

# Challenge

## *The straight reading of Genesis 1*

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Before we start:

**Challenge**

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.



Genesis 1:26 -

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*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.”

Elohim -

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## Psalm 8:5

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



elohim



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?



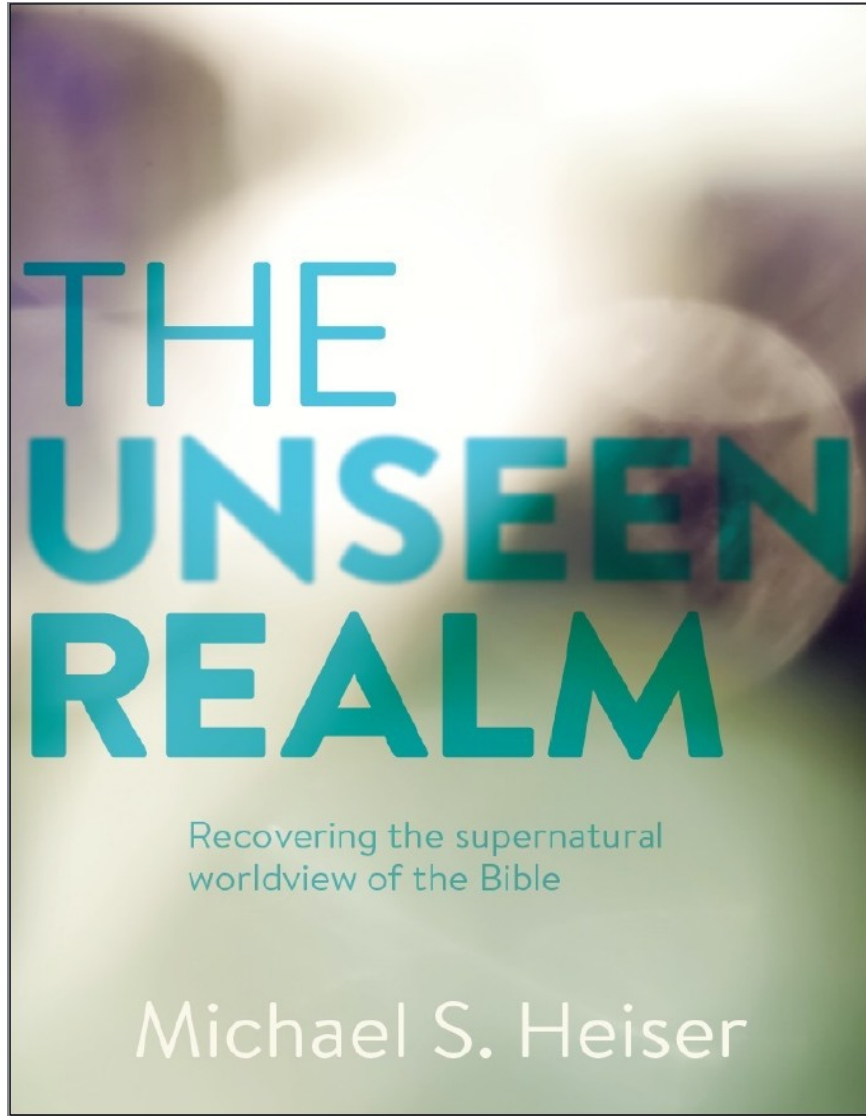
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No! Theologians will explain all this away so they remain fixed to their millennia-old dogmas.

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

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



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