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

The book of Genesis provides the basis for a beautiful story of when the earth was new. The Genesis Photographic Essay presented here is based on the King James version of the Bible, Genesis 1:1-2:3. This essay has been an ongoing project of Ted's since 1968. At that time Ted presented an essay consisting of 7 photographs as a high school project in a contemporary arts class. Sadly, that essay has long ago vanished. Photographs in this book are the result of years of photography, taken between 1972 and 2018.

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About the Photographer

Ted McGee has been a photographer since 1964. Ted, along with his wife Dora, combine a passion for exploration and adventure with photography. Ted and Dora can be found exploring the everyday beauty that surrounds us. Whether it is near their home or a faraway place they are always on the lookout for beauty given to us by the hand of God, the design of nature, and the creativity of man. It is hoped that their photographs and stories will somehow inspire you to find your own spirit of exploration and adventure.



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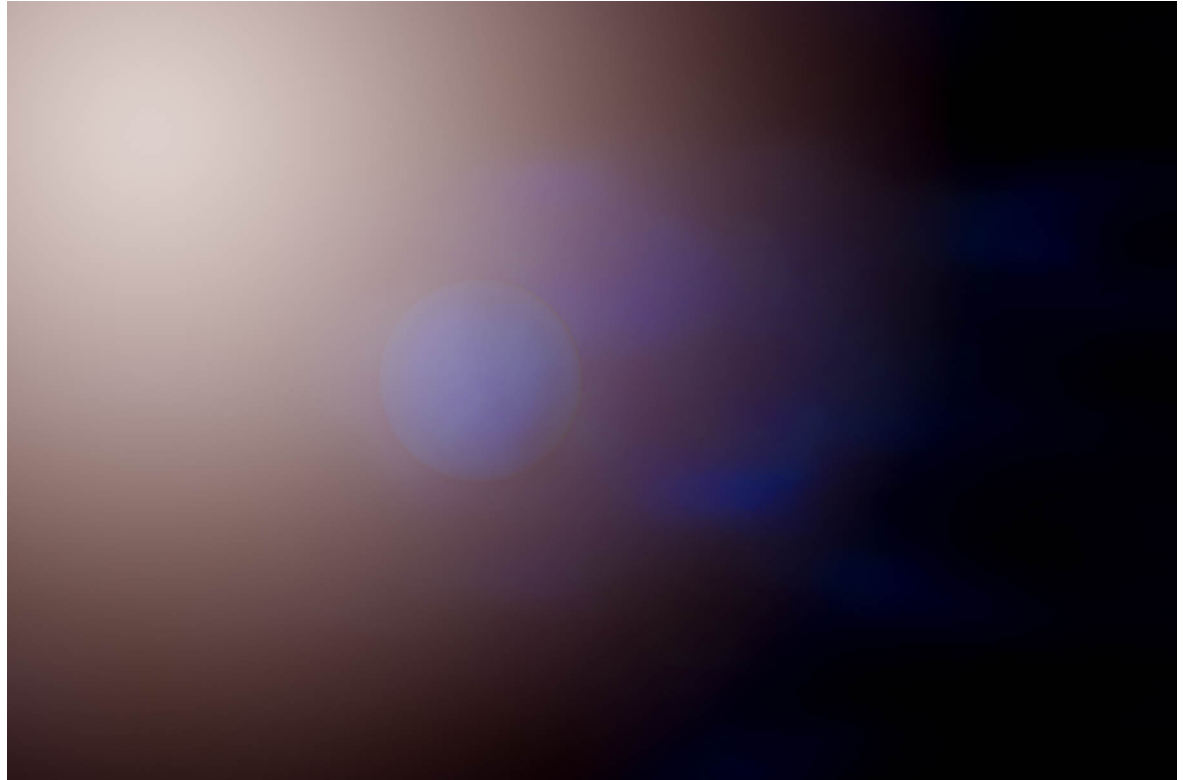
And the earth was
without form, and void;
and darkness was upon
the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God
moved upon the face of
the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

And God said, Let there
be light: and there was
light.

