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(taken from the New International Version)

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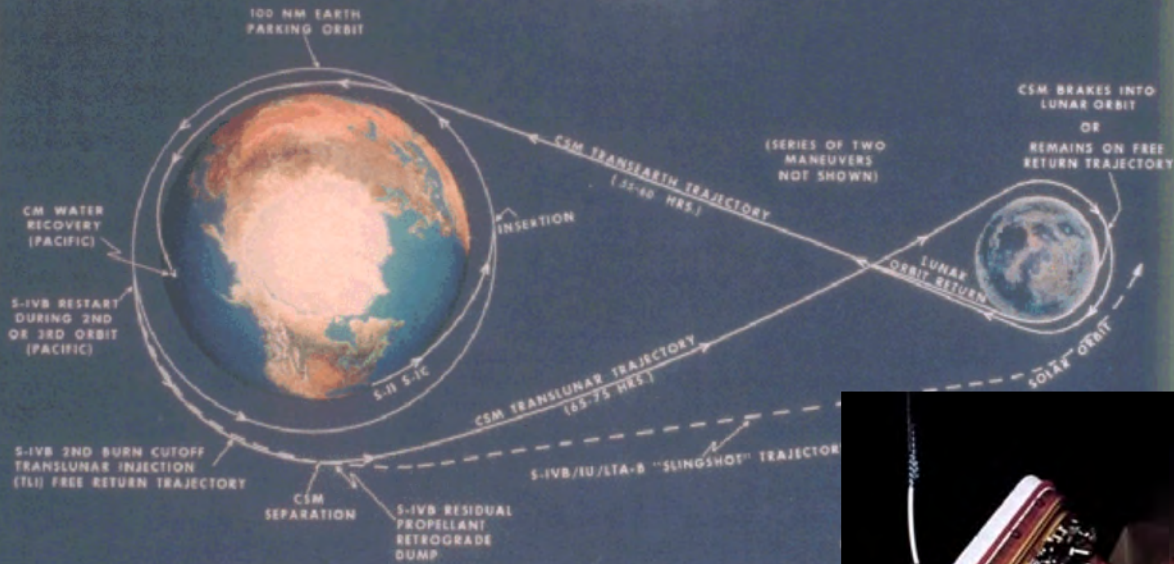
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“I had an enormous feeling that there had to be a power greater than any of us. That there was a God, that there was indeed a beginning and that maybe even our choosing to read from Genesis wasn’t a haphazard thing. Maybe it had been ordained in some way.”

“Politicians at international forums may reiterate a thousand times that the basis of the new world order must be universal



respect for human rights, but it will mean nothing as long as this imperative does not derive from the respect of the miracle of being, the miracle of the universe, the miracle of nature, the miracle of our existence.... The Declaration of Independence, adopted 218 years ago in this building, states that the Creator gave man the right to liberty. It seems man can realize that liberty only if he does not forget the one who endowed him with it.”



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HAMPAIGNE, Philippe de, *Moses with the Ten Commandments*, 1648
Oil on canvas, 92 x 75 cm
The Hermitage, St. Petersburg

John 7:19, 22-23

¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

²² Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a child on the Sabbath. ²³

Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath?"

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

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If Moses is accepted as the primary author, then a date of circa 1400BC is accepted.

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5. What does it teach us, then?

About God:

*He is the author, sustainer, blesser,
and cause of his creation, although
he is completely distinct from
creation.*

About Creation:

*The universe is dependent, open,
caused, planned and ordered.*

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Naturalism - *Matter comes forth from natural processes, without aid from any supernatural entity. In this worldview, matter and life are created by chance. Most would hold that matter is either eternally existent, or it comes into effect “ex nihilo” (out of nothing).*

