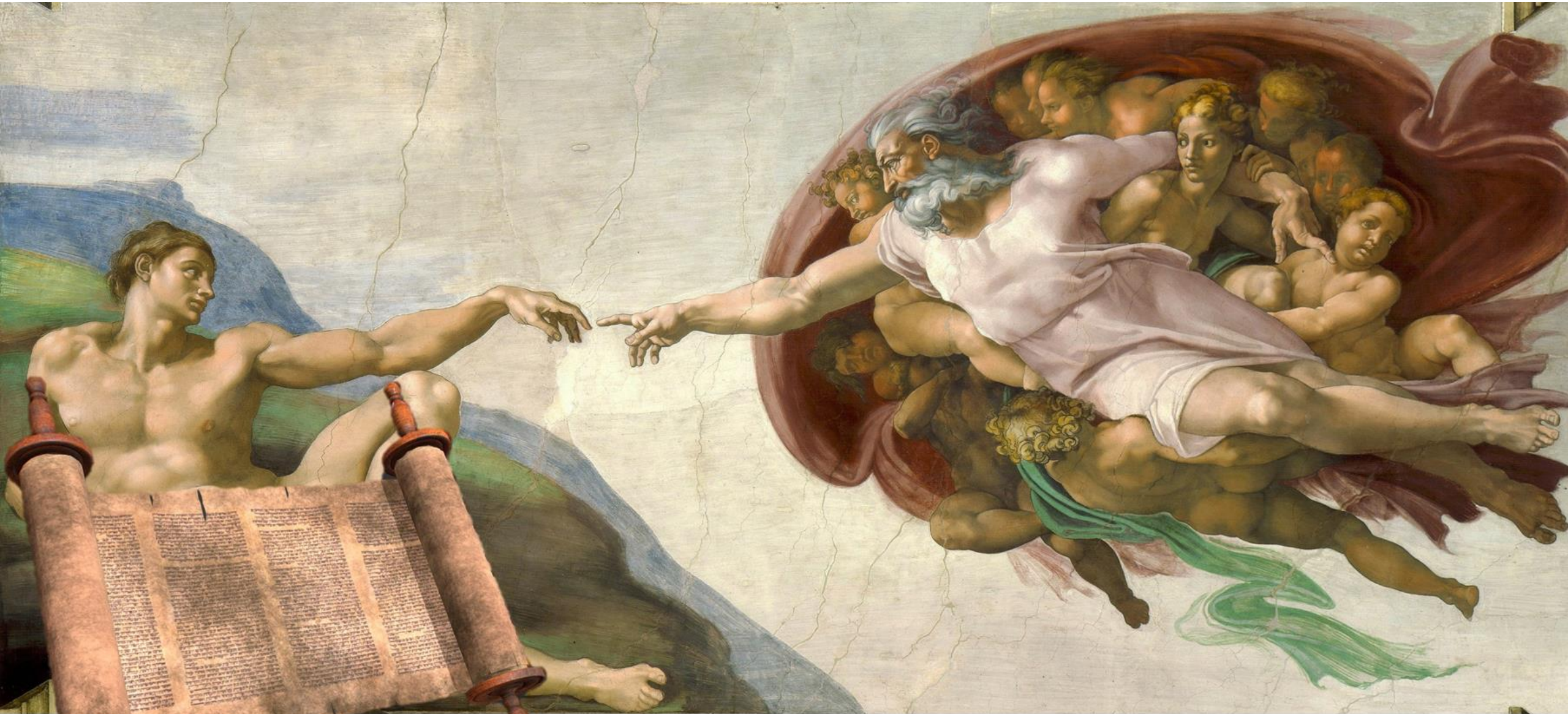


For those with **faith**,  
**no evidence is necessary**;  
for those without it,  
no evidence will suffice.

— *Thomas Aquinas*







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# notes

- Sources – jedp – essential mosaic authorship
  - Amanuenses / scribes





**Creation Ex Nihilo**