

Handout: 1B. The God of the Bible

LXX Gen 1.1-2 — In the beginning God made heaven and earth (ὁ Θεὸς ἐποίησεν τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν). Now (δὲ) the earth was invisible (ἀόρατος) and unfurnished (ἀκατασκευάστος), and darkness was over the deep (σκότος ἐπάνω τῆς ἀβύσσου). And the Spirit of God was hovering (πνεῦμα Θεοῦ ἐπεφέρετο) over the water.

LXX Gen 2.1 — And heaven and earth were perfectly put together (συνετελέσθησαν) and all their cosmos (πᾶς ὁ κόσμος αὐτῶν).

Nicene Creed — I believe in one God (Θεὸν), the Father Almighty (Πατέρα παντοκράτορα), maker of heaven and earth (ποιητὴν οὐρανοῦ καὶ γῆς), and of all visible things and invisible (ὀρατῶν τε πάντων καὶ ἀόρατων). . . . and rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures (κατὰ τὰς γραφὰς) the Holy Spirit, the Lord and life-giver, Who proceeds from the Father (ἐκ τοῦ Πατρὸς ἐκπορευόμενον), Who with the Father and the Son is together worshipped and together glorified, Who spoke through the prophets (τὸ λαλήσαν διὰ τῶν προφητῶν)

Plato, *Timaeus* 30A — The god, desiring that all things be good (ἀγαθὰ μὲν πάντα) and nothing worthless (φλαῦρον δὲ μηδὲν), when he took hold of everything that was visible (πᾶν ὅσον ἦν ὀρατὸν), seeing it was not at rest but in disorderly and discordant motion (κινούμενον), brought it into order (εἰς τάξιν) out of disorder.

Heraclitus, fragment 30 — Neither any of the gods nor of men made (ἐποίησεν) the cosmos (κόσμον) that holds all things, but it always was, and is, and will be ever-living fire (πῦρ ἀείζων).

2 Maccabees 7.28 — I beseech thee, my son, look upon the heaven and the earth, and all that is seen (πάντα ἰδόντα) in them, and consider that God made them of non-existences (ἐξ οὐκ ὄντων); and so the race of men came to be likewise.

1 Corinthians 8.6 — For us there is one God (εἷς θεός), the Father, from whom are all things (τὰ πάντα) and we unto him (ἡμεῖς εἰς αὐτόν), and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things (τὰ πάντα) and we through him (ἡμεῖς δι' αὐτοῦ).

John 15 ²⁶ “But when the Counselor (ὁ παράκλητος) comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father (ὃ παρὰ τοῦ πατρὸς ἐκπορεύεται), He will testify of Me.