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27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."

30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1-3

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

1. light / darkness
2. water / sky
3. land / seas
4. sun, moon, stars
5. fish & birds
6. animals & humans
7. He rested

"evening and morning"

"It was good..."

What's
going on
there with
the order?

So the eastern Hebrews, if they see this story as a picture, is it draws this imaginary line straight down the middle of the story because Day 1 corresponds to Day 4, Day 2 to Day 5, and Day 3 to Day 6, meaning if you folded this story up down the middle, it would fold upon itself.

1. light / darkness
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 4. sun, moon, stars
 5. fish & birds
 6. animals & humans
 7. He rested
- Seperates
- Fills

In their world, it's called a chiasm.

Modern literary devices call it inverted parallelism.

Westerners like to teach by making a logical point and then giving the supporting evidence as the proof. However, an Easterner believes that true learning doesn't happen with the transfer of information. True learning happens because you discover a new truth. The art of discovery is everything for an Easterner. So when they write their stories, somewhere in the story is something that the author wants you to discover.

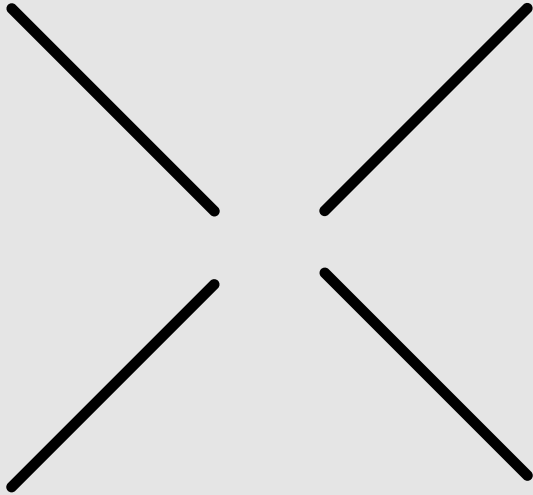
A Chiasm is a literary tool where the first part of the story mirrors the last part of the story.

It can mirror it in two different ways:
parallelism or inverted parallelism.

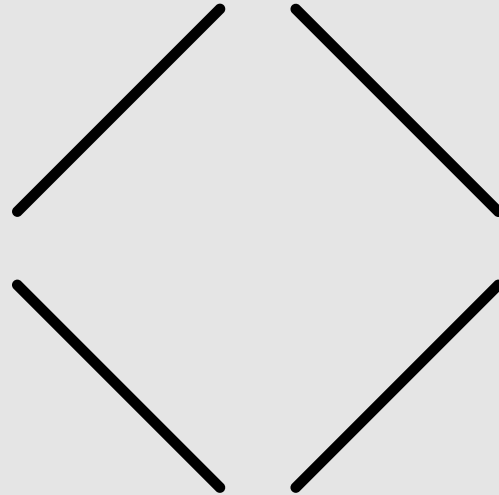
It can be A, B, C, D, /A, B, C, D or it can go
A, B, C, D, / D, C, B, A,

CHIASM (inverted parallelism)

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If we ask the wrong questions of the text,
we will almost always get wrong answers.

Patterns of Three:

We pointed out that three days mirrored three other days.

This Creator was *Bara*, this creator was **Spirit**, and this creator was **Word**. There was a threeness speaking of creation.

The word *bara*, the word for create, appears in three different places in this poem; at the beginning, once in the middle, and then once at the end. At the end, when the word *bara* appears, it appears three times in rapid-fire in the last few verses.

Patterns of Seven:

That would be expected. When we look at the poem, we realize that the first verse **in the Hebrew** has seven words in it, **7x1**.

The second verse has 14 Hebrew words in it, **7x2**.

The word Earth occurs 21 times in the poem, **7x3**.

Then there are 35 words in the 7th verse of the poem, 7×5 .

The word God is mentioned 35 times in the poem, 7×5 .

The phrase “It was so” appears seven times in the poem, and the phrase “And God saw” appears seven times in the poem.

