Creation

**And God said,**

**"Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind:**

**cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind."**

***(Genesis 1:24)***

**I form light and create darkness;**

**I make peace and create hardship;**

**I, the Lord, do all these things.**

***(Isaiah 45:7)***

**For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;**

**the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.**

**But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.**

***(Isaiah 65:17-18)***

**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:**

**everything old has passed away;**

**see, everything has become new!**

***(2 Corinthians 5:17)***

**For by him were all things created, visible and invisible.**

***(Colossians 1:16)***

**Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how. To plant a pine, for example, one need be neither god nor poet; one need only own a shovel. *(Aldo Leopold, in A Sand County Almanac)***

“That brave new world we’ve read about is here,” said the New York Daily News as an editorial. Last week, a team of scientists led by Craig Venter, the maverick geneticist, unveiled Synthia, the “first-ever man-made microorganism. “Unlike every other creation since the dawn of time, Synthia has no parents. Her DNA was designed on a computer and manufactured by Venter’s team from a few dollars’ worth of basic chemicals. The DNA was then implanted into a host cell, which started to replicate independently as a true new species. This isn’t quite Frankenstein, but the age of artificial life has formally dawned, said the Los Angeles Times. The ethical debates to follow will make those over stem cells “look tame.” The power not only to create life, but to design it, holds enormous potential for both good and evil, and “raises difficult questions about the expanding boundaries of science and the nature of life.” *(The Week magazine, June 4, 2010)*

You don't have to invent the airplane or create an empire to pursue a big dream of your own. Audacity is an equal opportunity trait. *(James Champy and Nitin Nohria, in The Arc of Ambition)*

**The most dangerous creation of any society is the man who has nothing to lose. (*James Baldwin)***

**The creation of the world did not take place once and for all time, but takes place every day. *(Samuel Beckett)***

**First God made businesses, but the business people were lonely and unhappy, so then God created customers. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**All creations demand greenery of spirit. *(Diana Vreeland, in Time)***

**Billy: "Mommy! PJ's startin' to create another disaster!" *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

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The purpose of a business is to create a customer. *(Peter Drucker)*

**The best way to predict the future is to create it. *(Peter F. Drucker)***

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**Life isn’t about finding yourself, or finding anything. Life is about creating yourself and creating things. *(Bob Dylan)***

A father was trying to explain the creation to his son as they walked through the woods. “Son, God made all of this – every single leaf on every single tree.” “Yes, Dad, I know,” the boy responded. “And he did it all with his left hand!” “With his left hand? Where did you ever hear such nonsense?” “My Sunday school teacher read it to us from the Bible,” the boy responded. “It said that Jesus was sitting on his Father’s right hand.” *(Mary Hallford, in Country Extra magazine)*

**When God made flowers, what happy and fanciful shapes and colors must have danced through the divine heart. *(James Dillet Freeman)***

In the first chapter of Genesis it is the great creative Mind that is at work. The record portrays just how divine ideas were brought into expression. As man must have an idea before he can bring an idea into manifestation, so it is with the creations of God. When a man builds a house he builds it first in his mind. He has the idea of a house, he completes the plan in his mind, and then he works it out in manifestation. Thus God created the universe. The first chapter of Genesis describes the ideal creation. *(Charles Fillmore, in Mysteries of Genesis, p. 12)*

Behind every advance of the human race is a germ of creation growing in the mind of some lone individual, an individual whose dreams waken him in the night while others contentedly sleep. *(Crawford H. Greenewalt, in The Uncommon Man)*

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God may have had fun at creation, but he didn't really think things through. *(Lars von Trier, filmmaker)*

On the sixth day God created man, an action now under review by the Environmental Protection Agency. *(Robert Brault)*

***One child says to another*: “I’d be a lot better off if God had created more heaven and less earth.” *(The Saturday Evening Post cartoon)***

