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As you read this study please bear in mind that I began with a blank piece of paper. What you are reading is part of God's creative work that comes by hearing and proclaiming His Word in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is exactly how God began.

Genesis means origin, source, sired or fathered.

Genesis 1 verse 1-4

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

In some translations the words *formless* and *void* are replaced with *waste* and *emptiness*, which was basically speaking of nothingness or substance without light. Creation is about life, living things. God brought about life.

Our aim in this study is to begin to see the potential life and Spirit of Christ in us becoming creative in the same way as God is creative. In Christ we can begin to see how to initiate new things, things that are not yet visible becoming visible, from nothing to something.

We are able to use the creativity in in us for good or bad depending on our source or influence.

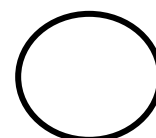
The sun, moon, stars, planets, galaxies, plants, trees, living things, man and woman all began at this point. All these things had a beginning place but God has always been in existence - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Another illustration of this difference is shown.

A straight line has a starting place and a finishing place.

Whereas

A circle has no starting place or finishing place.



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Who was present at the beginning in Genesis 1 and what happened?

God was Present in Three Persons

Colossians 1 verse 15-18

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: 16 for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Jesus was there.

Hebrews 11 verse 3

By faith we understand that the world has been created by the word of God so that what is seen has not been made out of things that are visible.

God was there.

Genesis 1 verse 2

And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

The Holy Spirit was there.

Nothing Living Was Present, Darkness Was Present and Water Was Present

Genesis 1 verse 2

And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

There was no life apart from God.

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What Happened?

Genesis 1 verse 3

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Lets look at some other scriptures to see if we can be creative too.

John 15 verse 4-5

Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

We cannot bear fruit apart from Christ. We can abide in Christ and bear fruit

Philippians 4 verse 13

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

John 14 verse 12

Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I am going to the Father.

What Can we do to Create Things?

We can create, form and build new relationships. For our existing relationships we can restore and strengthen them. We can repair and maintain our marriages. We can forgive and show mercy to our Christian brothers and sisters.