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The straight reading of Genesis 1

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Before we start:

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Your understanding of God and the Bible has been taught to you by theologically-minded church teachers.

Their job is to indoctrinate you with Christian dogma.



And:

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Bible translators interpret the ancient text in a way that supports church dogma.

They do not translate any other way.



Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;”

Notice all the plurals

Elohim (Hb)

Elohim:

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This is plural of *eloahh*.

That means there's 'more than one'.

Elohim = 'mighty ones'



Genesis 1:26 now reads:

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*Then **the mighty ones** said, “Let Us
make man in Our image, according to
Our likeness;*

This is a literal reading of the verse.



Genesis 1:1 now reads:

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*Then **the mighty ones** In the beginning
God created the heavens and the earth.*

This is a literal reading of the verse.



Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us to know good and evil.

plural



And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.



Read this before?

Genesis 9:6 -

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For in the image of God He made man.



Here it is again

So, we are a clone of the Elohim



Theologians explain away the plural:

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- ‘It is the Trinity, the three-in-one’
- ‘It is the royal We like the Queen would use.’
- ‘God is talking to us; we are the us.’
(Does this make sense?)



...in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

elohim

yehovah

The Jewish Bible (CJB) uses '*Adonai*' for these two words.

Name of God -

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The Jewish Bible uses *Adonai* for 'Lord God'.

But it uses '*Adonai, God*' for “Lord, God” in Genesis 2:4 – very inconsistent for us.



Name of God -

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The Jewish Bible uses '*God*' for all of
Genesis 1:0-2:3

Why not Jehovah “The existing one”/“the
one true living God”?




The formal name for the pre-eminent God is '*EI*' – as in El Elyon (“Most High God”).

This doesn't appear in the Jewish bible until Genesis 14:18 with Melchizedek.

Psalm 82:1

God stands in the divine assembly; he administers judgment in the midst of the gods.

elohim



elohim



“There it was, plain as day: The God of the Old Testament was part of an assembly – a pantheon – of other gods.”

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Psalm 8:5

You made him but little lower than the
~~angels~~



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Elohim -

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Notice our status – we were created a little lower than the gods.

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

elohim

Yehovah

These were not humans



Confusion????

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For those who believe the Bible is the inerrant word of God, **all this is what it actually says.**

But do they believe it?



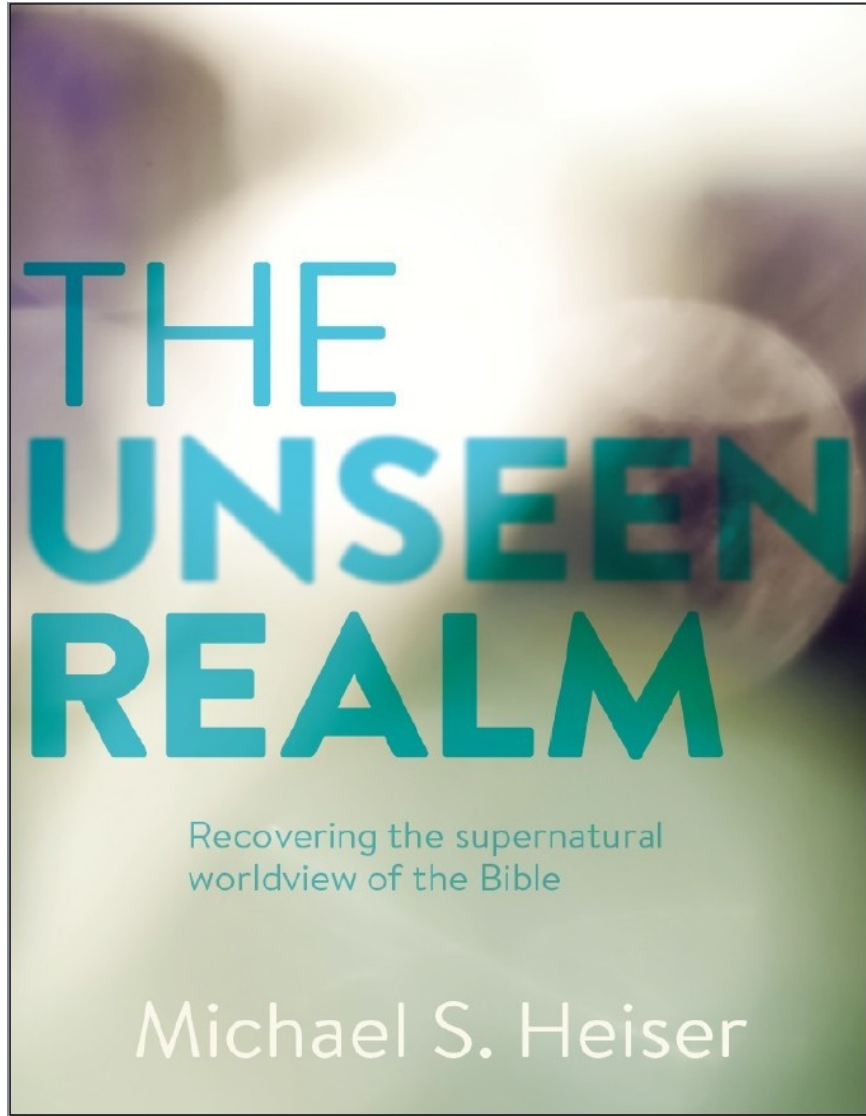
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No! Theologians will explain all this away so they remain fixed to their millennia-old dogmas.

But, there are other writers who understand what all this actually means.

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THE UNSEEN REALM

Recovering the supernatural
worldview of the Bible

Michael S. Heiser

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So, it's your challenge to come to grips with this information

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