**Closing in on the “God particle”: The strongest evidence yet that the elusive Higgs boson exists has emerged from data gathered at Tevatron particle accelerator in Illinois. Scientists have been hunting for the Higgs, a subatomic particle thought to impart mass to everything in the universe, for more than 40 years. The stakes are high: The Standard Model, the set of equations that encapsulates our understanding of particle physics, stands or falls on the existence of the Higgs, or “God particle.” Analyzing data from the recently mothballed Tevatron, scientists saw that smashing protons into antiprotons at nearly the speed of light had produced a short-lived particle with a mass between 115 and 135 billion electron volts that quickly decayed into more-common subatomic particles. That finding jibes with similar numbers returned last year by Europe’s Large Hadron Collider, which uses a different method to smash particles together. Now physicists are joking that the Higgs boson hasn’t been discovered yet, but its mass is about 125 billion electron volts. Further tests this summer at the LHC should confirm or disprove the existence of the Higgs – thereby verifying or upending our understanding of how the universe works. “The excitement is mounting,” LHC researcher Oliver Buchmuller tells Reuters.com. “We are getting closer and closer.” *(The Week magazine, March 30, 2012)***

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**Hesitation is a crucial element of creation. If people would rephrase writers’ block as hesitation, writers would feel better about it. *(Ian McEwan)***

**If we ever build a house, we're going to use the kind of wood we've been using in our fireplace. That way we'll know the place will never burn down. *(William D. Tammeus, in Kansas City Star)***

**Let's go invent tomorrow instead of worrying about what happened yesterday. *(Steve Jobs)***

**If you have nothing at all to create, then perhaps you create yourself. *(Carl Jung)***

**You must create another language and nourish if for years and years with what you have loved, with what you have lost, with what you will never find again. *(Poet George Seferis, on writing)***

**If you read the creation chapter in the Bible (the first of Genesis), you will notice that God creates by “letting.” God said: “Let there be light.” God said, “Let,” at every act of creation, and it was done! *(Rev. Becky Dunlap, Unity Minister)***

**Create like a god; command like a king; work like a slave. *(Constantin Brancusi, sculptor)***

**In creating, the only hard thing’s to begin; a grass-blade’s no easier to make than an oak. *(James Russell Lowell)***

**Man cannot create the current of events. He can only float with them and steer. *(Otto von Bismarck)***

**If you need meaning, and can’t find it, your only hope is to create it. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**All things are created in pairs, and are created for the sake of human beings. This enables all things to dwell in harmony under the principle of love. *(Rev. Moon)***

**Really we create nothing. We merely plagiarize nature. *(Jean Baitaillon)***

**Man creates culture and through culture creates himself. *(Pope John Paul II, in Osservatore Romano)***

**If I had been present at creation, I would have given some useful hints. *(Alfonso the Wise)***

**A jackass can kick down a barn, but it takes a carpenter to build one. *(Sam Rayburn, former House Speaker)***

**Physicists have found that if they seek to measure a particle as a wave, not a particle, the particle “becomes” a wave and ceases to be a particle. But if they seek to measure it as a particle, it ceases to be measurable as a wave, and “becomes” a particle. In other words, reality is what we say it is. From this, physicists have decided that the scientist cannot call himself “the observer” of an experiment, but instead becomes “the participant.” Nothing is real, apart from what we create. *(Rev. Gregory Barrette, Unity Minister)***

**If you wish to make an apple pie truly from scratch, you must first invent the universe. *(Carl Sagan, in Cosmos)***

**Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**Our species is the only creative species, and it has only one creative instrument, the individual mind and spirit of a man. Nothing was ever created by two men. There are no good collaborations, whether in music, in art, in poetry, in mathematics, in philosophy. Once the miracle of creation has taken place, the group can build and extend it, but the group never invents anything. The preciousness lies in the lonely mind of a man. *(John Steinbeck)***

**Buy land. They don’t make it anymore. *(Mark Twain)***

**I want to create something, but can’t find anything that wants to be created. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Man creates "all weather" portfolio strategy, God laughs. *(Joshua Brown)***

**Billy asks his Mom the question: "The ranger said the river dug the canyon, Mommy, and you said, God did it. Who's right?" *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

[**A man was complaining to his tailor about the delay in making a new suit. “Six weeks!” he protested. “Why. The world was created in six days.” “I know,” countered the tailor. “And just look at it.” *(Observer” in Financial Times, London)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The Tulsa Zoo is bowing to pressure from Christian fundamentalists and installing an exhibit depicting the biblical account of creation. Zoo officials had objected, but Christians said the zoo is already had religious exhibits: a globe inscribed with the Native American saying, “The earth is our mother; the sky is our father,” and a display about elephants that included a statue of the Hindu elephant god Ganesh. “I see this as a big victory,” said Dan Hicks, who organized the campaign for the new exhibit. “To not include the creationist view would be discrimination. *(The Week magazine, June 24, 2005)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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