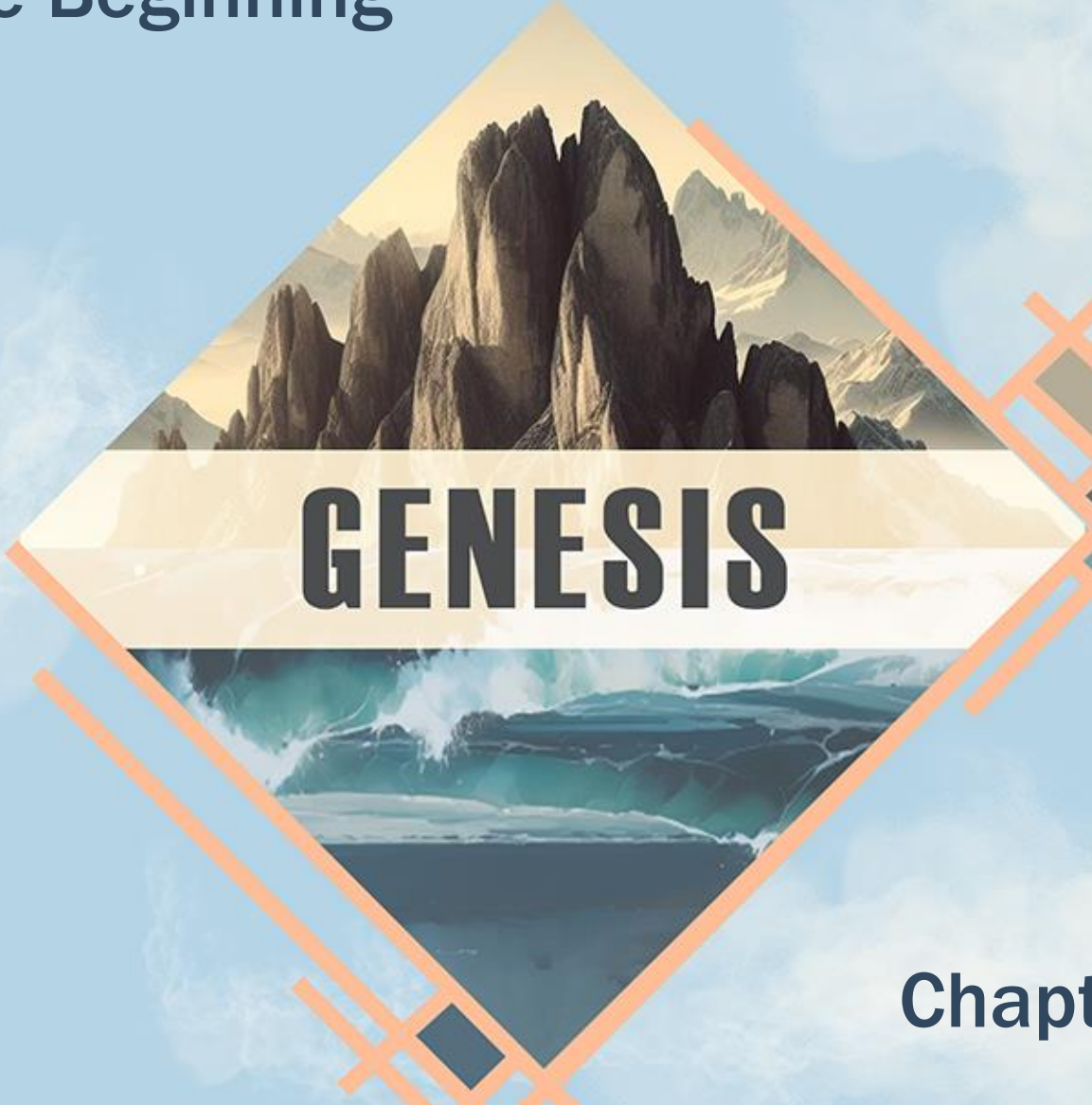




# Introduction – The Beginning



Chapter 1:1

## **Genesis 1**

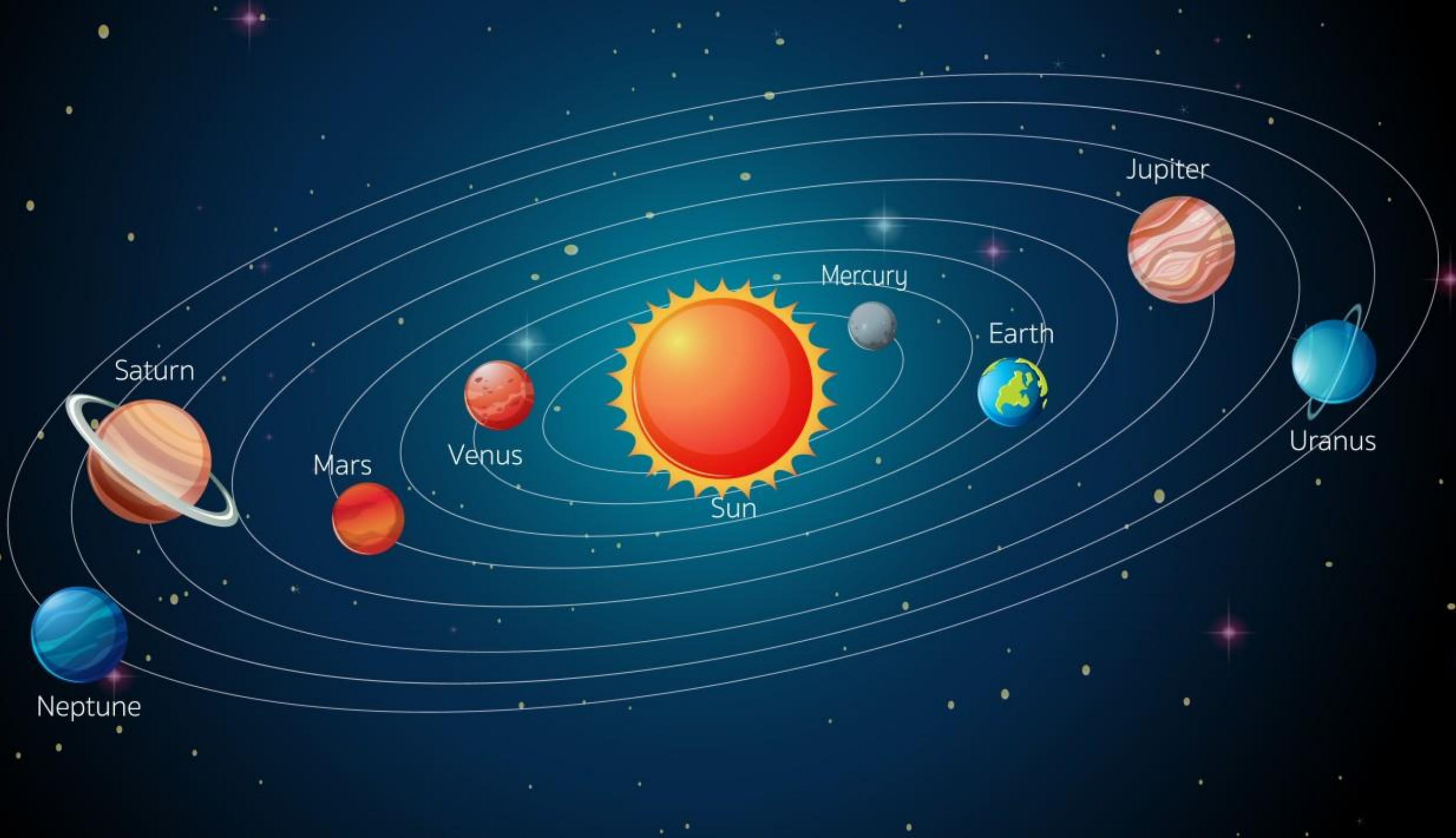
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# COSMOLOGY



# **COSMOLOGY**

The study of the structure  
and nature of the universe



Sun

Mercury

Earth

Jupiter

Uranus

Saturn

Venus

Mars

Neptune

# METAPHYSICS

The background of the image is a light blue sky filled with soft, white, wispy clouds. The clouds are scattered across the frame, with some larger, more prominent ones on the left and right sides, and smaller, more delicate ones in the center and bottom. The overall atmosphere is bright and airy.

