

# CREATION

*Met. I. 1–88*

## I. Short Analysis:

Hanc deus et melior litem natura diremit.  
 nam caelo terras et terris abscidit undas  
 et liquidum spisso secrevit ab aere caelum.  
 quae postquam evolvit caecoque exemit acervo,  
 25 dissociata locis concordi pace ligavit:

1. Write out and scan line 23.
2. Write out the Latin that expresses the three divisions of the world and translate each one.
3. Write out and translate the subject of *ligavit* in line 25.
4. What figure of speech does Ovid employ with the words *liquidum spisso secrevit ab aere caelum* and how does it complement the meaning of the phrase?

## II. Translation:

5 Ante mare et terras et quod tegit omnia caelum  
 unus erat toto naturae vultus in orbe,  
 quem dixere chaos: rudis indigestaque moles  
 nec quicquam nisi pondus iners congestaque eodem  
 non bene iunctarum discordia semina rerum.

Translate the above passage as literally as possible.

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