

CREATING CREATORS



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At the beginning of *Bereishit*, the Torah describes how God created the world. But if we look carefully, we notice a pattern that repeats throughout the six days.

"And God said, 'Let there be...' And there was... And God saw that it was good."

Rabbi Sacks zt"l points out that these are actually three stages of creation. First comes an idea or vision: "Let there be." Then comes action: "And there was." Finally

comes reflection: "And God saw that it was good."

This is a powerful lesson because we are also creators.

We create when we have an idea, when we build a friendship, when we write something, solve a problem, make a joke that cheers someone up, or even decide to change something about ourselves.

But having an idea isn't enough. We have to turn it into action. And even then, we should stop and ask, is what I created actually good?

There is something else fascinating. After each stage of creation, God looks at what He has made. He doesn't simply move on to the next thing. He pauses and

evaluates it.

Perhaps this is a lesson for us in a world where everything moves so quickly. We are constantly creating, posting, messaging and doing. But sometimes the most important thing we can do is stop and look.

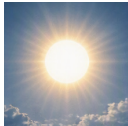
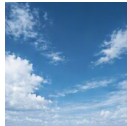
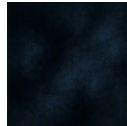
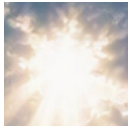
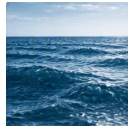
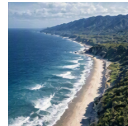
What am I creating? What effect am I having on the people around me? Am I making the world a little better?

Rabbi Sacks teaches us that human beings are unique because we can imagine a world that doesn't yet exist - and then help bring it into existence.

Bereishit is therefore not only the story of how God created the world. It is an invitation to become creators ourselves.

Creation Match

Match each item to the day they were created

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
					
A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.
					
G.	H.	I.	J.	K.	L.
					
					M.