# **METAPHYSICS**

Dealing with abstract  
concepts like spirituality



# MODERN COSMOLOGY

Based on physics-  
what can be physically  
observed and studied

# ANCIENT COSMOLOGY

Based on *metaphysics*-  
Deeply grounded in  
spirituality

Our challenge is to put our modern cosmology aside and read Genesis like an *ancient person*



THAT'S ENOUGH  
SCREEN TIME.

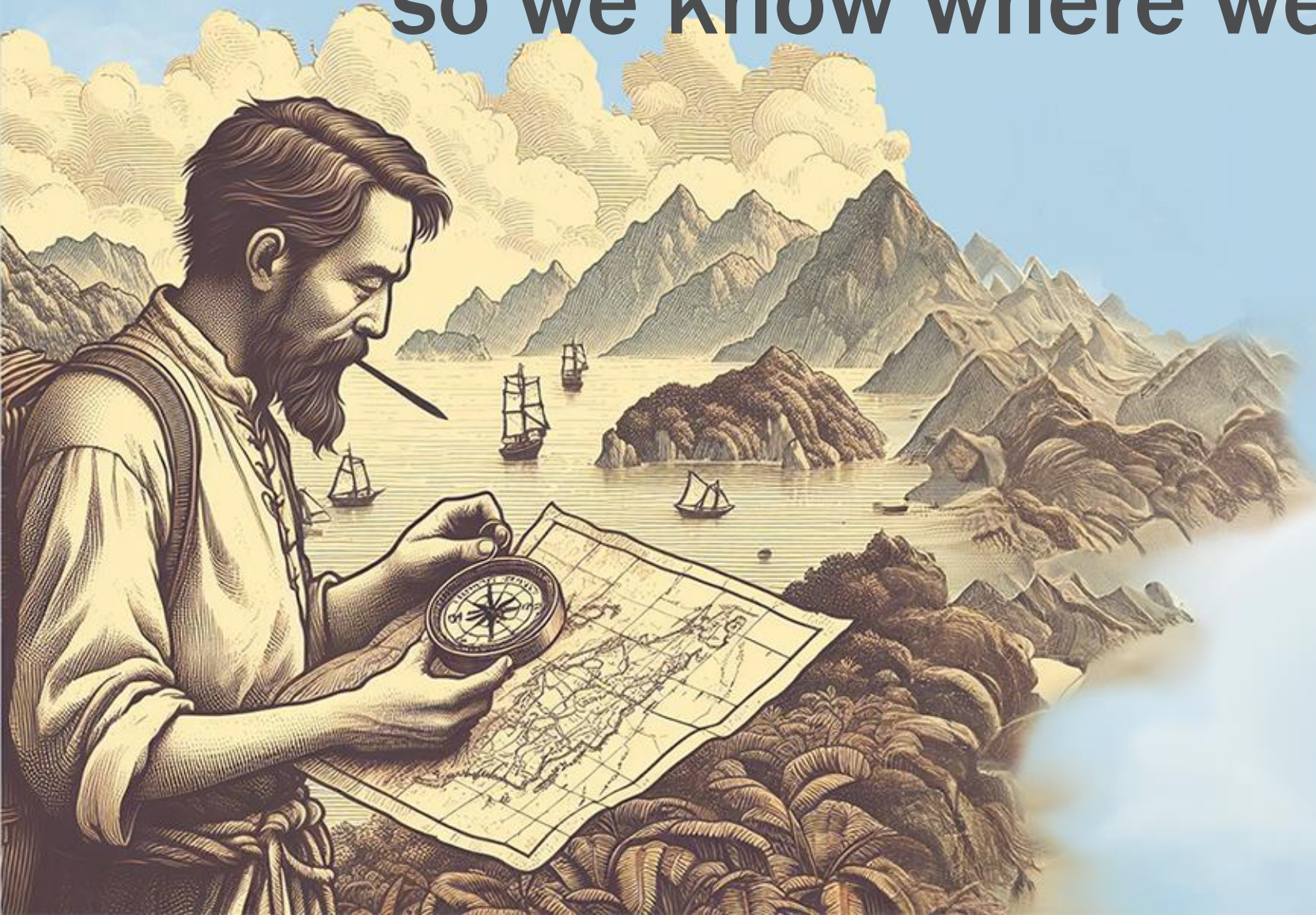
Genesis offers a  
**THEOLOGICAL PICTURE**  
of an ordered world with  
God in control



