

Catechism Course 2021

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#4. Creation

1. God created all things (“the heavens and the earth”)
2. He created them from nothing (‘ex-nihilo’).
3. He created out of love, rather than out of need.
4. All three members of the Trinity were involved in creation.
5. God upholds and sustains creation. He continues to care for it.
6. All creatures are ordered to God’s glory.
7. God rests on the seventh day. God blesses a day of rest.
8. Creation (and, therefore, matter) is good.
9. There is a Hierarchy of being. Beneath God are the angels.
The angels are non-corporeal beings who ‘glorify God without ceasing and who serve his saving plans for other creatures.’

The Human person

- (i) We are made "**in the image and likeness of God**"; thus we have a unique dignity.
- (ii) We are a **unity of body and soul**.
- (iii) We are created "**male and female**." Men and women are made for each other.
- (iv) God established us in his **friendship**; not as slaves but as sons and daughters.
- (v) We are **co-creators with God**.

Resources:

Catechism paragraphs 279-384
Read Genesis chapters 1 and 2, and Psalm 8

For more on mankind’s stewardship of creation read Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si.
For more on the goodness of the body, read Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body (summaries are available online).