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## God's Creation Ex Nihilo—out of nothing

### Genesis 1:1-3

1. Genesis 1:1 in light of Israel's recent exodus
  - a. There was God existing, not gods
  - b. God, not gods, made universe & earth
  - c. Later revelation of Jesus (John 1:1-3; Col 1:16)
  - d. Let us read Gen 1:1 in light of worldly brainwashing
2. Four understandings of the syntax of Gen 1:1-3
  - a. "...when God created..., the earth was without form..."
  - b. "In the beginning when God created (v.2), God said..."
  - c. Gen 1:1 is a title, summarizing vv. 2-31
  - d. Gen 1:1 is God's first miracle; vv. 2-31 describe creation
3. Creation ex nihilo—out of nothing
  - a. God always the subject of verb "create"—man (Gen 1:27), animals (Ps 104:30), sea creatures (Gen 1:21), mountains (Amos 4:13; cf. Num 16:30; Isa 65:17)
  - b. God also "creates" from what already exists (Israel in Isa 43:15).
4. Elohim as Trinity at creation
  - a. Not Yahweh but everyone's God
  - b. Father working through the Son (Col 1:16)
  - c. Spirit "moving" over creation—creating energy
5. Observations
  - a. Our worldview depends on Genesis
  - b. Rejecting Genesis is tantamount to rejecting Christ!
  - c. God also speaks Light into our dark lives (2 Cor 4:6; cf. John 8:12; 9:5)