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And God Divided

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## Luke 2:13-14

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

<sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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First, the angels' proclamation at the birth of Christ  
And now, from the mouth of Jesus himself:



**Luke 12:51**

Suppose ye that I am come to give  
peace on earth?

I tell you, Nay; but rather division:

*Christ brings peace to those who believe,  
and damnation to those who do not.  
He is the Incarnate Word of God, and the  
nature of the Word is to divide:*



### Hebrews 4:12

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The six days of creation are filled with acts of dividing

## Genesis 1:1-2

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

<sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

God divided all of creation into two places of dwelling:

- One for the LORD and his angels
- One for mortal men and the creatures of earth



For the LORD and his angels, Heaven

**2 Chronicles 6:21b**

...hear thou from thy dwelling place, *even* from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

**Isaiah 57:15**

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place* . . .

For mortal men and the creatures of earth, the planet Earth

**Isaiah 45:18**

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.

**Psalms 115:16**

The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Next, God divided light from  
darkness and day from night:

**LIGHT**

**DARKNESS**

### **Genesis 1:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> And God said, Let there be light:  
and there was light.

<sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that *it*  
*was good*: and God divided the  
light from the darkness.

<sup>5</sup> And God called the light Day,  
and the darkness he called Night.  
And the evening and the morning  
were the first day.

### **Isaiah 45:7**

I form the light, and create darkness:  
I make peace, and create evil:  
I the LORD do all these *things*.

Were the first seven days “earth days” – 24 hours in length?

**Genesis 18:14a**

<sup>14</sup> Is any thing too hard for the LORD?

**Jeremiah 32:17**

<sup>17</sup> Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

When God divided day from night, he also divided eternity into measures of time.

**John 11:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

<sup>10</sup> But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

And he divided the children  
of light from the children of  
darkness.

**1 Thessalonians 5:5**

Ye are all the children of light, and the  
children of the day: we are not of the  
night, nor of darkness.

On the next day, God created a firmament he called Heaven.



## **Genesis 1:6-8**

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God divided the waters under and above the firmament.

**Genesis 1:6-8**

<sup>8</sup> And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

A diagram illustrating the firmament as a curved yellow line separating a light blue upper region from a dark blue lower region. The yellow line is thick and follows a smooth, downward-curving arc across the width of the diagram.

Heaven was now divided as well.

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<sup>9</sup> And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

