

Let us make man... Genesis 1:26

*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air,
and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that
creepeth upon the earth.*

Genesis 1:26

It is important to read the very next verse,

*So God created man in **His** own image; in the image of God **He** created him;
male and female **He** created them.*

Genesis 1:27

In Genesis 1:27, Moses uses the **singular** pronouns, **He** and **His** when speaking of The Almighty.

Moses continues to use the **singular** pronoun "**He**" when speaking of The Almighty in the following verses:

*Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day,
and the lesser light to rule the night. **He** made the stars also.*

Genesis 1:16

*Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man **He** made into a woman,
and **He** brought her to the man.*

Genesis 2:22

This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man,
He made him in the likeness of God.

Genesis 5:1

*"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed;
For in the image of God **He** made man.*

Genesis 9:6

Moses met and spoke with The Almighty many times, twice for periods of 40 days each. Moses climbed Mt. Sinai eight times to meet with The Almighty.



The Almighty says of Moses,

*“I speak with him directly, openly, and not in riddles,
He sees the form of the LORD.”*

Numbers 12:8

The Almighty said He speaks with Moses “*directly*”, “*openly*” and “*He sees the form of the LORD*”, yet Moses never wrote The Almighty is three persons.

Moses did write,

*“Hear, Israel! The LORD is our God, **the LORD is one!**”*

Deuteronomy 6:4

What Moses wrote agrees with both the Old and the New testament which tell us *there is but One God, the Father*. (Malachi 2:10: 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6)

The Almighty has definitely told us He is a singular One, but never that He is three.

From the beginning, Moses proclaimed clearly and boldly, “**The LORD is One**”. Furthermore, he told us to teach this message to our children. Moses, told us to discuss this message with our families and friends. He told us to speak of this message throughout the days of our lives!

For someone to attempt to interpret the words of Moses, who forcefully taught The Almighty is a *singular* One, to imply he was actually saying The Almighty is ‘three persons’ is devious, unscriptural and unbiblical.

**Who then was The Almighty talking to when He said,
“let us make man in our likeness and in our image”**

The use of ‘us’, as in “let ‘us’ make man” has always been interpreted by the Jewish people **to be The Almighty speaking to His angels.**

The Bible tells us The Almighty Father is surrounded by His angels and that He created them to serve Him. It is therefore not surprising that The Almighty Father would speak and interact with His angels routinely.

For example, when The Almighty with two of His angels met with Abraham, The Almighty spoke to the angels:

“Should I hide my plan from Abraham?” the LORD asked.

Genesis 18:17

‘The NIV Bible Commentary’ regarding Genesis 1:26

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*“us”... “our”. God speaks as the Creator-King, announcing his crowning work
to the members of his heavenly court.”*

The NIV commentators then provide a number of Scriptures to support this position. (see Genesis 3:22; 11:7; Isaiah 6:8; see also I Kings 22:19-23; Job 15:8; Jeremiah 23:18) *NIV Study Bible, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1985, p. 7).*

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The majestic plural 'us' and how is it used in the Bible

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*"The majestic plural, also called the royal plural, is the use of a plural word (such as the pronoun we or **us**) to refer to a single person.*

The ancient Hebrews used the majestic plural, and some examples are found in the Old Testament.

*In the Bible, we find four verses in which God refers to Himself using plural pronouns. The most well-known passage is **Genesis 1:26**: "Then God said, 'Let **us** make mankind in our image, in our likeness.'" See also Genesis 3:22; Genesis 11:7; and Isaiah 6:8. The One God is speaking of Himself in plural form: **us** and our. This is a perfect example of the **majestic plural**. God's divine greatness and transcendence are emphasized through the simple use of pronouns.*

*The majestic plural is also found in one of God's most common names in the Old Testament, Elohim. The word itself is plural (the singular is Eloah), and it is sometimes translated as "gods" (when referring to a plurality of false gods). When it refers to **the One True God**, Elohim (plural) is correctly translated as "God" (**singular**).*

*Deuteronomy 4:35 says, "The LORD is God"—literally, "Yahweh is Elohim." And the famous Shema says, "The LORD our God, the LORD is one." Again, we have the **singular** Lord coupled with the plural Elohim, **and this time in a verse that is crystal clear that there is only one God**. His name's **plural form** indicates His sovereign supremacy, His matchless might, and His exceeding eminence.*

*We carefully note that **the majestic plural** in the Old Testament **was not meant to teach the doctrine of the Trinity**. It is simply a linguistic tool that God employed to accentuate His greatness."*

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Trinitarian scholars no longer hold that “us” and “our” in Genesis 1:26 Is speaking of the Trinity

Look at the following quote.

“Christians have traditionally seen Genesis 1:26 as adumbrating (foreshadowing) the Trinity. *It is now universally admitted that this was not what the plural meant to the original author.*”

Gordon J. Wenham, Word Biblical Commentary on Genesis, 1987, p. 27

The Ryrie Study Bible, contains this note regarding Genesis 1:26

*“Us...Our. Plurals of **majesty**”*

(Charles Caldwell Ryrie, The Ryrie Study Bible (Dallas Theological Seminary), Chicago: Moody Press, 1978, p. 9).

Jerry Falwell, a well-known Baptist trinitarian, said this regarding Genesis 1:26

*“The plural pronoun ‘**us**’ is most likely a **majestic plural** from the standpoint of Hebrew grammar and syntax.”*

(Jerry Falwell, Liberty Annotated Study Bible, Liberty University, 1988, p. 8).

In John 5:46 Yahshua said,

*For if you believed **Moses**, you would believe Me; for he wrote about **Me**.*

In John 8:24 and John 8:58 Yahshua proclaims that **He** is “**I AM**”, The Almighty Father **Himself** who spoke to **Moses** in Exodus 3:14. Yahshua is proclaiming that **He** is **The Almighty Father**, now come manifested in flesh.

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