

The Trinity Delusion

An exposé of the doctrine of the Trinity

Ktisis

The Greek word *ktisis* is normally translation as "creation." The verb form is *ktizō*, to create. The word *ktisis* is not found in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament. The verb *ktizō* is used sixty-six times in the Greek Old Testament.

Any good lexicon will tell you that the Greek word *ktisis* was used by ancient Greek speakers to refer to the establishment or founding of political dominions such as city states or kingdoms especially with respect to their authority structure. The idea is that any political domain, such as a city or a kingdom, is founded upon its authority structure.

This is also how Peter is using the word *ktisis* at 1 Peter 2:13.

Submit yourselves for the sake of the Lord to every human **creation** (*ktisis*), whether to a King as the supreme authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

A careful examination of the context of Colossians 1:15-16 shows that Paul is not referring to the Genesis act of creation as many people mistakenly presume. He is using the words *ktisis* and *ktizō* to refer to the establishment of the Kingdom of the Beloved Son and the authority structure of heaven and earth over which the risen Jesus was granted all authority. God subjected all things in heaven and earth, including the angels, to the risen Christ (Matthew 28:18; 1 Corinthians 15:27-28; Ephesians 1:20-23; Hebrews 1:4; 2:5-9; 1 Peter 3:22). Note how Paul is referring to the authority structure that now exists (*italics*) because God has subjected all things in heaven and on earth to the risen Christ, the firstborn out of the dead:

For He delivered us from the authority of darkness, and transferred us to the **Kingdom** of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins who is the

image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all **creation** (*ktisis*) since in him all things were **created** (*ktizō*), both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, ***whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities*** - all things have been **created** (*ktizō*) through him and to him. He is before all things, and in him all things stand together (see Eph 1:9-10). He is also head of the body, the church and he is the beginning, the firstborn out the dead, so that he himself might come to be pre-eminent in all things. Colossians 1:13-18.

Carefully observe how Paul is used the Greek words *ktisis* and *ktizō* in the same manner as Peter - to refer to the authority structure upon which the Son's Kingdom is established. Paul is referring to the establishment of the risen Son's Kingdom since God has subjected all things in heaven and earth to the risen Christ including angels, authorities, rulers, thrones, lords, and powers. Note also how Paul says that Jesus is the firstborn out of the dead "so that" he might become first in all things.

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