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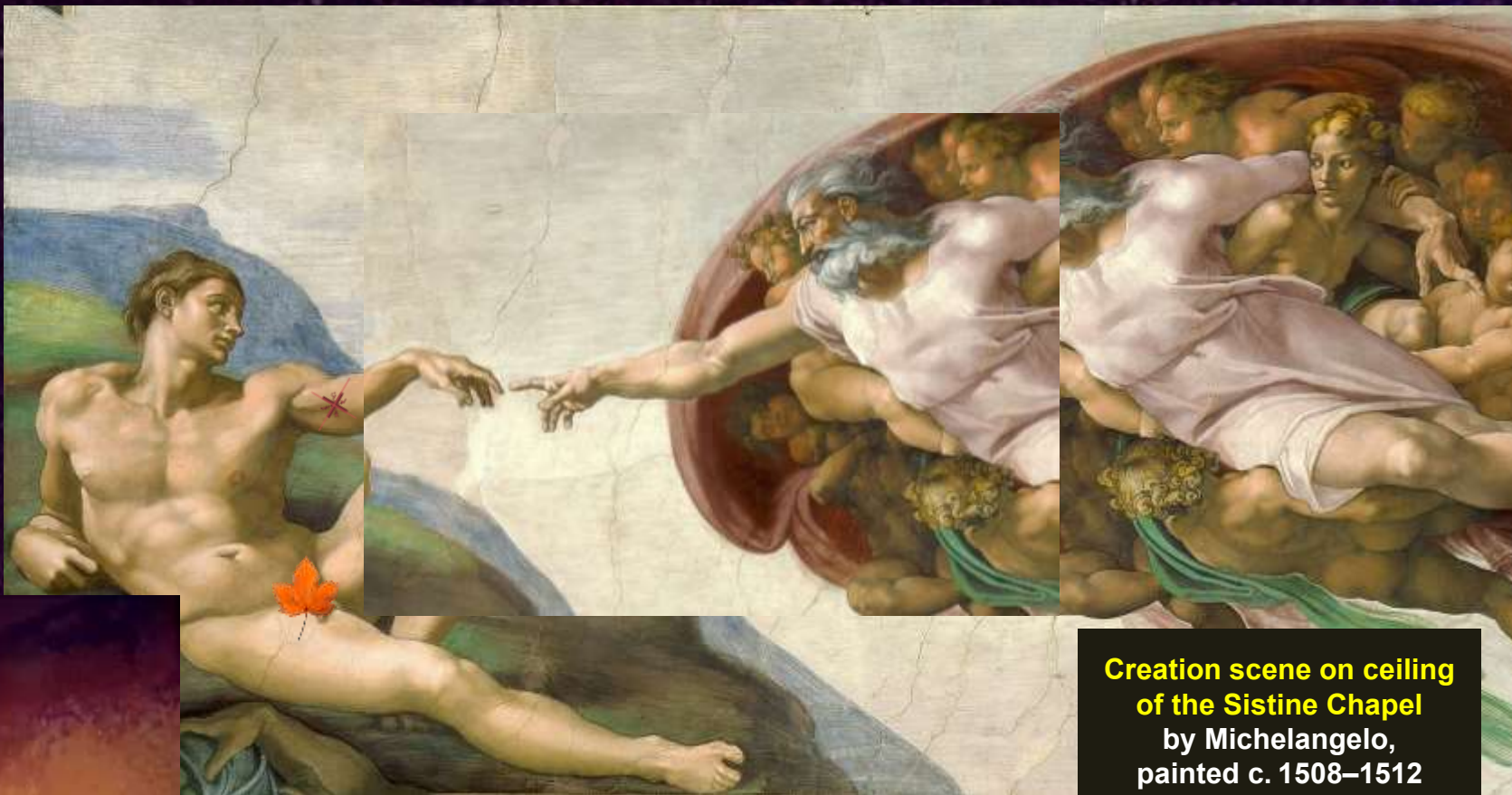
- 1 Created in *His Image*
- 2 Creation of Adam & Eve
- 3 First Sin

Dec 24 & 31 Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year

- 6-7 Judgment
- 8 LAND!
- 9-10 Protect
- 11 Stalled
- 12-14 Promised
- 15-16 Impatience
- 17-18 Established
- 19 Purged

# GENESIS

12-3-23



Creation scene on ceiling  
of the Sistine Chapel  
by Michelangelo,  
painted c. 1508–1512



1:1 In the beginning, God **CREATED**  
the heavens & the earth.