Patterns of Ten:

“To make” appears 10 times in the poem.

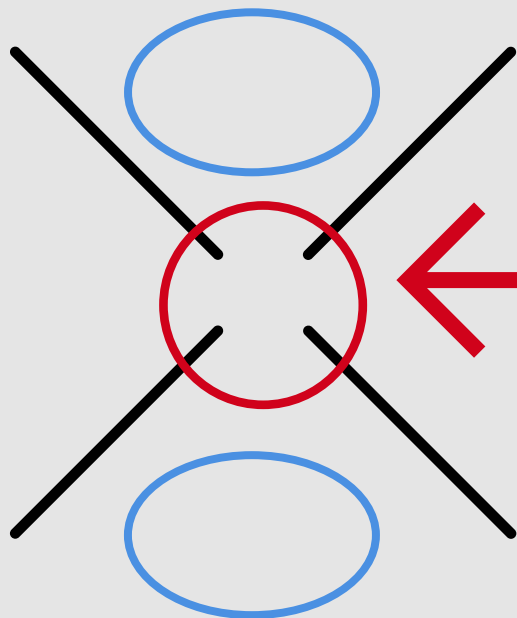
The phrase “according to its kind” occurs 10 times in the poem. The phrase “And God said” occurs 10 times in the poem – 3 times in reference to people, 7 times in reference to creatures.

The phrase “Let there be” occurs 10 times in the poem — 3 times in reference to things in the heavens and 7 times in reference to things on Earth.

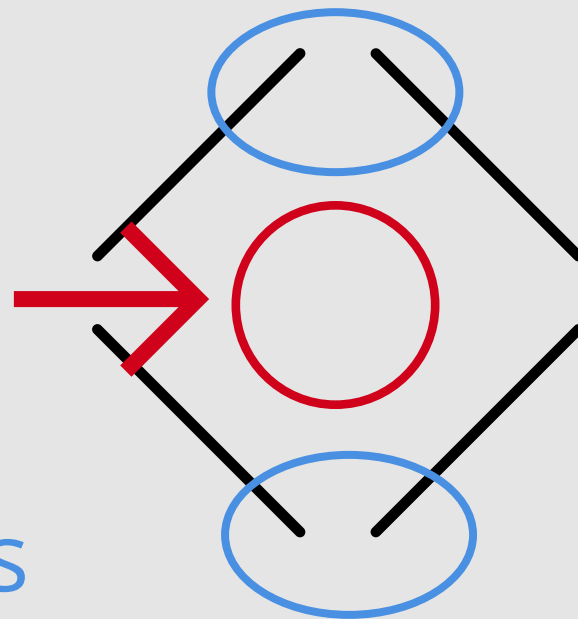
I believe that God alone created all that is in this good world. God **did** create the whole world. And he uses a poetic chiasm to detail it.

CHIASM

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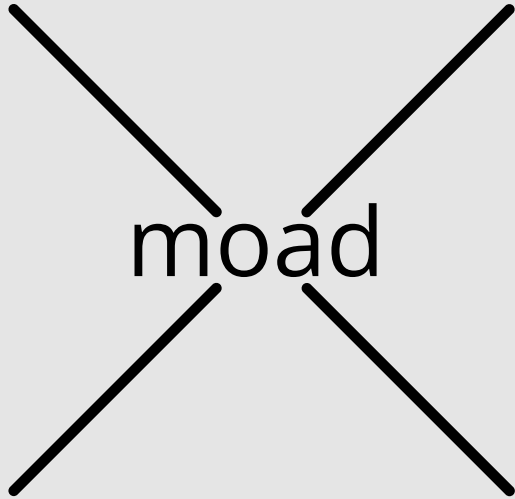


