

# STEP 1 HANDOUT

## GENESIS 1 (edited)

- In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
- And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.
- And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.
- And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.
- And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.
- And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.  
And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.  
And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

### EXODUS 3.1-15 (edited & dramatised)

**Narrator.** Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said,

**Moses.** 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.'

**Narrator.** When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush,

**God.** 'Moses, Moses!'

**Moses.** 'Here I am.'

**God.** 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'... 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

**Narrator.** And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

**God.** 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'

**Moses.** 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'

**God.** 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

**Moses.** 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' **God.** 'I AM WHO I AM.'... 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you." ' ... 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD\*, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

\* similar to I AM

### AN ANCIENT BLESSING (adapted)

**The Lord bless us and keep us;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us;  
The Lord lift up his countenance towards us, and give us peace.**  
*(from Numbers 6.24-26)*