Scripture Reading

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1) <u>Cosmology</u>

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)
[1] In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2) The cosmic <u>temple</u>

Genesis 1:2-5 (NIV)
[2] Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. [3] And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. [4] God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. [5] God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Genesis 2:1-3 (NIV)
[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.

3) We are <u>imagers</u>

Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)
[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."

4) <u>elohim</u>

Job 38:4-7 (NIV)
[4] "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.

⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— ⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels ʲ shouted for joy?