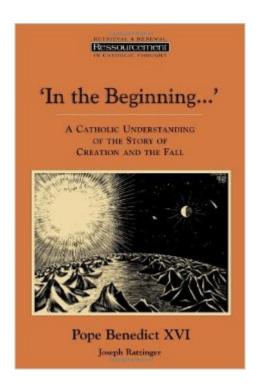
# The book was found

# In The Beginning...': A Catholic Understanding Of The Story Of Creation And The Fall (Ressourcement: Retrieval And Renewal In Catholic Thought (RRRCT))





# **Synopsis**

In four superb homilies and a concluding essay, Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, provides a clear and inspiring exploration of the Genesis creation narratives. While the stories of the worldâ ™s creation and the fall of humankind have often been subjected to reductionism of one sort or another â • literalists treat the Bible as a science textbook whereas rationalists divorce God from creation â • Ratzinger presents a rich, balanced Catholic understanding of these early biblical writings and attests to their enduring vitality. Beginning each homily with a text selected from the first three chapters of Genesis, Ratzinger discusses, in turn, God the creator, the meaning of the biblical creation accounts, the creation of human beings, and sin and salvation; in the appendix he unpacks the beneficial consequences of faith in creation. Expertly translated from German, these reflections set out a reasonable and biblical approach to creation. â În the Beginning . . .â ™ also serves as an excellent homiletic resource for priests and pastors.

# **Book Information**

Series: Ressourcement: Retrieval and Renewal in Catholic Thought (RRRCT)

Paperback: 112 pages

Publisher: Eerdmans; Reprint edition (November 2, 1995)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0802841066

ISBN-13: 978-0802841063

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.1 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 6.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (52 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #27,058 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #12 in Books > Christian Books &

Bibles > Theology > Pneumatology #181 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Catholicism

#318 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Christian Denominations & Sects

### Customer Reviews

This book is a collection of four homilies that were given by Cardinal Ratzinger on the creation account in Genesis. It gives a Catholic understanding of the theological implications from the teachings of creation found in Genesis. Cardinal Ratzinger starts with the importance about the necessity of properly understanding this, and the problems with ignoring the creation account. He shows how you cannot answer the question of "What we do" without first addressing the question of "What we are". From this he proceeds to give a brilliant understanding of what it means to be a

human being. What kind of creature we are and our place in creation. His first homily is based on "God the Creator" and its relevance to the differences between our view of God creating the world and other religions views. He then goes to his second homily "The Meaning of the Biblical Account", which gives a more balanced understanding of creation, and its cultural significance at the time. His third homily, "The creation of the Human Being" gives an understanding of what it means to be human and our place and reasons for being. His fourth, and final homily, "Sin and Salvation" gives and understanding of our nature, and our responsibility in our decision-making. Also touches upon the resurrection and the way it addresses our innate struggles. The book ends with an appendix that briefly goes into certain other semi related topics. It should also be mentioned that Cardinal Ratzinger addresses the scientific implications of the creation account very little in this book. He addresses the problem in proving that the creation account was never meant to be a strict fundamentalist scientific view of how the world was created.

## Download to continue reading...

In the Beginning...': A Catholic Understanding of the Story of Creation and the Fall (Ressourcement: Retrieval and Renewal in Catholic Thought (RRRCT)) Crisis and Renewal: The Era of the Reformations (Westminster History of Christian Thought) (Westminster Histories of Christian Thought) (The Westminster History of Christian Thought) Hold That Thought For Kids: Capturing Precious Memories through Fun Questions, Images, & Conversations (Hold That Thought Keepsake Coversation ... That Thought Keepsake Conversation Journals) A Sustainable Life: Quaker Faith and Practice in the Renewal of Creation Bioethics, Law, and Human Life Issues: A Catholic Perspective on Marriage, Family, Contraception, Abortion, Reproductive Technology, and Death and Dving (Catholic Social Thought) Information Representation and Retrieval in the Digital Age, Second Edition The True Source of Healing: How the Ancient Tibetan Practice of Soul Retrieval Can Transform and Enrich Your Life Graph-based Natural Language Processing and Information Retrieval Introduction to Modern Information Retrieval The Theory of Creation: A Scientific and Translational Analysis of the Biblical Creation Story Native American Thought of It: Amazing Inventions and Innovations (We Thought of It) Christianity and Western Thought: Journey to Postmodernity in the Twentieth Century: 3 (Christianity & Western Thought) The Inuit Thought of It: Amazing Arctic Innovations (We Thought of It) The History of Islamic Political Thought, Second Edition: The History of Islamic Political Thought: From the Prophet to the Present Waking Up Catholic: A Guide to Catholic Beliefs for Converts, Reverts, and Anyone Becoming Catholic From Creation To New Creation In the Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood (8th Edition) Catholic Moral Tradition: "In Christ, a New Creation" Music, Thought, and Feeling:

Understanding the Psychology of Music The SBC and the 21st Century: Reflection, Renewal, & Recommitment

<u>Dmca</u>