Genesis



# Genesis

**1:1 In the beginning God CREATED  
the heavens and the earth.**



**Profoundest statement in the Bible ...**

**Profoundest statement for Humanity's History ...**

**Profoundest statement for all that exists ...**

**This critical chapter ENDS ... with OUR BEGINNING**

**It might not seem like it at first ... but be patient ...**

**This 1994 song sung by Tim McGraw takes us on a journey**

## **Don't Take the Girl**

**Written by Craig Martin & Larry W. Johnson**

**#1 on Hot Country Songs &**

**made 2x Platinum sales ... 2,000,000-plus ...**

1994 song Tim McGraw Don't Take the Girl



Johnny's daddy,  
Was takin' him fishing  
When he was  
**EIGHT YEARS OLD**

Little **GIRL** came  
through the front gate  
Holdin' a fishin' pole

His dad looked down & smiled  
Said we can't  
**Leave Her Behind**



## GENESIS TIME LINE

### CREATION-2100 BC

**Creation/Fall**

(Gen. 1-3)

**Noah and the Flood**

(Gen. 6-9)

**Tower of Babel**

(Gen. 11)

**Push back 2,100 years  
to year circa 4100 B.C.**

**IF you hold to  
6 Literal DAYS**

**Many Christians hold to  
Day-Age Theory**

**Much Science for Old Earth**

**Did God create ALL with the APPEARANCE of AGE?**

### 2200-2000 BC

**2166 BC**

Abram/Abraham born

**2156 BC**

Sarai/Sarah born

**2091 BC**

Abram moved to Canaan

**2081 BC (?)**

God's covenant with Abraham

**2066 BC**

Isaac born

**2029 BC**

Sarah died

**2006 BC**

Jacob and Esau born

### 2000-1800 BC

**1991 BC**

Abraham died

**1915 BC**

Joseph born

**1903 BC (?)**

Jacob wrestled with God

**1886 BC**

Isaac died

**1876 BC**

Jacob moved to Egypt

**1859 BC**

Jacob died

**1805 BC**

Joseph died

# Genesis

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**Profoundest statement for ALL existence ...**

**Creation vs Evolution ... not solve most issues ... Creation by Faith**

**Span of time of Genesis 1 to 50 has been calculated to 2,307 years  
chapters 1-11 – 2,000 years ... 12-50 span only 307 years**

**Genesis is the 1st book of Pentateuch or Torah – first Five of Bible**

**Genesis – Exodus – Leviticus – Numbers – Deuteronomy**

**with Moses as author/compiler of Pentateuch c. 1300-1250 B.C.**

**Deut. 1:1 Words of Moses .... Deut. 34:5 Lord buries Moses in Moab**

# Genesis



**1:1 – 2:3**      **CREATION**

**2:4 – 4:26**      **Adam**

**6:9 – 9:29**      **Noah**      – **Great Flood**

**10:1 – 11:9**      **Shem, Ham, Japheth**      } – **Spread of Nations**

**11:10-26**      **Shem**

**11:27 – 25:11**      **Terah & Abraham**

**25:12-18**      **Ishmael**

**25:19 – 35:29**      **Isaac**      } – **Patriarchal History**

**36:1 – 37:1**      **Esau**      } – **Jacob**

**37:2 – 50:26**      **Jacob**

# Genesis

1 In the beginning **GOD CREATED**  
the **HEAVENS** and the **EARTH**.

**“HEAVENS” 236x**  
Most often as  
**“HEAVENS” plural**  
*sometimes “SKY”*  
as in “birds of SKY”

2 Now the **EARTH** was formless and empty,  
darkness was over the surface of the deep,  
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**“EARTH” 38x**  
most often  
trans as **“LAND”**

Thus begins what today most Scientists **DENY**



Thus begins what many **MUST** Deny to validate much **EVIL**

Thus begins what challenges **ALL** *other* religions' origins

Thus begins the **Greatest Story Every Told**

Thus begins **THE** Story of Our Origins

# Genesis



**Genesis DIVIDES its own self accordingly:**

**Gen 2:4**      **Generations/Account of Heavens & Earth**

**Gen 5:1**      **Generations/Account of Adam**

**Gen 6:9**      **Generations/Account of Noah**

**Gen 10:1**     **Generations/Account of sons of Noah**

**Gen 11:10**   **Generations/Account of Shem**

**Gen 11:27**   **Generations/Account of Terah**

**Gen 25:12**   **Generations/Account of Ishmael**

**Gen 36:1**     **Generations/Account of Esau**

**Gen 37:2**     **Generations/Account of Jacob**

**Gen 2:4** This is the **ACCOUNT** of the heavens & the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth & the heavens.

