

## Message Notes

Created the way God wanted it to be

## Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

### Introduction – #MeToo

The start of “Me Too” in 2006

Amazing Grace -  
The Reformation to the Glory of God

The Beauty of Reformed Theology:  
Seven Gospel Flames Rekindled

The Account of Creation  
Genesis 1:1-5, 26-27

### 1. “In the beginning, GOD”

Genesis 1:1

Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 1:7

John 1:1-5, Revelation 22:12-13

### 2. “God created the heavens and the earth”

Genesis 1:1-5

The pattern of creation in Genesis 1

### 3. “So God created humankind”

Genesis 1:26-27

Three implications

1. Every person is made in God’s image
2. Our dignity comes from bearing God’s image
3. Our duty comes from bearing God’s image

### The conclusion of God (even amidst #MeToo)

Genesis 1:31, Isaiah 43:1

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#MeToo



Tarana Burke,  
public speaker and  
community organizer  
based in New York

It made my heart swell to see women using this idea — one that we call ‘empowerment through empathy’, she tweeted, to not only show the world how widespread and pervasive sexual violence is, but also to let other survivors know they are not alone. #metoo.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-intersect/wp/2017/10/19/the-woman-behind-me-too-knew-the-power-of-the-phrase-when-she-created-it-10-years-ago/?utm\\_term=.e679581583d6](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-intersect/wp/2017/10/19/the-woman-behind-me-too-knew-the-power-of-the-phrase-when-she-created-it-10-years-ago/?utm_term=.e679581583d6)



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Unfortunately, this kind of sexual predatory behavior is a lot more common than most of us think it is...It's a positive thing that we are now having some of these larger discussions...There's a lot of people complicit for this kind of abuse to continue, and it takes a lot of really, really brave survivors to come forward and talk about their story to really help change the culture on these things.

Sheela Raja,  
clinical psychologist at the University of Illinois at Chicago,  
writes on how sexual abuse survivors can overcome trauma

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/10/tarana-burke-metoo-didn-start-harvey-weinstein-171019174835750.html>



**Every 98 seconds,**  
an American is sexually assaulted.

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National Sexual Assault Hotline | 800.656.HOPE | [online.rainn.org](https://online.rainn.org)

Please visit [rainn.org/statistics/victims-sexual-violence](https://rainn.org/statistics/victims-sexual-violence) for full citation.<sup>1</sup>

*(Burke added that she hopes the conversation can shift from focusing on the scope of the problem to finding out what types of support survivors need to begin to heal)* What happens when these people open themselves up? What happens when they start talking about things that they've possibly never talked about in their lives? Where do you point them, what direction do they go in, how do you support them?...This is bigger than a moment in time.

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“‘Me Too’ is a movement to, among other things, radicalize the notion of mass healing...as a community, we create a lot of space for fighting and pushing back, but not enough for connecting and healing.

If I had (it my way), we would be prepared to support (such) people.

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## Today's Message:

Creation: Created the way God wanted it to be

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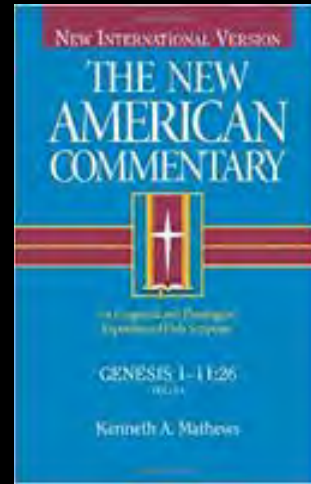
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Creation's mystery and its Maker beckon us to know the One in whom "we live and move and have our being." The opening section of Genesis introduces us to the Creator. He is the main character of the book, even all Scripture. The creation account is theocentric, not creature centered. Its purpose is to glorify the Creator by magnifying him through the majesty of (what was created).

Mathews, K. A. (1996). (Vol. 1A, p. 113). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.



# *In the beginning, GOD!*

## **Psalm 111:10**

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
To him belongs eternal praise.

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*And it was very good!*

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#MeToo

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*~Kelsey*