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6. What do Christians believe about
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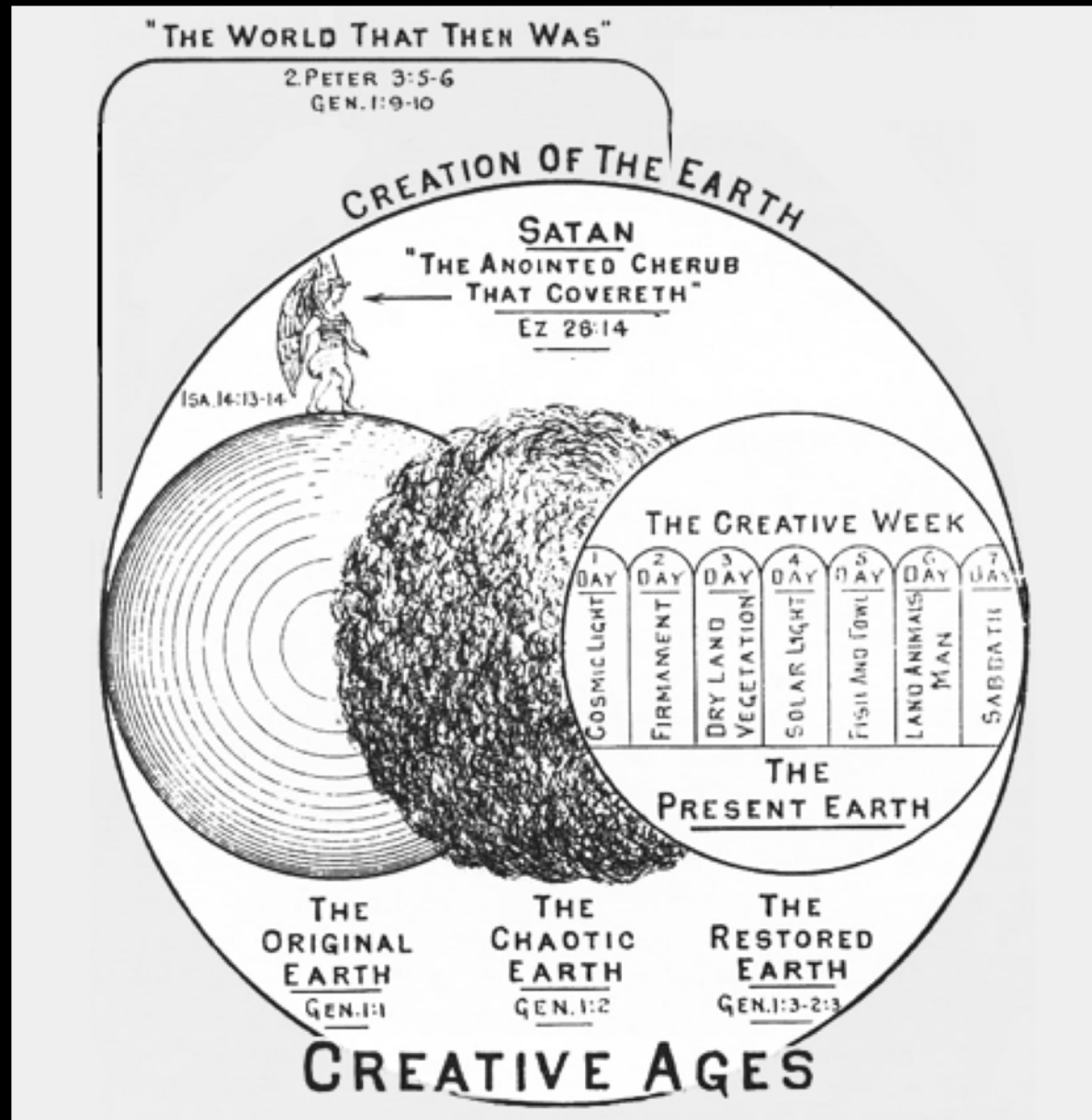
View #1 - Historic Creationism



View #2 – Young Earth Creationism



View #3 - Gap Theory



View #4 – Literary Framework View

Forming

Day 1 – light and darkness

Day 2 – sky and waters separated

Day 3 – dry land and waters separated

Filling

Day 4 – sun, moon, stars
(lights separated in Heaven)

