

THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS...

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Our Great Creator

The background of the image is a composite of several elements. At the top, the text 'Our Great Creator' is written in a large, white, serif font. Below the text, the background is a dark, starry space. In the lower half, there is a view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and a bright, multi-colored aurora borealis (green, blue, and purple) along the horizon. The lower right portion of the Earth is illuminated with city lights, appearing as a dense pattern of orange and yellow dots. In the upper left quadrant, there is a faint, ethereal, and slightly blurred image of a person's face, possibly a religious figure, looking towards the right.

Genesis 1:1-23

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Genesis 1:9 And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Genesis 1:14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Genesis 1:20 And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”

21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.



THE FIRST DAY



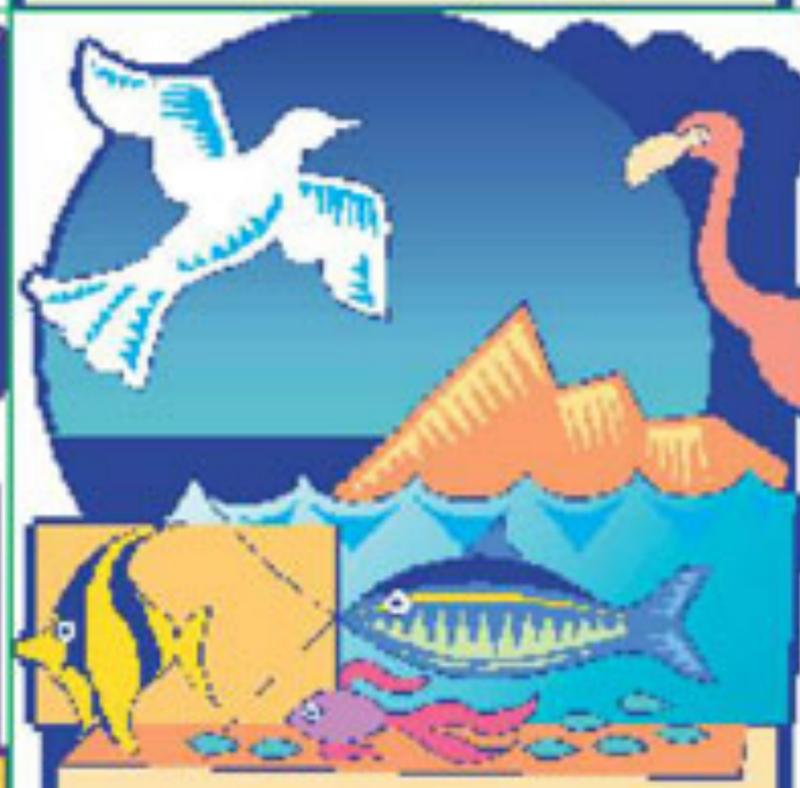
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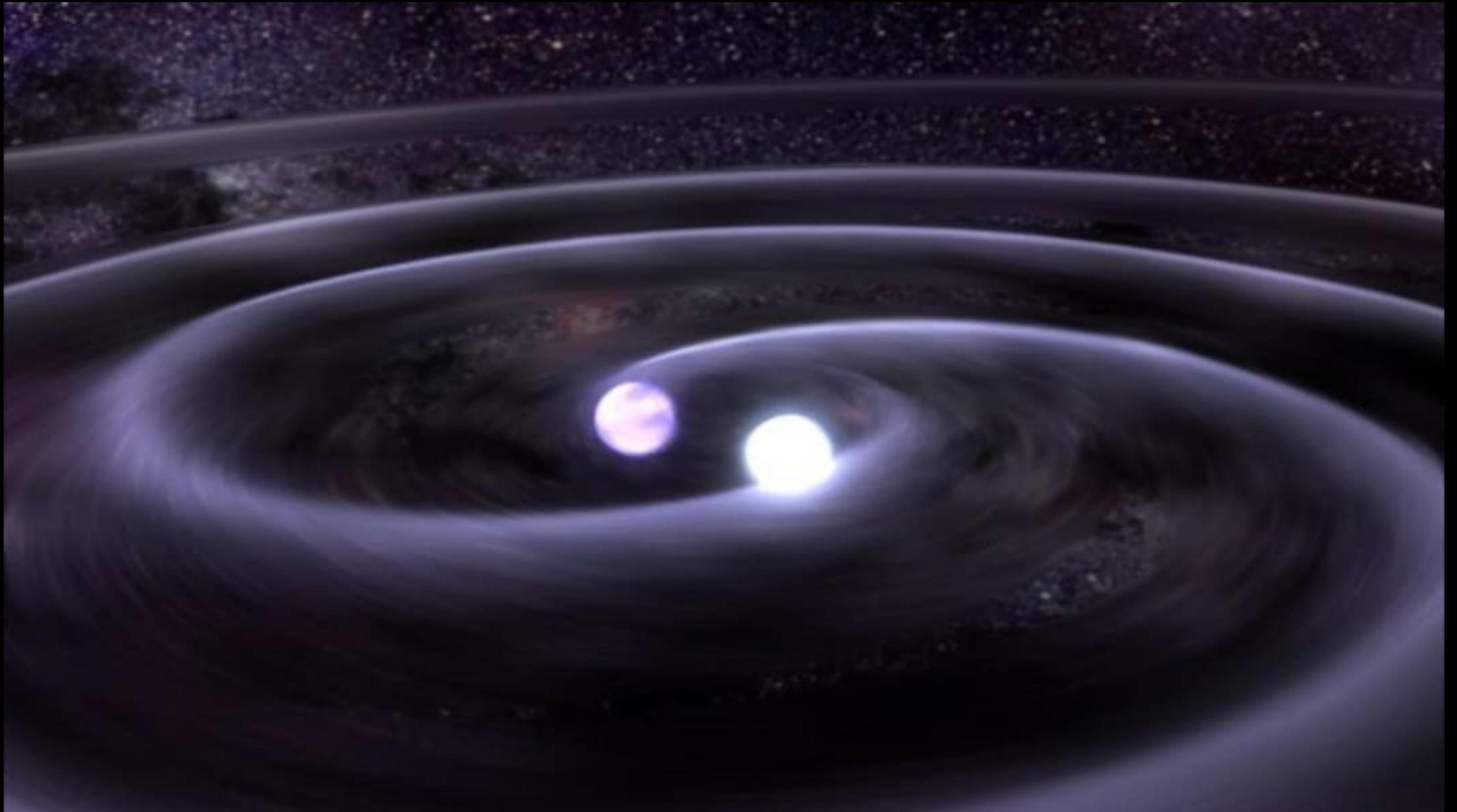
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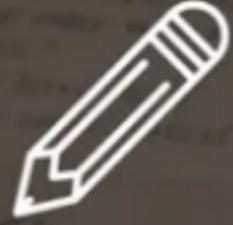
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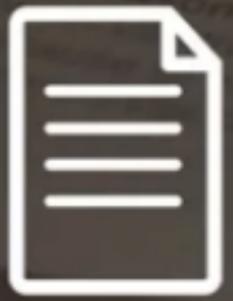