**Gen 11:27** This is the **ACCOUNT** of Terah's family line. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor & Haran. Haran became the father of Lot.

**Gen 37:2** This is the **ACCOUNT** of Jacob's family line.

# Genesis

## Catholic Stephen Ray notes these parallels

*Genesis: A Bible Study Guide & Commentary* (San Francisco: Ignatius, 2023; 466 pp.).

**Genesis** Begins

**Genesis** Garden

**Genesis** Naked

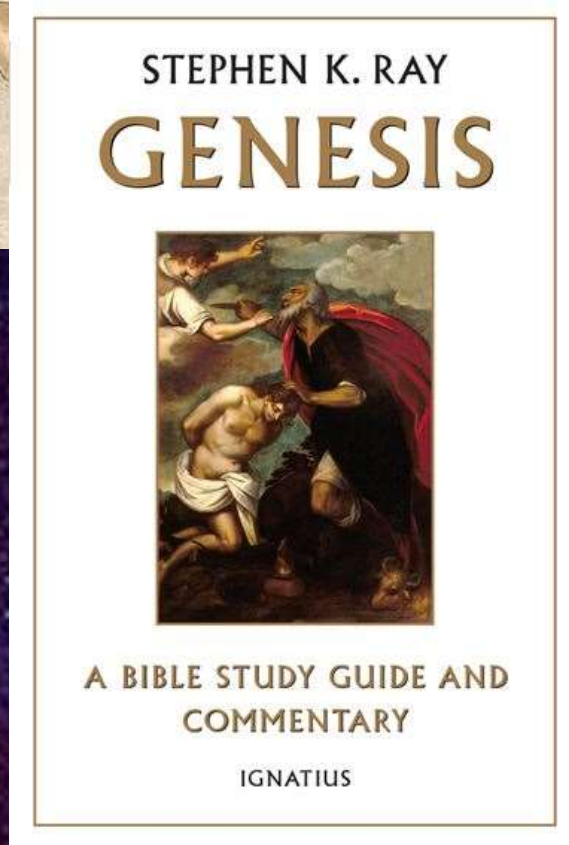
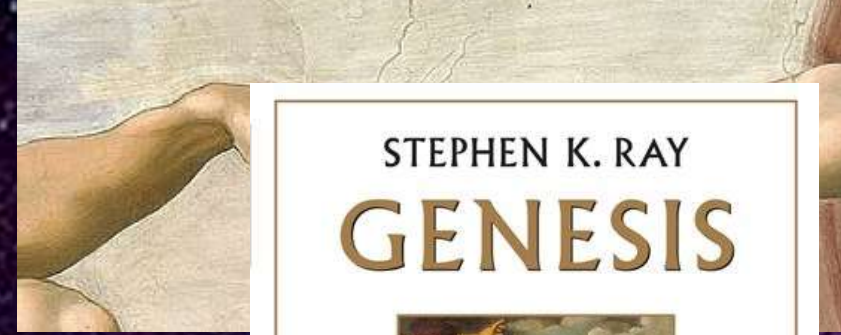
**Genesis** Driven from Paradise

**Revelation** ENDS

**Revelation** City

**Revelation** Clothed Royal Splendor

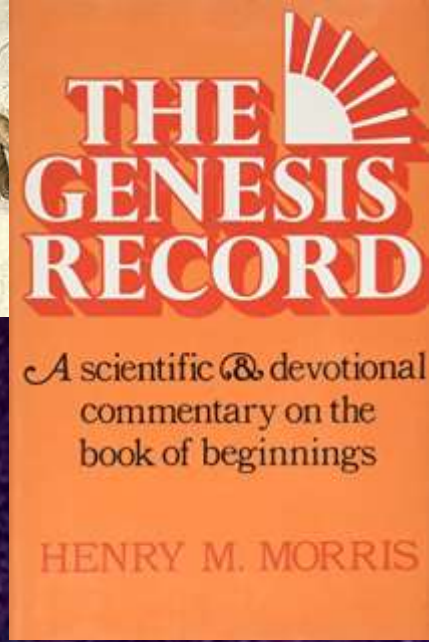
**Revelation** Enter Heavenly Paradise



# Genesis

## Most famous Creationist Henry M. Morris

The Genesis Record: A Scientific & Devotional Commentary on the Book of Beginnings (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1993, 1st 1976; 716 pp.): 33.



