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The Doctrine of Creatio ex Nihilo

She might be called the Emily Dickinson of Persian poetry, although Zh le was married, against her will. See, Hatch, The Influence of Greek Ideas on Christianity, 197.

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He is Himself sufficient for Himself; and still further, He grants to all others this very thing, existence, but the things which have ben made by him received a beginning. It is ironic therefore that even these two texts do not teach the dogma of creatio ex nihilo.

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Yet the Christian Church soon thereafter came to formulate the doctrine of creation out of nothing independently of Basilides' influence p. But the conception of the nature of this substance varied from that of gross and tangible material to that of empty and formless space....

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By reinterpreting the biblical concept of creation within the scope of a Middle-Platonic view of God, the new concept of God generated all kinds of new problems about God as described in the biblical documents — but that was an issue that was not addressed by Theophilus and had to wait for Origen and Augustine who created a thoroughly neo-Platonic view of God within the Christian tradition. Theophilus argued: Plato and those of his school agree that God is ungenerated and the father and maker of all. This conclusion is supported by linguistic evidence of the meaning of beresit, by the structure of Genesis 1, by the textual, semantic and conceptual similarities between Genesis 1 and other creation accounts, and by the entire structure of the creation narrative.

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However, it must be noted that the position adopted by Justin, Athenagoras, Hermogones and Clement of Alexandria that God created by organizing matter was inherently unstable within the context of their theology of God. This translation as well as the NIV most accurately reflects the Greek text. Thus, grammar, context, and parallels point uniformly in the same direction.

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This text rather clearly teaches creation of heaven and earth per verbum out of the existing waters. The Doctrine Of Creation Ex Nihilo Was Created Out Of Nothing: A Response To Copan And Craig. Is it solely up to science rather than Scripture to point us toward the nature of God's creation - whether it is finite or eternal? In the biblical tradition, and in the ancient Near East in general, God always works with some material that is either primordial or already there when God begins to create, though the ancient Israelites would not have made this distinction....

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A position on the problem of matter is clearly not expected in this context. While it is possible to give an idealist i. Similarly, just how Adams concludes that the Old Testament somehow states that God created natural laws is beyond me.

Wayne Grudem and ex nihilo creation

The view that Genesis 1:1-3 should be so translated was recognized long ago by the well-known Jewish scholar, Rashi. The audience that Genesis was written for believed in a flat earth with spheres where the celestial objects resided. The word reshit occurs 50 times in the Old Testament and is always in the construct state with only the possible debated exception of Isaiah 46:10.

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