

Formless and Void

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In the *beginning*, the earth was created and described as formless and void (*ESV Bible*, Gen. 1.1-2). Why mention the darkness or lack of form as the start? God had yet to give the earth shape; He had not developed it yet. No mountains, valleys, animals, or people were made at the time. There was not even light until he spoke it, until He willed it. Without matter and without shape, yet He said it was the beginning, why?

God is the ultimate potter. He shapes and molds the earth to be all he wants it to be. He lights it up and separates water from land and fills nature with such color, vibrance, and beauty. Everything He touches lights up, simply because He himself is Light. He molds the earth with care and love to become like the one we see today.

His creation shows His hand and reveals there is a God. The calm rush of water reminds of His peace. The watercolor skies reveal His paintings. The lions and the lambs represent His nature. Even the birds receive His care and are in His thoughts. The stars recognize His glory, and the rocks will cry out to Him one day, if we do not. Every single aspect of creation sings His name. The sun in all its glory is just a glimpse of the light of *the* Son. Booming thunder and soft whistles of the wind are like His voice. From the trees came the cross He bore for us. God is laced throughout all of His creation.

He made man from dust and woman from man. We were made to reflect His image, not just His likeness. No creature that came before us was quite the same. We are His masterpiece made to be with Him, be like Him, and love Him.

God crafted everything with intention and purpose. He created everything and everyone on this earth. Creators are the only ones who determine what their creation is worth. As an artist prices their painting, He deems us priceless. The gravity of His love for us begins before we take our first breath and before we are conceived. He died with us in His mind before our parents and their parents were even born. He knit us together in our mothers' wombs with great care, when our proper time came.

From the moment of conception, babies are alive and have great worth to God. Before they shape to look more "human," before their heart beats, before the first ultrasound, and before they even see the light of day, they are alive. Some might describe pre-born babies as shapeless or even void, yet God said that was the beginning before. Development never changed the earth into another planet; it was always simply the earth from the beginning. Babies are the same, after conception they do not suddenly become babies at a certain stage of development. Rather, they were humans from the start. As the Creator, God and God alone determines ultimate worth and defines the beginning. And He said the beginning was before and beyond development, shape, and light.

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