Samuel, Kings and Chronicles

the first time in history. Jesus valued others above himself. How often do you trust God to take care of your needs and instead "look after the interests of yourselves." David and Jonathan shared this mindset, which Jesus displaced perfectly. What might happen if you answered God's call to surrender your rights, willingly and lovingly, for another's good? Imagine the difference this could make in your relationships.

The biblical books of the Old Testament honor God, the great Hero of Israel's story. Samuel, Kings and Chronicles trace God's faithfulness to His people - from the establishment of Israel's monarchy to its fall. In the 3rd century B.C., Greek-speaking Jews translated the Hebrew scrolls into the Greek Old Testament version known as the Septuagint. For ease of handling, the translators divided the original three scrolls into six - two volumes each.

- **1 and 2 Samuel** - Named for the prophet Samuel, they focus on David's life, as well as record Saul's reign, written after David's death.
- **1 and 2 Kings** - Record the kings from David's death through the fall of Jerusalem (586 B.C.) and the nation's exile to Babylon; focus on both the northern kingdom's and king's fall and the return to the southern kingdom.
- **1 and 2 Chronicles** - Cover much the same time period as Kings and Kings but focus on the southern monarchy, the temple and lessons from God's people who returned from Babylon. When the northern kingdom had collapsed the southern kingdom was still a nation and they assure Israel they were still a nation and the temple would endure.



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I. The Creation & God's Power

II. The Creation & God's Revelation

III. The Creation & God's Love

APPLICATION:

- 1. Science compliments Scripture. I will not be intimidated by it nor dismissive of it.**
- 2. I will not grow weary in the pursuit of God's truths for He is patiently and progressively revealing Himself to me.**
- 3. I will embrace God's love and care every day.**

sermon in a sentence

For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

Hebrews 3:4 (NIV)