Treasure

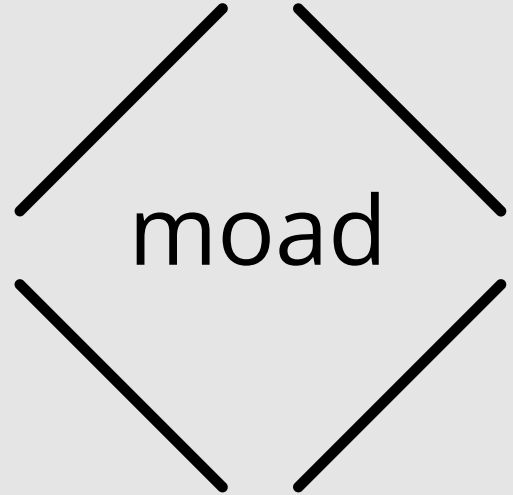
Bookends

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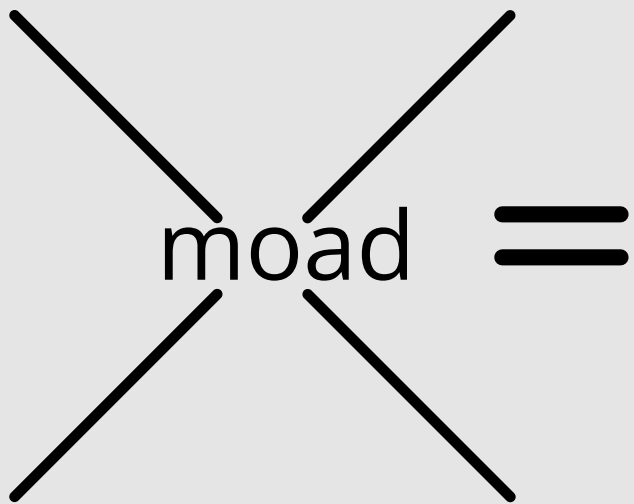


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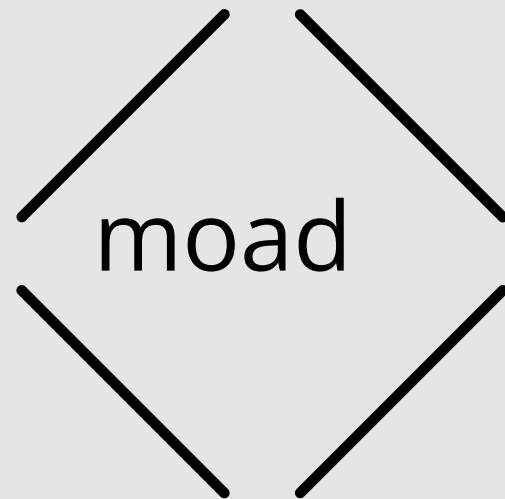


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ELEMENT A1

ELEMENT B1

ELEMENT C1

(TREASURE) CENTER

ELEMENT C2

ELEMENT B2

ELEMENT A2

Why is *moad* the treasure? That seems so anticlimactic -- What do seasons or sacred times have to do with anything?

The very first lesson that God has to teach his people in the scriptural narrative, the very first lesson, God says, "Before we talk about anything else, I need you to know something. I need you to know how to take a break,"

A Sabbath that is going to weekly reminds you that your value and your worth do not come from what you produce. Your value comes from who He is.

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It's as if the author is deliberately hanging the seventh day out there endlessly with no refrain, no cap.

We have a culture that's all wound up in the Egyptian narrative. It's all wound up in production. It's all wound up in whether or not I'm skinny enough, I'm smart enough, I have enough possessions, I can impress the right people, I've got the right degree, I've made it in the right career.

God says, will you join me in the seventh day, the seventh day relationship that goes on forever?

Your day doesn't begin with production. It doesn't begin with getting out of bed and thinking about all the things you have to do today. Your day begins with resting in God's keeping.

Ever wonder where the *middle* of the Pentateuch was?

The Day of Atonement

Do you see the treasure God is pointing to?!

Forgiveness of sin through the blood sacrifice.

Leviticus 16:30

because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the Lord, you will be clean from all your sins. 31 It is a day of sabbath rest, and you must deny yourselves; it is a lasting ordinance

ANY QUESTIONS?

