

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

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Q 15. What is the work of creation?

A The work of creation is that wherein God did in the beginning, by the word of his power, make of nothing the world, and all things therein, for himself, within the space of six days, and all very good.¹

1. Gen. 1:1 (see entire chapter); Ps. 33:6, 9; Heb. 11:3; Rev. 4:11; Rom. 11:36.

Q 16. How did God create angels?

A God created all the angels,¹ spirits,² immortal,³ holy,⁴ excelling in knowledge,⁵ mighty in power,⁶ to execute his commandments, and to praise his name,⁷ yet subject to change.⁸

1. Col. 1:16. 2. Ps. 104:4. 3. Matt. 22:30; Luke 20:36. 4. Matt. 25:31. 5. 2 Sam. 14:17; Matt. 24:36.

6. 2 Thess. 1:7. 7. Ps. 91:11–12; Ps. 103:20–21. 8. 2 Pet. 2:4.

Q 17. How did God create man?

A After God had made all other creatures, he created man male and female;¹ formed the body of the man of the dust of the ground,² and the woman of the rib of the man,³ endued them with living, reasonable, and immortal souls;⁴ made them after his own image,⁵ in knowledge,⁶ righteousness, and holiness;⁷ having the law of God written in their hearts,⁸ and power to fulfill it,⁹ and dominion over the creatures;¹⁰ yet subject to fall.¹¹

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