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GENESIS

FOUR EVENTS

CREATION

FALL

FLOOD

BABEL

FOUR PEOPLE

ABRAHAM

ISAAC

JACOB

JOSEPH

Two Types of Thinking





Kosmic thinking, Worldliness, Satanic or demonic Paganism

"You shall not eat...
Or you will surely
die!"

"You will surely not die." Gen. 3:4

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

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

GODPersonal-Infinite

FINITE UNIVERSE

Man
Animals
Vegetation
Matter/Energy

INFINITEIMPERSONAL Universe

God Man nature Ps 89:11 The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all it contains, You have founded them.

1 Chron. 16:26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens.

Neh. 9:6 "You alone are the Lord. You have made the heavens, The heaven of heavens with all their host, The earth and all that is on it, The seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them And the heavenly host bows down before You."

Job 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, Job 38:5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? Job 38:6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

Hebrews 1:10 And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands."



ENUMA ELISH

Mesopotamian Creation



- "When above [Enuma Elish] the heaven had not (yet) been named,
- (And) below the earth had not (yet) been called by a name,
- (When) Apsu primeval, their begetter,
- Mummu, (and) Tiamat, she who gave birth to them all,
- (Still) mingled their waters together,
- And no pasture land had been formed (and) not (even) a reed marsh was to be seen;
- When none of the (other) gods had been brought into being,
- (When) they had not (yet) been called by (their) name(s, and their) destinies had not yet been fixed, (At that time) were the gods created within them. . .

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They lived many days, adding years (to days)....

The divine brothers gathered together.
They disturbed Tiamat and assaulted(?) their keeper,
Yea, they disturbed the inner parts of Tiamat,
Moving (and) running about in the divine abode(?)
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[Marduk] took from [Kingu] the tablet of destinies, which was not his rightful possession....

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After he had vanquished (and) subdued his enemies.

Strengthened his hold upon the captive gods; And then he returned to Tiamat, whom he had subdued. The <u>lord trod upon the hinder part of Tiamat</u>, And with his unsparing club he split her skull. He cut the arteries of her blood, And caused the north wind to carry (it) to out-of-the-way places.

[Marduk] split [Tiamat] open like a mussel into two (parts);

Half of her he set in place and formed the sky (therewith) as a roof.

He fixed the crossbar (and) posted guards, He commanded them not to let her waters escape. _____

And a great structure, its counterpart, he established, (namely) Esharra [earth], . . .

He created stations for the great gods; The stars their likeness(es), the signs of the zodiac, he set up.

He determined the year, defined the divisions.... Stars aren't set up until half way through. Their function is for signs and calendar.

Punishment they inflicted upon [Kingu] by cutting (the arteries of) his blood.
With his blood they created mankind;
[Ea] imposed the services of the gods (upon them) and set the gods free.

DAY ONE

Light **Separation of Light** From darkness. **Temporal Separation**

DAY TWO **Atmosphere**; Separation of upper and lower waters **Spatial separation**

DAY

Seas, continents; Vegetation; THREE Geographic separation

DAY **FOUR**

Light-bearers; Sun, Moon, Stars

DAY **FIVE**

Creatures of the air; Creatures of the water

DAY SIX

Land creatures; Man

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Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen. 1:2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

"Certainly the atoms did not post themselves purposefully in due order by an act of intelligence, nor did they stipulate what movements each should perform. As they have been rushing everlastingly throughout all space in their myriads, undergoing myriad changes under the disturbing impact of collisions, they have experienced every variety of movement and conjunction till they have fallen into the particular pattern by which this world of ours is constituted ...

"This world has persisted many a long year, having once been set going in the appropriate motions From these everything else follows."

~Lucritius, *The Nature of the Universe* trans. R. E. Latham

"Nature is free and uncontrolled by proud masters and runs the universe by herself without the aid of gods."

~Lucretius

"I have taught you that things cannot be created out of nothing nor, once born, be summoned back to nothing."

~Lucretius

In antiquity there was a broad spectrum of attitudes toward the material world. At one end of the spectrum was pagan cosmic religion, constructed from a mixture of Pythagorean, Platonic, Aristotelian, and Stoic doctrines. This cosmic religion saw the material cosmos, or at least its upper heavenly part, as a perfect expression of divine creativity and providence, "the supreme manifestation of divinity," and indeed itself a divine being.