Day 5 – fish and birds

Day 6 – animals and man
plants and trees

View #5 - Day Age View

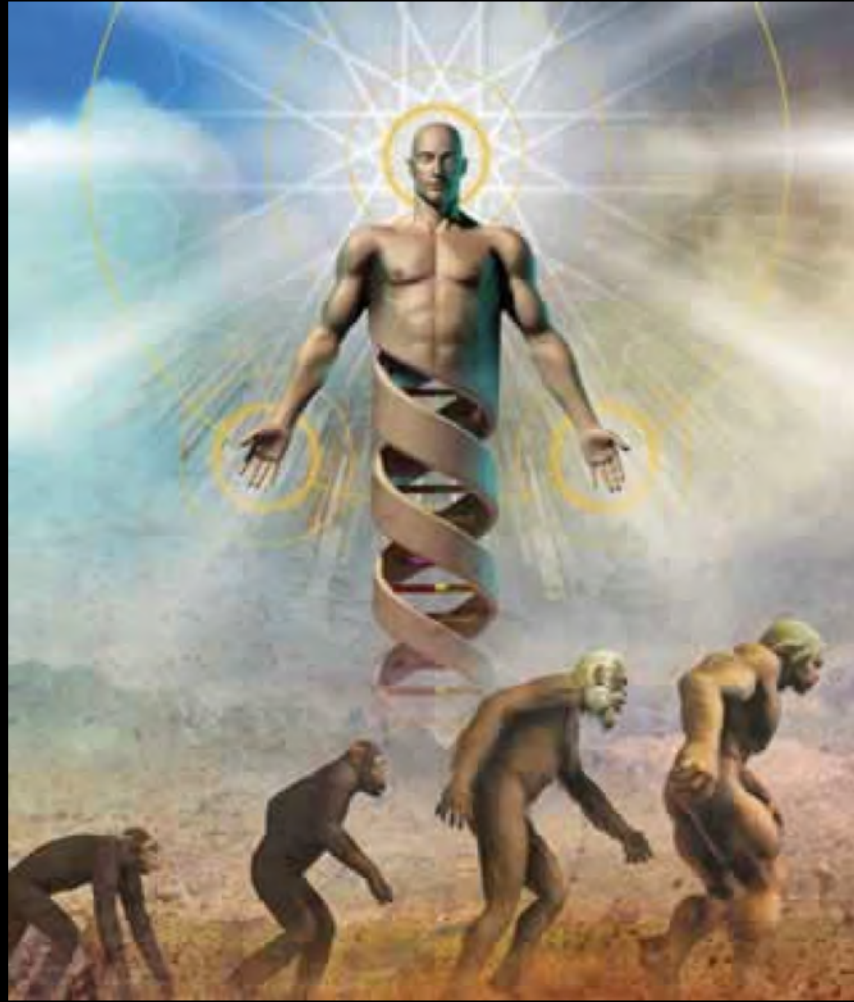


“Let the earth burst forth with every sort of **grass** and seed bearing **plant**, and the fruit **trees**...all this occurred on the third day* ...God made two huge lights...the **sun**...the moon.”

