



## God – The Creator

### A. The creation of the world and of man – the days of creation

<p><b>All three persons of the Holy Trinity have participated in the creation of the world:</b> -The Father decided and planned the creation of the world; The Son implemented the plan of creation; The Holy Spirit finished the creation, giving it life, grace and beauty.</p>	<p><b>What the Creed says about the creation of the world:</b> “I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, <b>creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible</b>” (Art. 1). “And in One Lord, Jesus Christ... <b>through whom all things were made</b>” (Art. 2). “ And in the Holy Spirit, <b>the Lord, the giver of life</b> “ (Art.8).</p>
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God created the world:

- out of His free will** – without any necessity;
- out of love** – in order to share with man the love of the three person of the Holy Trinity; the law of life for the world is love;
- **in time and with time** – God does not deal with time as we do; to Him there is a continuous present – eternity; time is a feature of the created world;
- out of nothing** – God did not use any preexisting substance in the creation of the world;
- through His all powerful Word** – through the Son who implements the Father’s thinking; “He said and it was done;”
- according to His eternal plan** – He thought out His plan for the world for there was nothing else before the creation except Himself.
- good, beautiful and varied/rich**, which He Himself admires – the world functions by precise laws, made by Him, which can be known by man in as much as he knows God; God created numerous species of plants and animals and gave them the ability to multiply by themselves (“each to their kind”);
- fitting for man** – like a man’s house in order to help him ascend toward God; man was given the dominion of the world;
- in progression** – from the simple and lifeless to the complex and living things; the creation is structured on laws and hierarchical kingdoms: vegetal, mineral, animal, human, angelic.

**The purpose of the world is to find its eternal rest in the love of God;**

**The purpose of man is his perfection, deification and unity with the Holy Trinity**, the eternal happiness is to participate in the love of God;

God revealed to **Moses**, His Prophet, how He created the world in **six “days”** (phases, periods of time):

I. “*heaven and earth*” – **the invisible (angelic) world and the visible (material) world**; ... in the beginning, the material world was **unfinished and without life**, there wasn’t anybody to see it; the

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first day – the time; the light – the grace of the Holy Spirit whom God sent into the world to begin its organization;

II. “the firmament in the midst of the waters” – the separation of the earth from the rest of the heavenly objects through the ethereal space; the terrestrial atmosphere;

III. The dry land and the seas/oceans and the vegetal world/kingdom – the first form of life;

IV. The lights in the sky, the Sun, the Moon and the stars with their very precise movements for the delimitation of the days, months, years and seasons;

V. The first living things: the fish (the amphibians) and the birds of the air;

VI. The terrestrial animals (the domestic animals, the reptiles and the wild animals) and man;

VII. “God’s rest” – God ceases the process of creation; henceforth He awaits man’s response of love in order to give him eternal life through communion with Him.