

* more structural features

i.e. God is creating a system that will operate, day-to-day, without his effort

Hierarchies - the time sequence parallels the hierarchy of beings. As the universe becomes more complete & perfect, the beings created are closer to God, i.e. man

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The structure of an origin story - Genesis, chapter 1

Dualisms -- a neat way to get something from nothing

Beginning: God creates

heaven

earth without form, void

dark

waters

"Let there be light"

GOOD

light

dark

"day" & "night"

God said

Power of the Word

naming

Day 1
(Time begins & continues without further action)

Day 2

firmament waters
"heaven"

Day 3

dryland waters
"Earth" "Seas"

~~Day 4~~

plants

grass
fruit trees

begin a structure of things that can

(self-reproducing)

Day 4 subdivided seasons = stars

continue a their air

* night/day = moon, sun

Day 5

animals

moving, flying, swimming

(commanded to be fruitful & multiply)

increasingly self-at, superior, more like God

(= hierarchy)

Day 6

useful animals etc

man (♂ & ♀) (gave them dominion over lower life)

step by step

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get new lay outs together to get ready for humans

chapter 2 = after thought to establish hierarchy (man over woman)

Interesting structural elements: Time sequence - each step depends on the previous (except plants precede seasons) eg man uses animals, which feed on plants etc.

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