***literally: “a period of time”**

Genesis 1:13, 16 Living Bible

View #6 – Theistic Evolution



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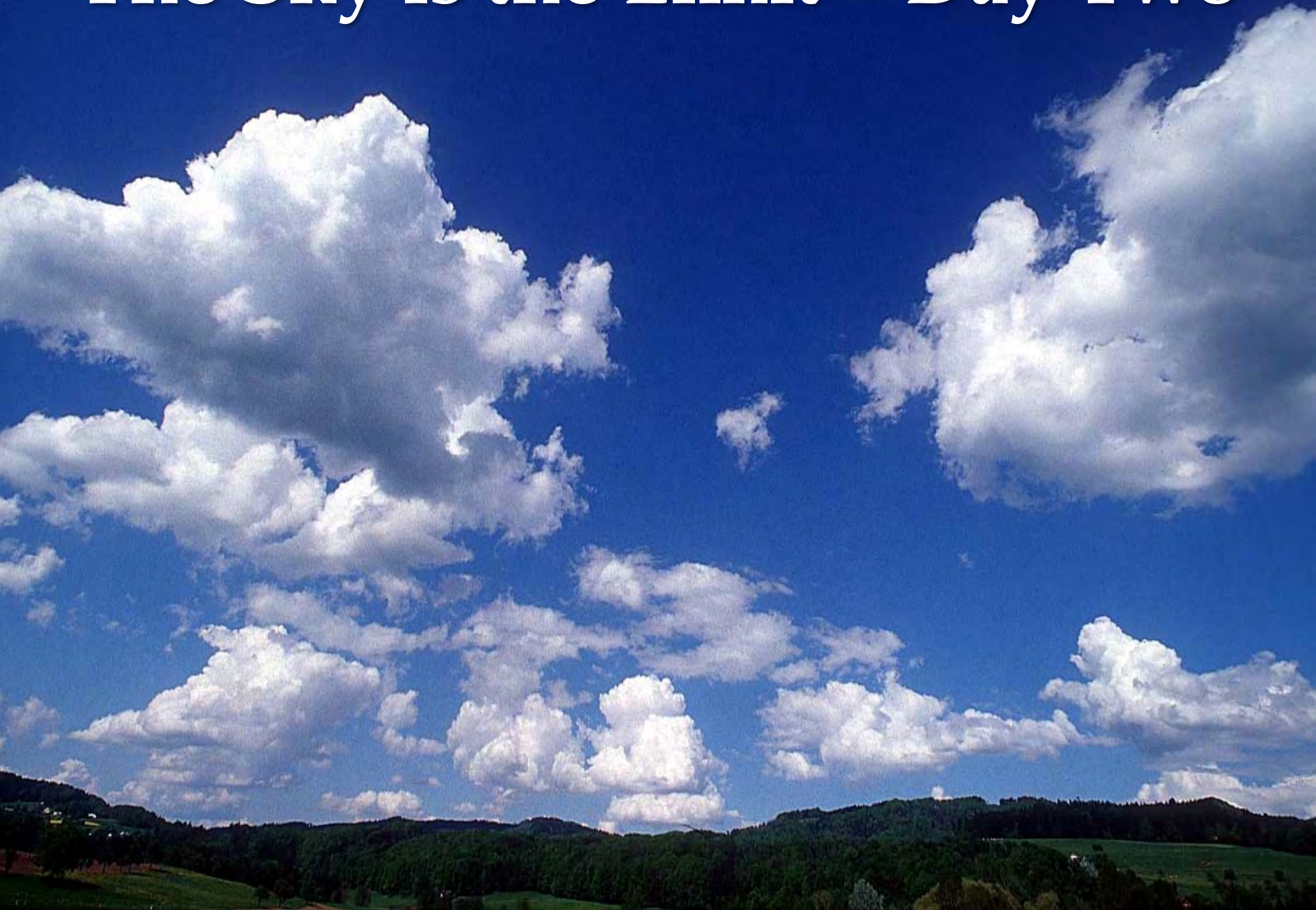
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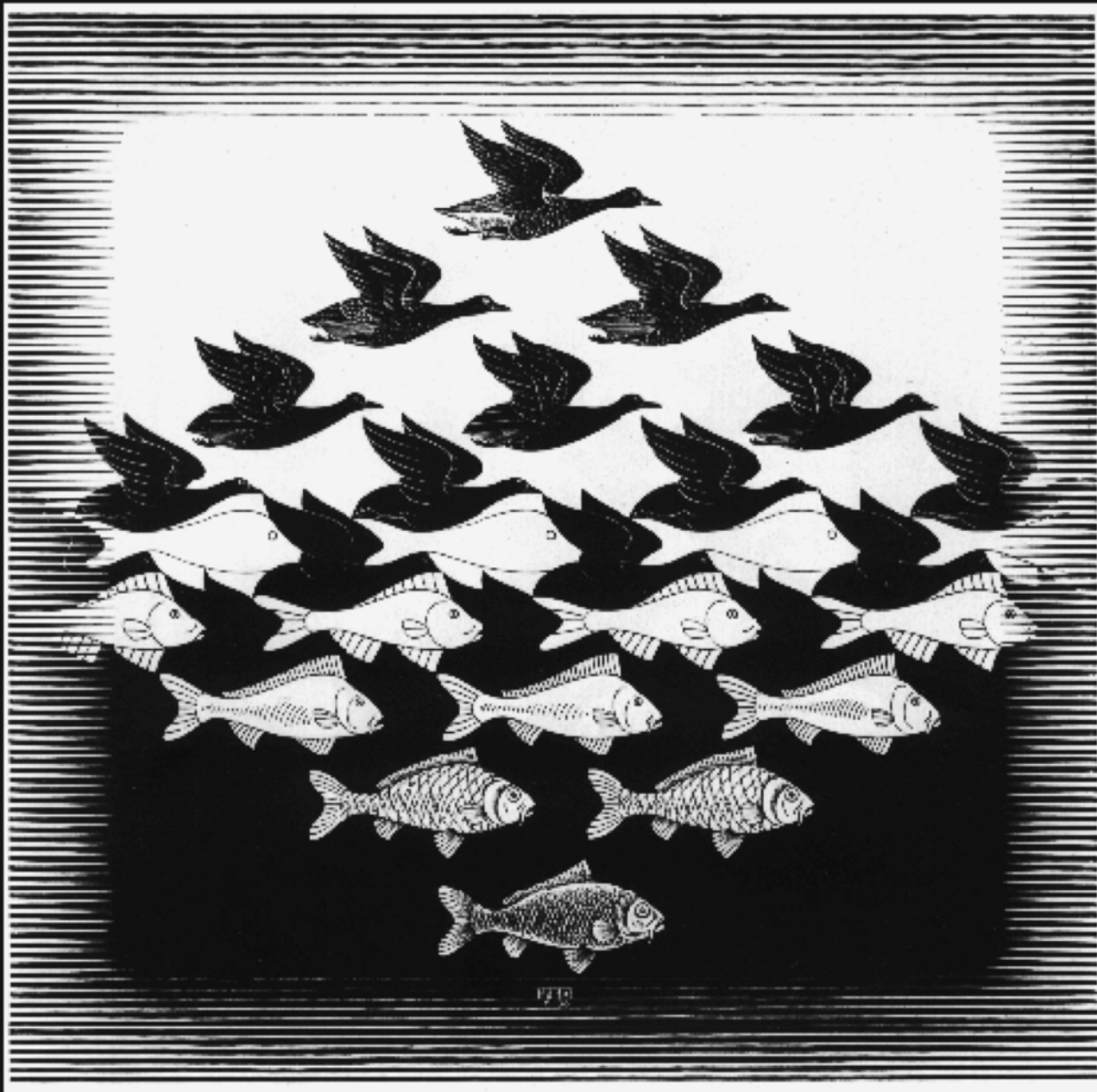
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God as Creator

Nehemiah 9:6

You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Acts 4:24

When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

Romans 1:18-20

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Revelation 4:9-11

⁹Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: ¹¹“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

Themes in Genesis One that develop

Sabbath as a reminder of God's work

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

John 5:16-18

¹⁶So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. ¹⁷Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.” ¹⁸For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Hebrews 4:1-11

¹Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. ²For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. ³Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,
“So I declared on oath in my anger,
‘They shall never enter my rest.’ ”

Hebrews 4:1-11

And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “And on the seventh day God rested from all his work.” ⁵And again in the passage above he says,

“They shall never enter my rest.”

Hebrews 4:1-11

⁶It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. ⁷Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before:

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

Hebrews 4:1-11

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. ¹¹Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

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