

(CREATION: HEAVENS AND EARTH, AND MANKIND)

Key Scriptures summarized

- **GENESIS 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- **GENESIS 1:26-27** God made mankind according to his own image – male and female he created them.
- **GENESIS 1:31** ...and behold, it was very good.

Important Points

- All of the Scriptures, not just Genesis, clearly reveal that God made the world by means of his spoken word. The Scriptures also reveal that people, men and women, are uniquely special to God, set apart and above all other created beings.
- Christianity is a revealed faith, not speculative philosophy. “Special revelation” refers to the revelation found in the Holy Bible. “General revelation” refers to a knowledge of God given to all people, in nature, and in their hearts (**PSALM 19:1, ROMANS 1:19-20, ROMANS 2:14-15**).
- Created after his likeness does not mean sameness; there is an infinite distance between God and man.

Good Quotes

Christianity is not just involved with "salvation", but with the total man in the total world. The Christian message begins with the existence of God forever, and then with creation.

It does not begin with salvation. We must be thankful for salvation, but the Christian message is more than that. **Man has a value because he is made in the image of God.**

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For reasons known only to Himself, **God honored man above all other beings by creating him in his own image.** And let it be understood that the divine image in man is not a poetic fancy, not an idea born of religious longing. It is a solid theological fact, taught plainly throughout the Sacred Scriptures and recognized by the Church as a truth necessary to a right understanding of the Christian Faith.

A. W. Tozer *The Knowledge of the Holy* © 1961

Other Scriptures

**GENESIS 5:1-2 / GENESIS 9:6 / JOB 38:1-4 / PSALM 8  
PSALM 33:6-9 / MATTHEW 19:4 / REVELATION 4:10-11**

Jesus was in the world and the world was made through him

**JOHN 1:1-3, 10 / COLOSSIANS 1:15-17 / HEBREWS 1:1-2**