## Genesis' Garden— The Probationary World

Division of Light & Dark, 1:4

Division of Land & Sea, 1:10

Rule of Sun & Moon, 1:16

Man in Prepared Garden, 2:8-9

River Flowing Out of Eden, 2:10

Gold in the Land, 2:12

Tree of Life in Garden's Middle, 2:9

Bdellium & Onyx Stone, 2:12

God Walking in Garden, 3:8

## Revelation's City— The Eternal World

No Night There, 21:25

No More Sea, 21:1

No Need for Sun or Moon, 21:23

Man in Prepared City, 21:2

River Flowing from God's Throne, 22:1

Gold in the City, 21:21

Tree of Life on Each Side of River, 22:2

ALL Manner Precious Stones, 21:19

God Dwelling WITH His People, 21:3

# Genesis

1st word is *bereshith* – Genesis = BEGINNING

“*Genesis*” is from Greek translation of OT =  
Septuagint or LXX (after 70 translators) 132 B.C.

Word for *Genesis* only used 5x in the Bible ...

1x Genesis 1:1 – *in the Beginning*

4x Jer 26:1 & 27:1 *in the Beginning* of the reign of  
Jer 28:1 & 49:34 *in the Beginning* of the reign of Zedekiah

Moses is generally assumed author / compiler after the Exodus

Our Bible's 50 chapters follow Jerome's Latin Vulgate A.D. 405 –

Constantine legalized then turned Rome into a Christian Empire c. A.D. 325

1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to church door in Wittenberg

1536 William Tyndale burnt at stake in Antwerp - trans Vulgate into English

1546 Catholic Church made Latin Vulgate *their* official Bible



1994 song Tim McGraw Don't Take the Girl



Son—I know you don't want her to go  
But someday  
you'll change your mind

And Johnny said,  
Take Jimmy Johnson,  
Take Tommy Thompson  
Take my best friend Bo

Take anybody that you want as,  
long as she don't go

Take any boy in the world  
Daddy *please*,  
Don't take the GIRL



# Genesis

3 And God said, "Let there be **LIGHT**,"  
and there was **LIGHT**.

4 God saw that the **LIGHT** was good

Charles Spurgeon said in 1875: The entrance of God's word which  
giveth light is effected in "solemn silence of the mind."

If men make an illumination, we can hear the  
crackling of their fireworks over all the city;  
but when **GOD** illuminates the earth with the **SUN**,  
the orb of day arises without a sound.

The ancients talked of the chariot of the sun,  
but who ever heard the sound of wheels  
or the tramp of horses in the sky?



