

'The NIV Bible Commentary' regarding Genesis 1:26

A quote from the '[The NIV Bible Commentary](#)' regarding Genesis 1:26.

"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).*

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

(Here is a **direct quote** from the website: [gotquestions.org](#))

"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**).

(Continued Quote from [gotquestions.org](#))

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.**" ([gotquestions.org](#))

Trinitarian scholars **no longer** hold that "us" and "our" in Genesis 1:26 is speaking of the Trinity

Please 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*)

In John 5:46 Yahshua said, "For if you believed **Moses**, you would believe **Me**; for **he** wrote about **Me**."

Many people search the internet wanting to know, **Where did Moses write about Jesus?** **This**, is the answer to their question,

MOSES WROTE ABOUT YAHWEH!

John the Baptist, "**the greatest prophet**", quoted Isaiah 40:3 in his message, "**Prepare the way for Yahweh**".

We **know** John is speaking of **Yahshua MessiYah!**

Moses wrote about **YAHWEH**, the **I AM**.

Yahshua was proclaiming that **HE WAS YAHWEH**; the **'I AM'** that Moses wrote about.

[YahshuaAlmightyFather.com](#)

The true meaning of 'Let us make man' Genesis 1:26

Moses told us **clearly** and **emphatically** that Yahweh was a **Singular One**. Believers, here is **why we should believe Moses**.

The scriptures show us that Moses had a very **close** and **personal** relationship with **The Almighty Father** for **forty years**. Moses was **chosen** by Yahweh from his birth!

The Bible tells us Moses met **personally** with Yahweh **many, many times for forty years! Twice for periods of 40 days each!**

Moses climbed Mt. Sinai **eight times** to meet with Yahweh!



We must also remember that Moses **met regularly** with Yahweh in the Tabernacle of the 'Tent of Meeting' **for 40 years!** (Exodus 33: 7-11).

Yahweh said to Moses,

"I will meet with you there above the mercy seat, between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the testimony; I will speak with you from there about all I that I command you regarding the Israelites."
Exodus 25:22

Moses told the Israelites... **and us too! ...**

"Hear, Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

Deuteronomy 6:4

Yahweh said of Moses...

*I speak to him face to face, clearly, and not in riddles!
He sees the LORD as he is.*

The Almighty FatherNumbers 12:8

The Bible says Yahweh spoke to Moses **‘face to face’ as one speaks to a friend!**

*Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses **face to face, as one speaks to a friend.***

Exodus 33:11

*There has never been another prophet in Israel like Moses, **whom the LORD knew face to face.***

Deuteronomy 34:10

Moses, who was called by Yahweh at his birth; who spoke with Yahweh **“face to face, as one speaks to a friend”**, who knew Yahweh **intimately for 40 years** and who **“sees the LORD as he is”**, told us Yahweh is a **Singular One**.



Believers, **we should believe Moses** when he tells us the Almighty is a **Singular One**.

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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*

Believer, it is **important** for us to **read the 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*

Do you see that **in the very next verse**, 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*

Let us once again really take in the **importance** of what **Yahweh Himself** said of Moses,

*I speak to him face to face, clearly, and not in riddles **He sees the LORD as he is.***

Numbers 12:8

Yahweh said He speaks with Moses **“face to face”**, **“clearly”** and **“He sees the LORD as he is”**, yet Moses **never** told us Yahweh is a being made up of **‘three persons’**.

Moses **did** tell us,

***“Hear, Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!”** Deuteronomy 6:4*

3.

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 and His prophets have told us **He** is **One**, but **never** that **He** is **three**. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Mark 12:28-32; Malachi 2:10; Isaiah 45:21)

From the beginning, Moses proclaimed **clearly** and **boldly**,

“The LORD is One”

Moses told us to teach, **“The LORD is One” (Singular) to our children**. Moses, told us to talk about **this truth** with our families and friends. Moses told us to **declare this truth 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**, and 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 Father 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

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