And God saw the light,
that it was good: and
God divided the light
from the darkness.

Genesis 1:3-4





And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1:5

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

And God called the firmament Heaven.

Genesis 1:6-8





And the evening and
the morning were the
second day.

Genesis 1:8

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

Genesis 1:9





And God called the dry
land Earth; and the
gathering together of
the waters called he
Seas: and God saw that
it was good.

Genesis 1:10

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

Genesis 1:11





And the earth brought forth grass,
and herb yielding seed after his
kind, and the tree yielding fruit,
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kind: and God saw that it was
good.

Genesis 1:12







And the evening and
the morning were the
third day.

Genesis 1:13





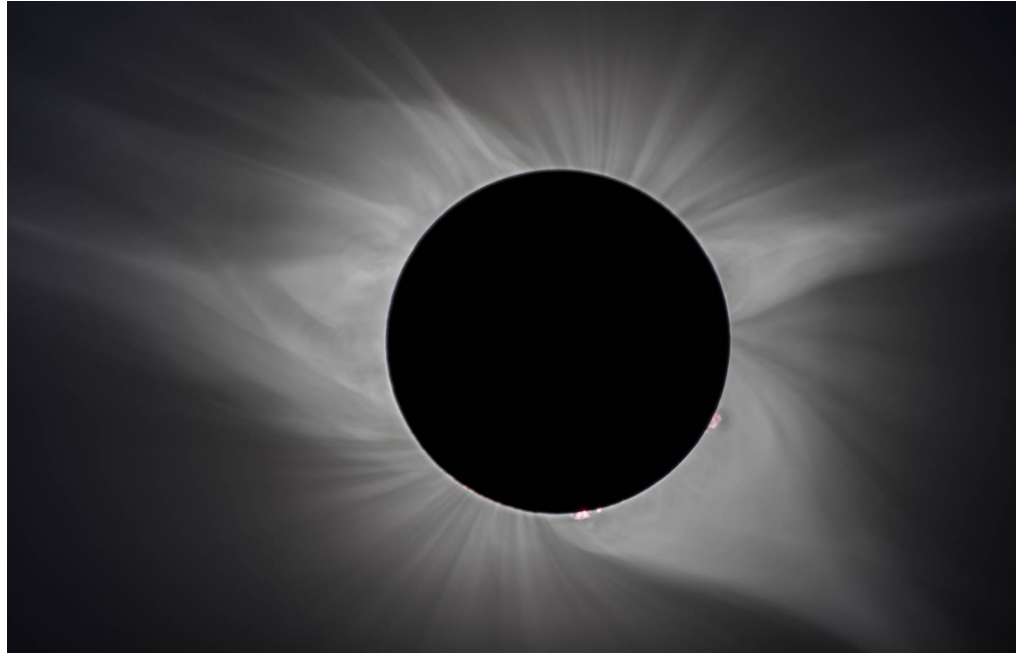
And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

Genesis 1:14-15

And God made two great lights;

Genesis 1:16





the greater light to rule the day,
Genesis 1:16



and the lesser light to rule the
night:

Genesis 1:16





he made the stars also.

Genesis 1:16



And God set them in the
firmament of the heaven to give
light upon the earth,

And to rule over the day and over
the night, and to divide the light
from the darkness: and God saw
that it was good.

Genesis 1:17-18





And the evening and
the morning were the
fourth day.

Genesis 1:19

And God said, Let the
waters bring forth
abundantly the moving
creature that hath life,

Genesis 1:20





And God created great whales,
and every living creature that
moveth, which the waters brought
forth abundantly, after their kind,

Genesis 1:21







and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:21







And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

Genesis 1:22







And the evening and
the morning were the
fifth day.

Genesis 1:23

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:24-25









And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Genesis 1:26-30

And God saw every
thing that he had made,
and, behold, it was very
good. And the evening
and the morning were
the sixth day.

Genesis 1:31





Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Genesis 2:1-3