# GENESIS

Latin: origin, source or  
beginning

**We need to know where we started  
so we know where we're going**



## **Genesis 1**

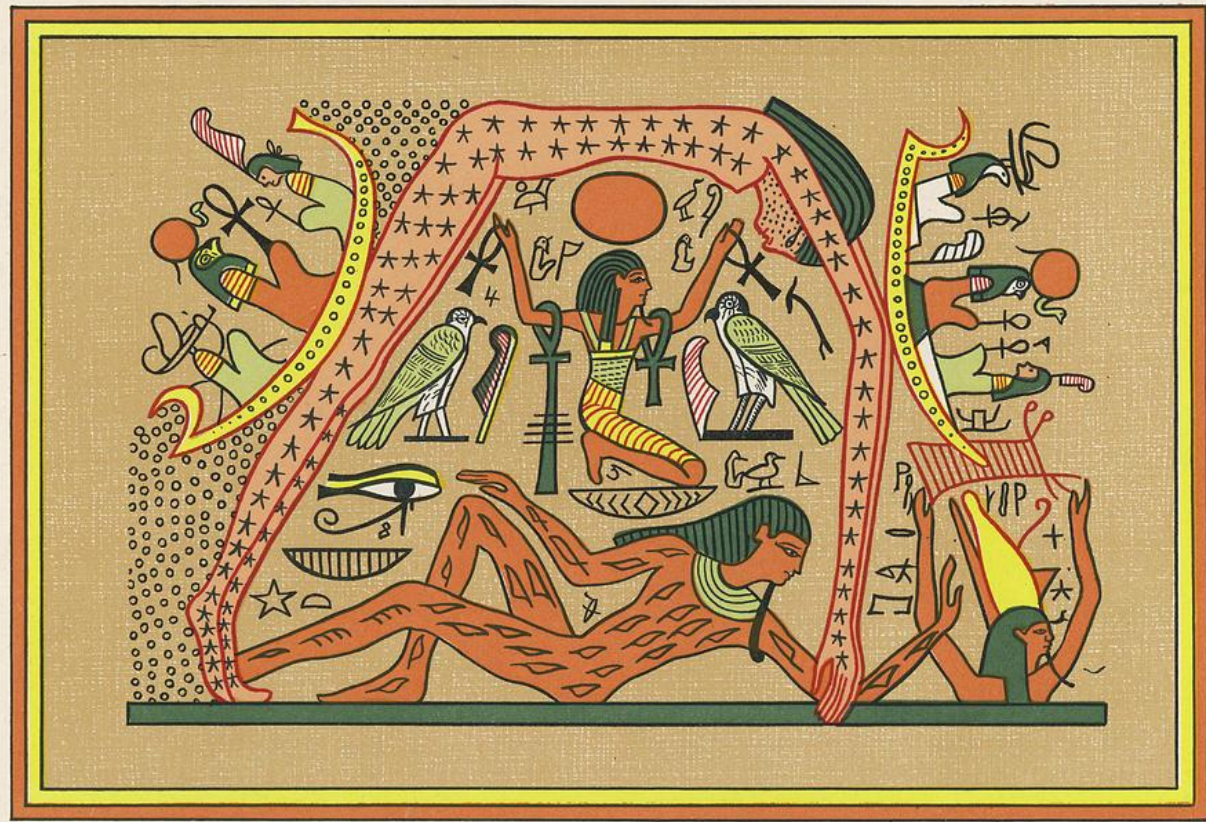
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## Genesis 1

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*...Or, In the beginning WHEN God created the heavens and the earth, . . . Or, When God BEGAN to create the heavens and the earth, . .*





**CREATIVE POWER IN ANCIENT THOUGHT  
revealed in determining destinies**



# GENESIS