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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

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.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. —Genesis 1:1-5 ESV

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

—John 1:1-3 ESV

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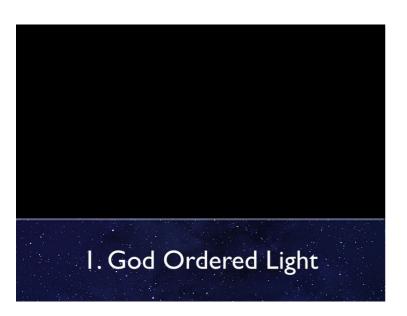
6By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

7He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; He puts the deeps in storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him! ⁹For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.

—Psalm 33:6-9 ESV

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And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

—Hebrews 11:6 ESV

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⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

—2 Corinthians 4:6-7 ESV

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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.

—Genesis I:11 ESV

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16For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

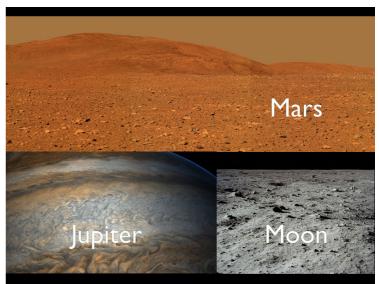
17And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

-Colossians 1:16-17 ESV

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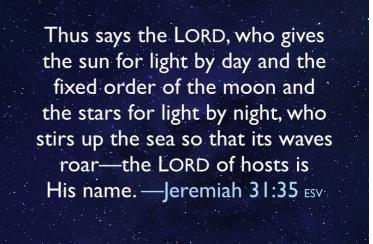
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13For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. 15My frame was not hidden from You,

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when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

—Psalm 139:13-16 ESV



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And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

—Romans 8:28 ESV



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