



Oseh Ma'aseh Vereshit -

Maker of the works of creation

כִּי שִׂמְחֵתָנִי יְהוָה בְּפַעְלֶיךָ בְּמַעֲשֵׂי יָדֶיךָ אֲרַנֶּן:

*For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
- Psalm 92:4*

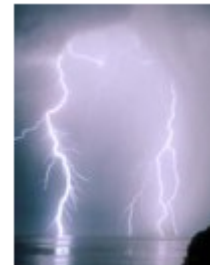
The following blessing is traditionally recited whenever you want to praise the LORD for the works of His creation (for example upon seeing lightning, a shooting star, or a comet, or when first seeing a mountain, a river, an ocean or other natural wonder):

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

ha'olam me-lekh e-lo-hei-nu Adonai at-tah ba-rukh
the universe King of our God LORD are You Blessed

עוֹשֵׂה מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית

ve-rei-sheet ma'aseh o-seh
who makes the works of creation.



*Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe,
makes the works of creation.*

*Barukh attah Adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
oseh ma'aseh vereishit.*

Note: Jewish Halakhah regarding this sort of blessing verges on the ludicrous. For instance, Rabbinic tradition says that a person should recite this blessing for a shooting star only once in a particular night, even if he sees other shooting stars later that night. And should a person recite this blessing upon seeing a comet, he should not recite it again for at least thirty days, even if he sees another comet!