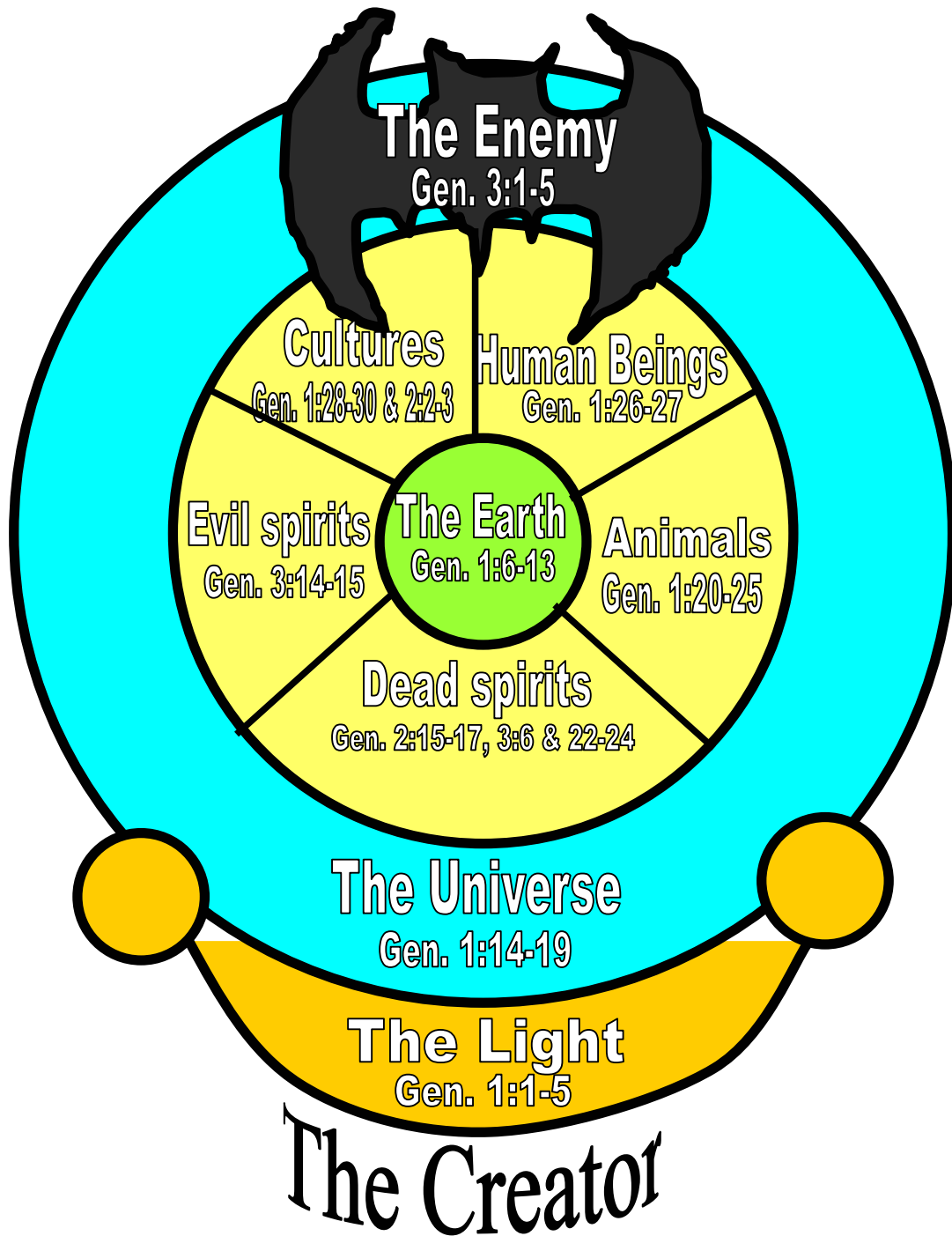


# The Creation

A meditation by brother Kim

**Keyword: Genesis 1:31**



**Guide:** Set aside an hour for quietness and come before God our Creator in Jesus' Name and read contemplatively through the texts from Genesis. Learn to honor our Creator!

**Explanation:** It must be admitted that the look of the spiritual map is inspired by a Tibetan Buddhist spiritual map over samsara, the wheel of existences, but the explanation is of course totally different. Firstly, beware that God the Creator is outside and not a part of his own creation. There is no confusion of living beings as spirits, animals and human beings. Each are created as they are, and they don't change into something else in another existence. Animals exist each according to its kind. And just like Buddha understood, mankind is the unique crown of God's creation; for only man is made in the image of God. Only did Buddha not possess the knowledge about honoring the Creator. For that reason you should notice the keyword, which states that from the beginning God created everything good. Hallowed be the Name of the Lord! It is only after the first man and woman broke God's only rule that the place of the dead became a reality. After first having listened to the Serpent man came to live in continuous battle with the Serpent and its offspring, i.e. the evil spirits, about the control in one's own life and in the world. Notice that the all-enslaving Mara (The Serpent of the Devil) is exchanged with a bat, which symbolizes darkness or blindness. The bat cannot see, but it sends out signals, which get reflected, when they hit something. The Devil is not like God omniscient. He is created and not the equal of God. The battle of God against the Devil has therefore nothing to do with raw strength, but it is about winning human beings over from darkness to light. The enemy of man is figuratively presented as the Batman symbol, which at the same time indicate people's futile dreams about synthetic saviors, i.e. idols. Finally, you should notice that Heaven, i.e. God's place and the Lake of fire does not appear on this spiritual map, which presents the beginning and not the finish of God's work.

<b>Word</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>The Holy Scriptures of the Bible</b>
Keyword	Genesis 1:31	31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.
The light	Genesis 1:1-5	1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.
The earth	Genesis 1:6-13	6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." 7 So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning--the second day. 9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation:

		seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning--the third day.
The universe	Genesis 1:14-19	14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. 16 God made two great lights--the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning--the fourth day.
Animals	Genesis 1:20-25	20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." 23 And there was evening, and there was morning--the fifth day. 24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.
Human beings	Genesis 1:26-27	26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
Cultures	Genesis 1:28-30 & 2:2-3	28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." 29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath

		<p>of life in it--I give every green plant for food." And it was so.</p> <p>2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. 2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.</p>
The enemy	Genesis 3:1-5	<p>3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."</p>
Dead spirits	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:6 & 22-24	<p>2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."</p> <p>3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.</p> <p>3:22 And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." 23 So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.</p>
Evil spirits	Genesis 3:14-15	<p>14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.</p>