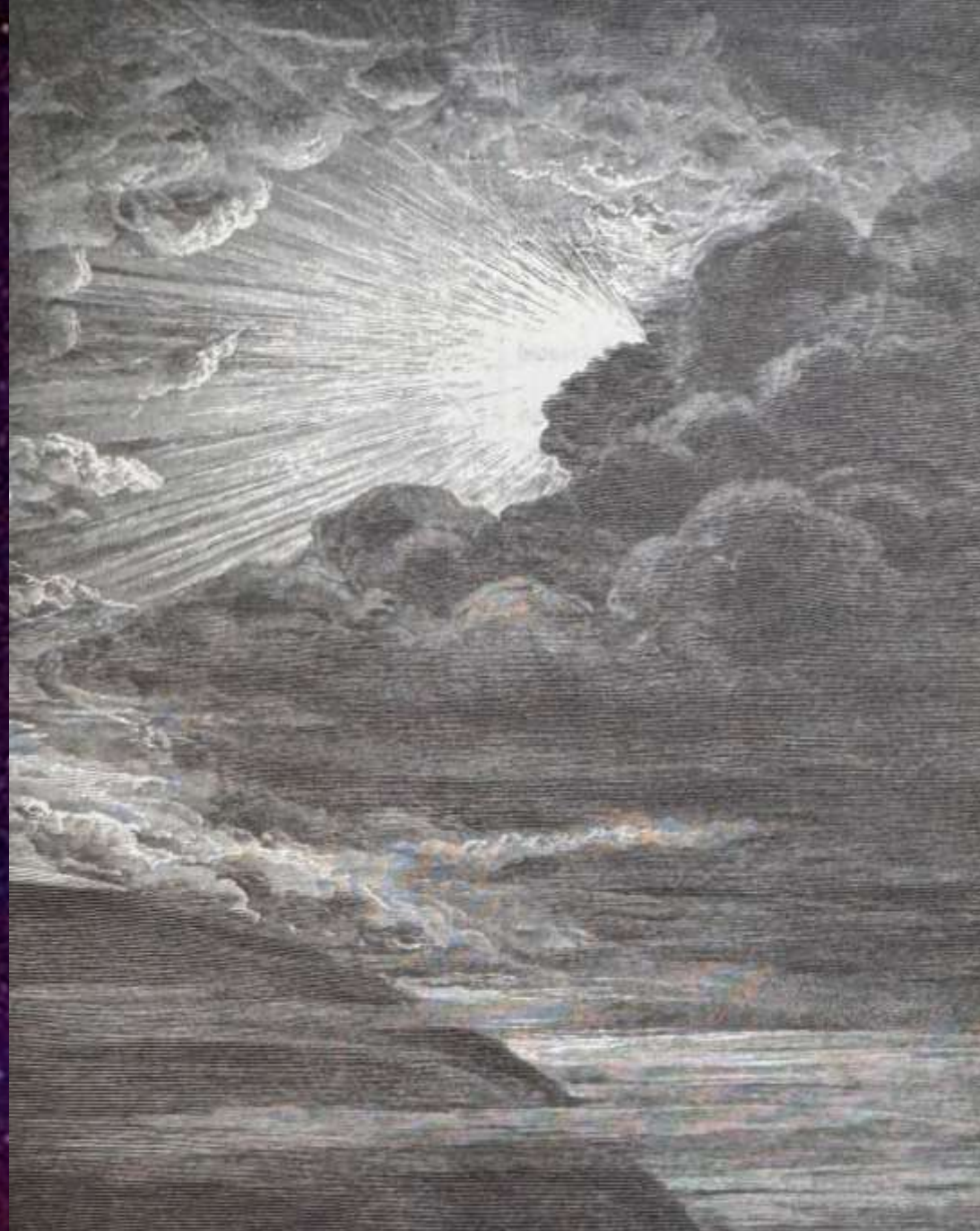
Milky Way Galaxy  
Our Home



# Genesis

**3 And God said,  
“Let there be LIGHT,”  
and there was LIGHT.**

**Gustave Doré 1832-1883 –  
*Doré Bible* KJV has  
139 OT & 81 NT Illustrations  
for totally of 210 Illustrations**



# Genesis

3 And God said, “Let there be **LIGHT**,”  
and there was **LIGHT**.

4 God saw that the **LIGHT** was good,  
he separated the **LIGHT** from the darkness.

5 God called the **LIGHT** “**DAY**,” & the darkness he called “**NIGHT**.”  
And there was evening, and there was morning