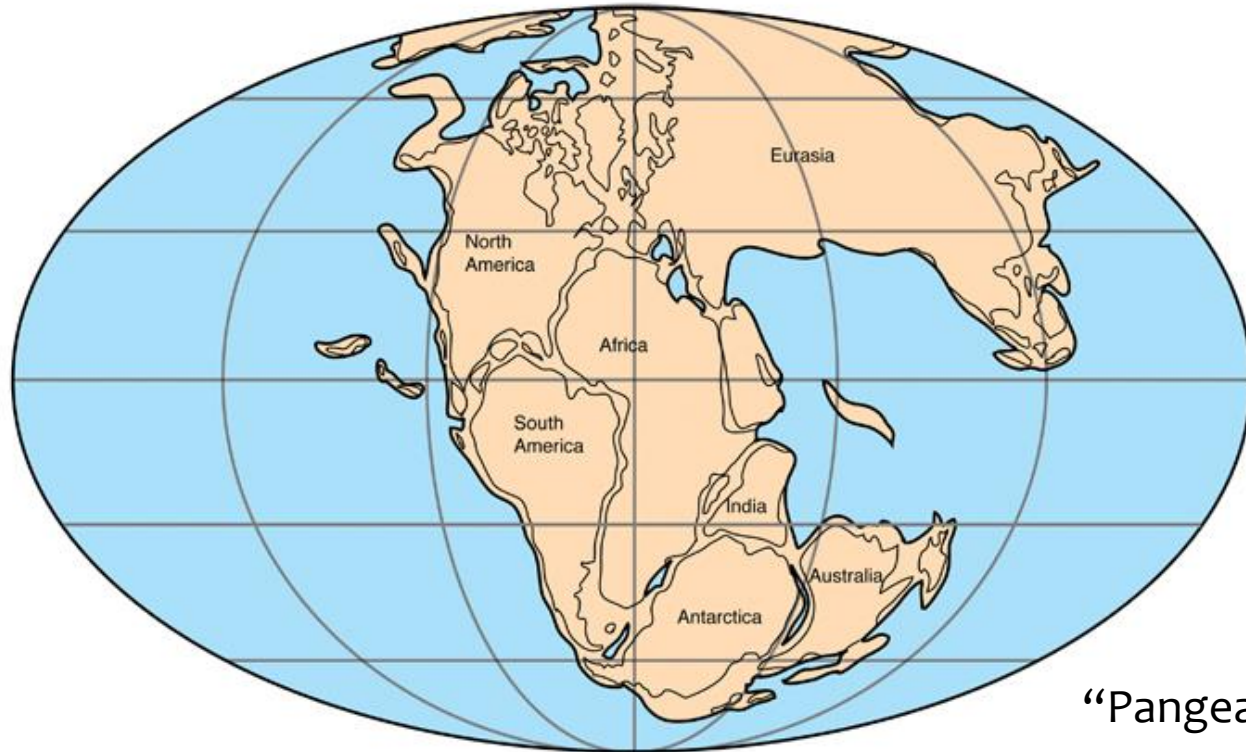


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<sup>10</sup> And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was good*.





“Pangea”

Before the great flood, all the continents of earth formed one land.

*Long before man realized that the planets were held in place by gravity, the LORD testified of such things:*



**Job 26:7**

He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, *and* hangeth the earth upon nothing.



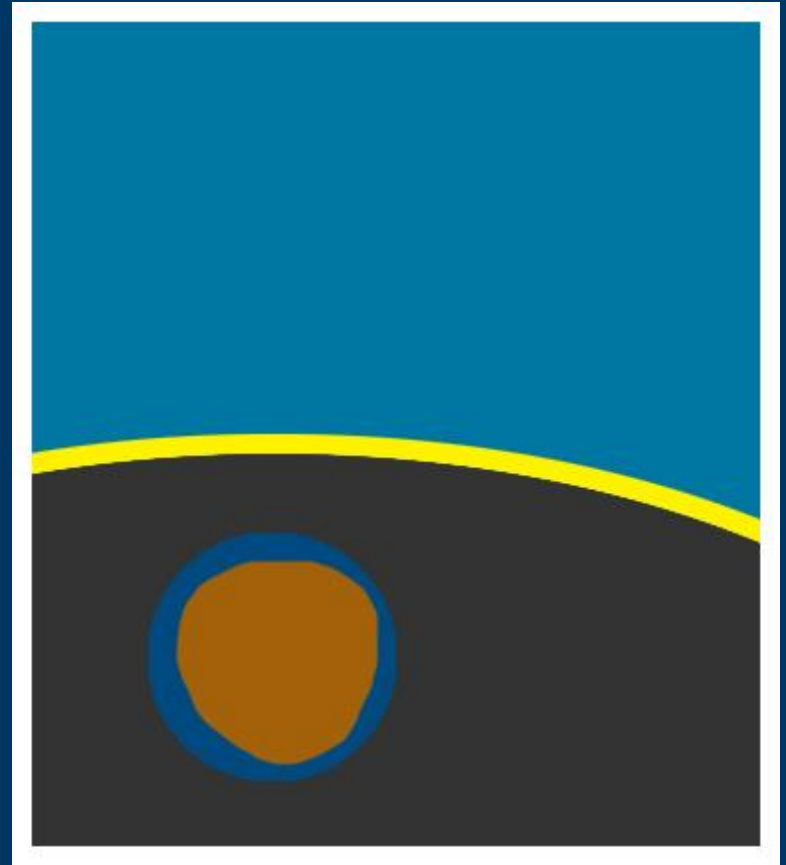


On the third day, God put vegetation on the earth and divided plants life by category:

## Genesis 1:11-12

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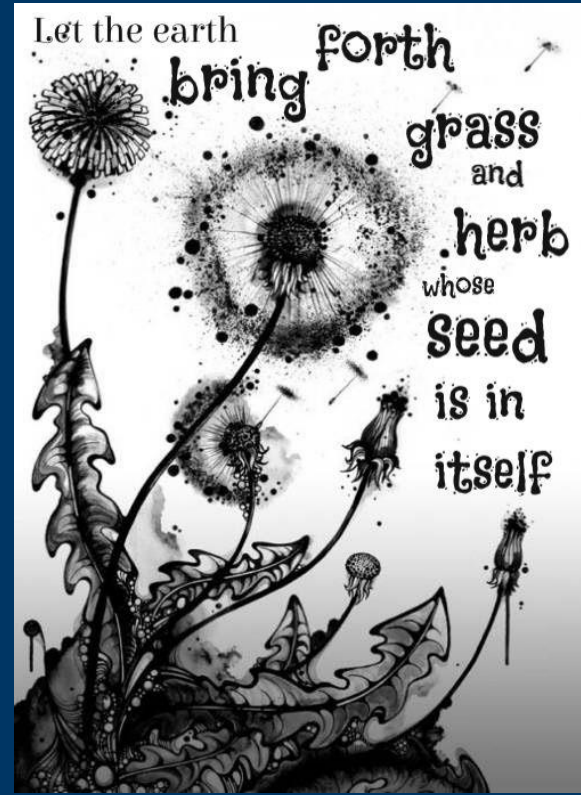
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On the fourth day, God put two lights in heaven to govern the earth – the sun and the moon – thus dividing the hours of earth into day and night.

