**‘When God Began to Create…’**

These are the opening words from an English translation of the Bible known as the Tanakh (aka The Jewish Bible). Now don’t get nervous, I use many different translations of the Bible on purpose. I like to use translations that get me as close to the meaning of the original language as possible. I will be doing the same thing in the New Testament.

The fact remains the same in any translation. God is the Creator of everything. Check out my post on Genesis 1:1. It’s called, **‘God: The Beginner of Beginnings.’**[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/08/" \l "_ftn1)

One of the reasons I like this particular translation of Genesis 1:1 is that it gives us a sense of how God may have been pondering creation for a very long time before he actually began to create. We can imagine God standing like an artist before a blank canvas. The blank canvas represents an infinite number of possibilities as long as it remains blank. But it won’t remain blank for long. The artist will soon take what’s in his heart and transfer it to the canvas. In the end, the artist will stand back and gaze upon his finished work and if he is pleased with what he has done, he will say, ‘It is very good.’

**1*“When God began to create heaven and earth,”*** is followed by a description of the earth written in a way that it looks like a “side” comment in the Tanakh because of the dashes before and after it **2*“–the earth being unformed and void, with darkness over the surface of the deep and a wind from God sweeping over the water–”*** This isn’t so much of an aside as it is a description of the canvas God had in front of Him. The earth was unformed. It had no shape. It was void of everything. There was nothing on it or in it. Its watery surface was covered in nothing but darkness, **BUT** there was ***“wind from God sweeping over the water.”*** The identity of this wind is none other than the “Spirit” of God. God’s Spirit hovered over or brooded over the face of the earth. Something **BIG** was about to happen.

**3*And God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.”***

All God did was speak! He didn’t get out heaven’s mega-tool kit; He didn’t break a sweat; He just spoke and light came into being. Amazing! Mind you, this wasn’t any light that we understand. The light that came into being when God spoke was light unaided by the illumination of the sun, moon, or stars!

How is light without illuminating bodies possible? We don’t know. But this is the biblical record and it will happen again in the New Jerusalem.[[2]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/08/" \l "_ftn2)

We are in the early stages of this particular study. It is, however, my belief we are nearing the time when Jesus, ***“the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,”*** [[3]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/08/" \l "_ftn3) will return to earth and this present earth will come to an end. Not to worry. A new heaven and a new earth is coming, and God invites us all to be there with Him. There is, however, only one way to gain entry into His new creation. That way is by faith in Jesus His Son.

May you be blessed by our amazing God.

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[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/08/" \l "_ftnref1) http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/08/22/god-the-beginner-of-beginnings/

[[2]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/08/" \l "_ftnref2) Revelation 21:22-24

[[3]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/08/" \l "_ftnref3) John 1:29