—**the FIRST DAY**

Light Speed “**c**” = 186,000 miles a **SECOND**

**OUR Sun** is one of those tiny **SPECKS**  
**AMONG** about 300+ Billion Stars

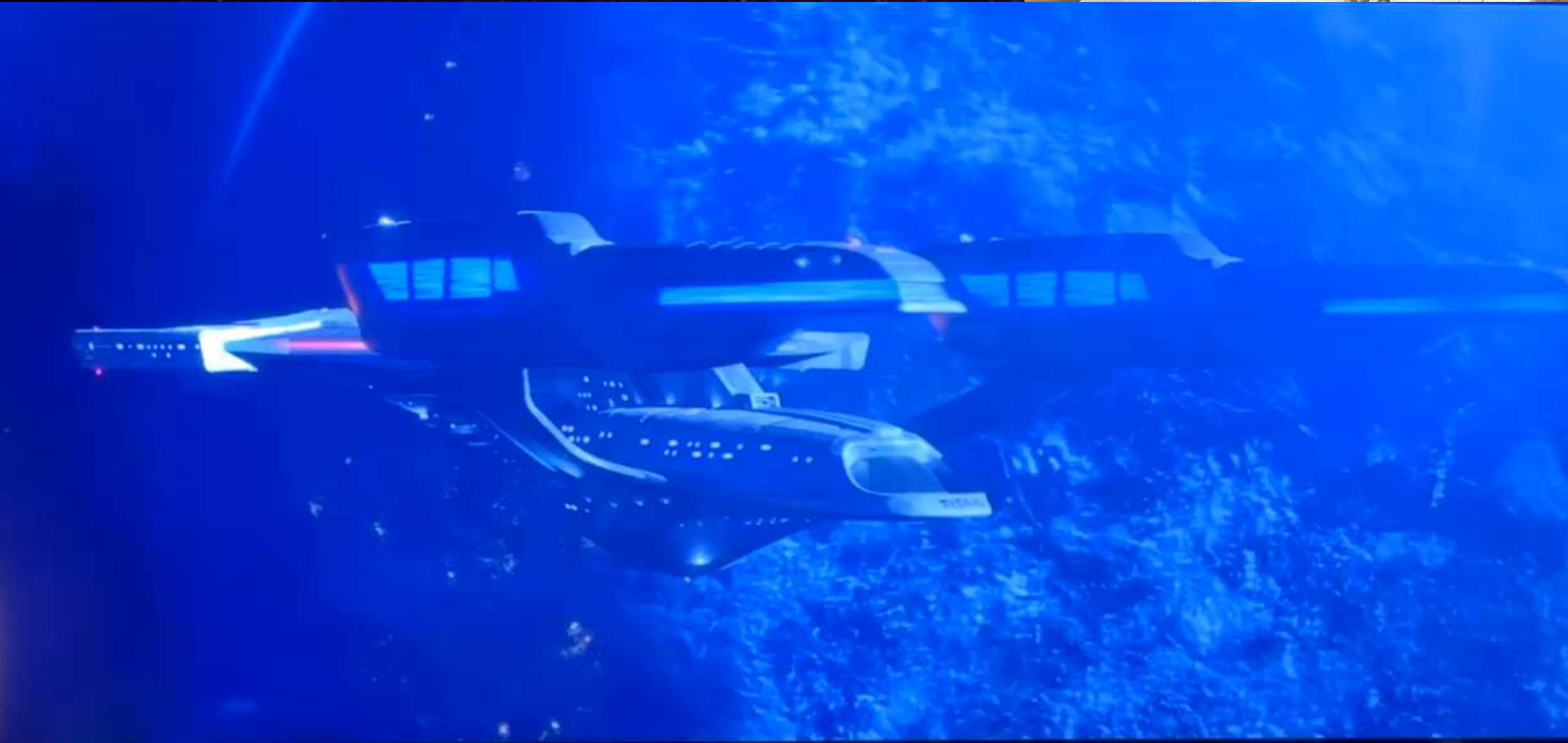
**Milky Way** is  
**250,000 LYs Wide**



**Milky Way Galaxy**  
**Our Home**



# Genesis Star Trek Picard – Jump to Lightspeed<sup>+</sup>



# Genesis

5 God called the LIGHT “DAY,” & the darkness he called “NIGHT.”

And there was evening, and there was morning

—the **FIRST DAY**



Light Speed is 186,000 miles per SECOND

OUR Sun is one of those tiny SPECKS

Alpha Centauri is closest star – 4 LYs away

5.88 Trillion Miles TIMES 4 = 23.52 Trillion Miles AWAY

Experts est. 4 LYs average space between stars in Milky Way

FASTEST Spacecraft > Parker Solar Probe 364,660 MPH

which is only 109 miles a second ... 1/1,706th of c

Parker Solar Probe 6,824 years to Alpha Centauri

4 Yrs = 35,040 Hrs – *IF* going @ 1,000x c

STILL take 35 hours just to reach Alpha Centauri

Milky Way Galaxy  
Our Home

Milky Way is  
250,000+ LYs Wide  
w perhaps 300 Billion Stars

Parker Solar Probe  
426+ Million Years to  
Cross Milky Way



1,000x c & 35 hrs *nearest* ~ Star Wars is **TOTAL FANTASY**  
Other Fantasies TODAY – like ALL this **AROSE** by **CHANCE**

# Genesis

6 And God said, “Let there be a **VAULT** (NIV) **FIRMAMENT** (KJV) between the waters to separate water from water.”

7 So God made the vault & separated the water under the vault from the water above it. **AND IT WAS SO.**

8 God called the vault “**SKY.**” And there was evening, and there was morning

—**the SECOND DAY**

**Birth of Atmosphere ...**



# Genesis

9 And God said, “Let the water under the **SKY** be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” **AND IT WAS SO.**

10 God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “**SEAS.**”

**And God saw that it was GOOD.**

11-13 Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants & trees ... to their various kinds.”

And it was so.... And God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening, and there was morning

**—the THIRD DAY**



# Genesis

**14-15** God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night,  
... to mark sacred times, **DAYS & YEARS**  
... light on earth. And it was so.