## Genesis 1:14-19

<sup>14</sup> And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

<sup>15</sup> And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.



<sup>16</sup> And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made the stars also.* <sup>17</sup> And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,  
<sup>18</sup> And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was good.* <sup>19</sup> And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.



**Psalm 136:7-9**

7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.





**Psalm 104:19**

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.



## Jeremiah 31:35

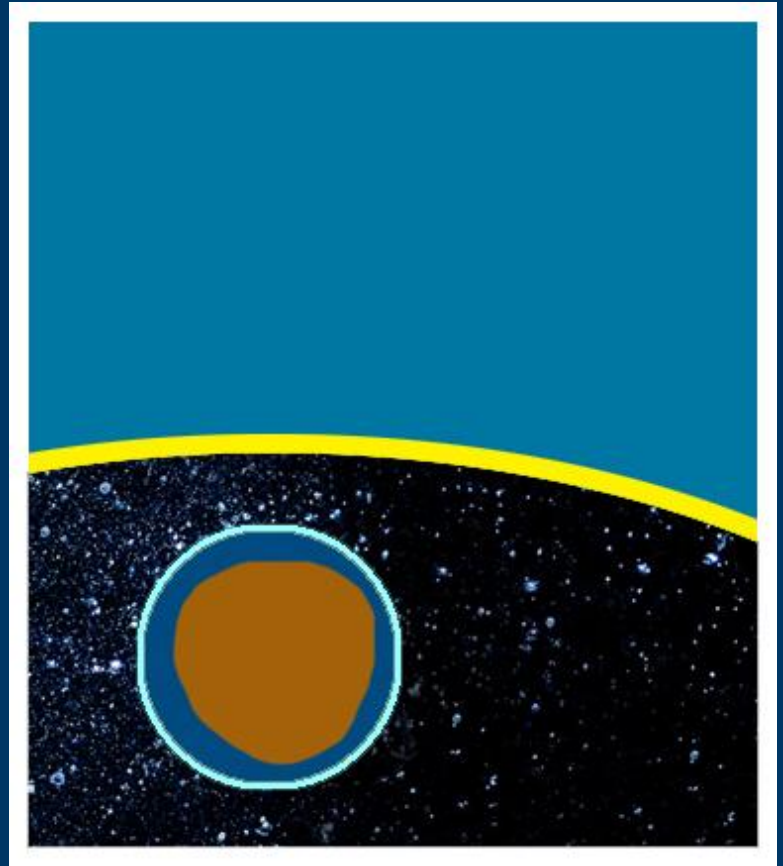
Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name:



On the fifth day, God divided the creatures who fly in currents of air from creatures who fly in currents of water.

## Genesis 1:20

<sup>20</sup> And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.



Now there were three heavens:

