

First this: God created the Heavens and
Earth—all you see, all you don't see.

The Word was first,
the Word present to God,
God present to the Word.

Earth was a soup of nothingness, a
bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness.
God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the
watery abyss.

The Word was God,
in readiness for God from day one.
Everything was created through him;
nothing — not one thing! —
came into being without him.

God spoke: "Light!"
And light appeared.
God saw that light was good
and separated light from dark.
God named the light Day,
he named the dark Night.
It was evening, it was morning—
Day One.

What came into existence was Life,
and the Life was Light to live by.
The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness;
the darkness couldn't put it out.

God spoke: "Lights! Come out!
Shine in Heaven's sky!
Separate Day from Night.
Mark seasons and days and years,
Lights in Heaven's sky to give light to
Earth."
And there it was.
God made two big lights, the larger
to take charge of Day,
The smaller to be in charge of Night;

and he made the stars.
God placed them in the heavenly sky
to light up Earth
And oversee Day and Night,
to separate light and dark.
God saw that it was good.

The Life-Light was the real thing:
Every person entering Life
he brings into Light.
He was in the world,
the world was there through him,
and yet the world didn't even notice.
He came to his own people,
but they didn't want him.
But whoever did want him,
who believed he was who he claimed
and would do what he said,
He made to be their true selves,
their child-of-God selves.
These are the God-begotten,
not blood-begotten,
not flesh-begotten,
not sex-begotten.

God saw that it was good.
God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce!
Fill Ocean!
Birds, reproduce on Earth!"
God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort
and kind:
cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all
kinds."
And there it was:
wild animals of every kind,
Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and
bug.
God saw that it was good.
God spoke: "Let us make human beings in
our image, make them
reflecting our nature
So they can be responsible for the fish in

the sea,
the birds in the air, the cattle,
And, yes, Earth itself,
and every animal that moves on the face of
Earth.”

The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighborhood.
We saw the glory with our own eyes,
the one-of-a-kind glory,
like Father, like Son,
Generous inside and out,
true from start to finish.

God created human beings;
[God] created them godlike,
Reflecting God’s nature.
[God] created them male and female.
God blessed them:
“Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take
charge!
Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds
in the air,
for every living thing that moves on the face
of Earth.”
And there it was.

We all live off his generous bounty,
gift after gift after gift.
We got the basics from Moses,
and then this exuberant giving and
receiving,
This endless knowing and understanding—
all this came through Jesus, the Messiah.
No one has ever seen God,
not so much as a glimpse.
This one-of-a-kind God-Expression,
who exists at the very heart of the Father,
has made him plain as day.

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