**16** God made **TWO GREAT LIGHTS**—  
the greater light to govern the **DAY** and  
the lesser light to govern the **NIGHT**.  
**He made the stars also.**

**17-18** God set them in the vault of the sky to give  
**LIGHT ON THE EARTH....**  
And God saw that it was good.

**19** And there was evening, and there was morning  
**—the FOURTH DAY**



# Genesis



**20-21 And God ... created  
EVERY LIVING THING ...**

**that moves ... according to their kinds,  
and every winged bird according to its KIND.**

**And God saw that it was good.**

**22 God blessed them and said, “BE FRUITFUL & INCREASE ...  
fill the water in the seas, & let the birds increase on the earth.”**

**23 And there was evening, and there was morning  
—the FIFTH DAY**

# Genesis

24-25 And God said, “Let the land produce  
living creatures ... livestock ... according to the  
creatures that move along the ground ... wild animals...

And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make **MAN** in

**Our Image**  
**in Our Likeness**

so that they may **RULE** over the fish ... birds ... livestock ...  
and over **ALL** the creatures that move along the ground.”

Often ... the Best is the Hardest to Grasp ...



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Man – Mankind –  
Humanity

316x

then 236  
other variations

# Genesis

As with 26, unique nature of YOU & me is set forth

27 So God created mankind in

**His Own Image,  
in the Image of God He created them  
Male & Female He created them.**

“Male” & “Female”—SAME words in Gen 7:9 for PAIRS of ANIMALS

WHAT does it mean to be “Made in God’s Image”?

Often it is called by the Latin name: our *Imago Dei*

We all know this “Image of God” to be our Uniqueness FROM God

But WHAT is *Imago Dei* ... ? ... *meaning?* ... can we SEE IT?



1994 song Tim McGraw Don't Take the Girl



Same old BOY, same sweet GIRL

Ten years down the road

He held her tight &  
kissed her lips

In front of the picture show

Stranger came &  
pulled a GUN

Grabbed her by the ARM

Said if you do  
what I tell you to

There won't be any HARM



27 So God created mankind in  
**His Own Image,**



**WHAT** does it mean to be “Made in God’s Image”?

A person made in the image of God, with a  
hope in heaven as sure as the promises of God,  
with ... principles like the Golden Rule, and  
with Love that has eternal connections—

we have one foot on this earth and one foot in heaven ...

“right” choice in perfect Love is somehow *in* time  
connected to our contemplations of tomorrow and of heaven.

*Would You Lie to Save a Life? (358)*

27 So God created mankind in  
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**WHAT** does it mean to be “Made in God’s Image”?

Our being made in the *Image of God* and  
being raised to a new freedom as a new creation are  
manifested most splendidly in our ability to make  
preciously unique choices in Love and be Loved uniquely—  
every time, all of the time.

*Would Lie to Save a Life? (400)*

I Love God now more than I did ten years ago, and  
I will **GROW** in my Love for God more after 1,000 years in glory....

We have been made in *His Image*—thank God—and the  
best of life in Love is not *any less* for God.

*Heaven—Treasures of Our Everlasting Rest (13-14)*

# Genesis

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*Heart of the Living God (245):* raised with Christ and share with Christ  
a resurrection freedom.... created in God's Image ... the  
best of life on this side of heaven is in Love,  
and we do have faith and hope that the best of Love is yet to come.  
Love's labors endure into our everlasting lives.



1994 song Tim McGraw Don't Take the Girl



And Johnny said, Take my money,  
Take my wallet  
Take my credit cards

Here's the watch that  
my grandpa gave me

Here's the key to my car  
Mister give it a WHIRL

But please,  
**DON'T**  
**TAKE THE GIRL**



# Genesis



**Heart of the Living God (246):** How does our Love allow us to transcend time like God?



Love makes some serious ethical demands of us as well as **being** the source of our affection and the very treasury of our heart....



this side of heaven, we must struggle to Love our way forward....

Love is even the essence of what we cherish most ... family and friends.

Apollon Maikov said,

**If you wish to live without struggle, without storm,  
without knowing the bitterness of life, to ripe old age,  
do not seek a friend and do not call yourself anyone's friend.**

**IN Christ—our Love is connected to & thru the *FUTURE*, even to eternity,  
For we are *ALWAYS* Looking ahead for the Best of the Loved One.**

**AS Children of God, we are CONNECTED to our Eternal LIFE in God**

# Genesis

*Heart of the Living God (246-247):*

So let me say it like this: our *Imago Dei* is connected or linked in many ways to God's own eternal Love.

“We share in God's Love” is more than a trite phrase ... or cliché....

Love is more than a mere ... fiber-optic cable between us and God, so much more than the mere pulsings of light between God and us, and more than divine radiation nudges between

our experience of time and God's time.