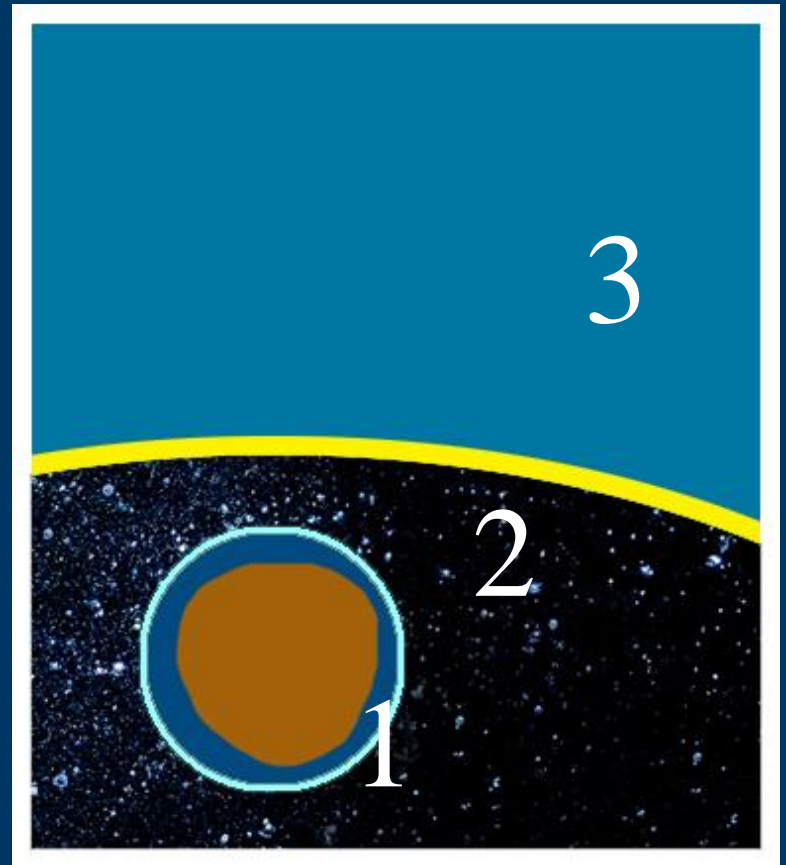
The first heaven is the “open firmament of heaven” where the birds fly. This is earth’s atmosphere.

The second heaven is outer space.

The third heaven is houses the throne of God.

**2 Corinthians 12:2**

I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago ... such an one caught up to the third heaven.

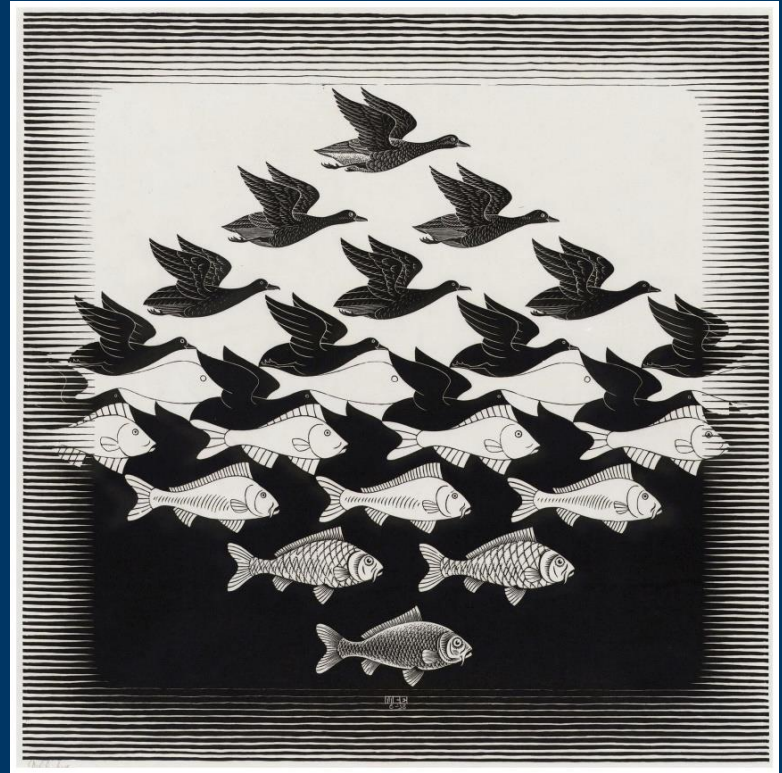


## Genesis 1:21-23

<sup>21</sup> And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

<sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

<sup>23</sup> And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.





On the same day, God created land creatures and divided them into three categories:



cattle (creatures with hooves) ...

creeping things ...

and beasts of the earth (animals  
with paws) ...



## Genesis 1:24-25

<sup>24</sup> And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

<sup>25</sup> And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was good*.



On the sixth day God created man, dividing him from all the other creatures of the earth.

## Genesis 1:26-27

<sup>26</sup> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.



**Genesis 1:31**

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was very good*.  
And the evening and the morning  
were the sixth day.



On the seventh day God divided time into periods of seven days, and divided the Sabbath from the other days of the week.

## Genesis 2:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

<sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

<sup>3</sup> And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.



The Sabbath day represents the rest that comes with believing in God's only begotten Son.



### Hebrews 4:3-4, 9-11

<sup>3</sup> For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

<sup>4</sup> For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

<sup>9</sup> There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

<sup>10</sup> For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.

<sup>11</sup> Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

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And Jesus will divide the sheep from the goats:

**Matthew 25:32**

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:



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