... like God's Love, our Love to God and to others has a **TRIUNE** quality where all at once Love knows & sifts the **PAST** & has a warm concern in the very **PRESENT** & ongoing moment; best of all, our Love is focused into the near & distant **FUTURE** of the Loved one.



# Genesis

*Heart of the Living God (246-247):*

Love takes from the **PAST**,  
applies in the **PRESENT**, and  
projects into the **FUTURE**.

Love transcends our experience of time as we labor to Love God,  
Love Others and even Love Ourselves—just as God Loves us.

As God is Love and God is ETERNAL, then  
once **Love has birthed itself in our hearts**—  
once true Love springs up in our hearts—  
that **Christian Love has an everlasting quality** and shall  
spring forth in our hearts forevermore and  
even throughout our everlasting loving lives.



1994 song Tim McGraw Don't Take the Girl



Same old BOY,  
Same sweet GIRL  
Five years down the road

There's gonna be a little one &  
She says it's TIME to GO

Doctor says BABY'S FINE  
But you'll have to leave

'Cause his momma's  
Fading fast and,  
Johnny  
HIT HIS KNEES



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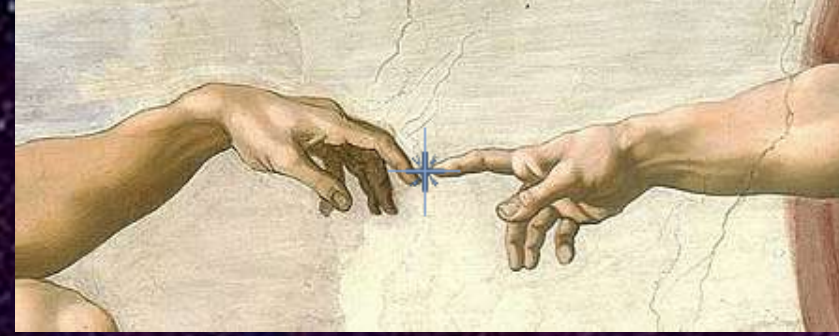
*Heart of the Living God (249):* Love has long and strong arms:  
one hand has hold on our present life and times, and  
the other reaches endlessly forward into the future.

Hey! That is just the way we believe God is  
working out all things to our own good.



# Genesis

28 God blessed them and said to them,  
“Be fruitful and increase in number;  
fill the earth and subdue it.... Rule over....



29 Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant ... food.

30 And to all the beasts of the earth ...  
everything that has the breath of life in it—  
I give every green plant for food.” **AND IT WAS SO.**

*Heart of the Living God (251):* St. Bernard said: “In the being of every  
man are continents which no Columbus has ever yet discovered.” ...

Our ability to Love God & Others is the **quintessence of our *Imago Dei***  
... its essence is manifested in life when we Love God & Love each other.

Life is all about ***loving* relationships.**

**Nothing else matters much.**

Johnny HIT HIS KNEES

And there he prayed

Take the very BREATH you gave me

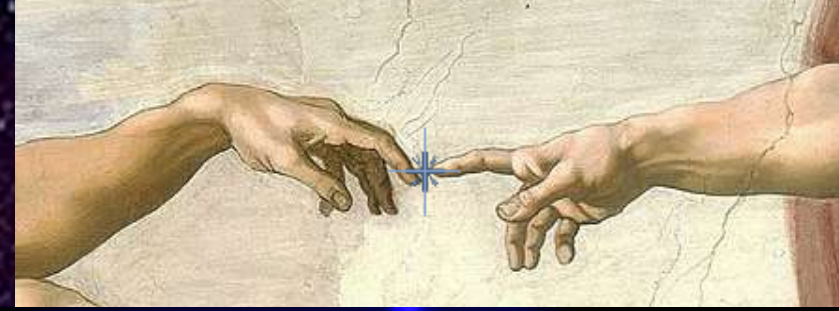
Take the HEART from my chest

I'll gladly take her place  
*if you'll let me*

Make this my LAST request  
Take me OUT of this world

God *please*,  
**DON'T TAKE THE GIRL**

Johnny's daddy was  
Taking him fishing  
When he was eight yrs old



# Genesis

31 God saw all that He had made  
and it was *very good*

And there was evening, and there was morning

—the **SIXTH DAY**

You & I made in God's Image ... *Imago Dei*

Male & Female

SUMMIT of God's Creation—You & Me

His Image **BEST** seen in Our Love

*And I think to myself, what a wonderful world*

