Part 1

Genesis 1

The Beginning

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

2 Now the earth was [a] formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep,
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was
good, and He separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the
darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from
water." 7 So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the
water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and
there was morning—the second day.

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 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the
land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12 The
land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing
fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there
was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the
night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, 15 and let them be
lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the 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
also made the stars. 17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, 18
to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it
was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the
earth across the expanse of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and
every living and moving thing with which the water teems, 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 and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let
the birds increase on the earth." 23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the
fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds:
livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its
kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock
according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to
their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule
over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, [b]
and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

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

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the
earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every
living creature that moves on the ground."

29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth
and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the
beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the
ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food."
And it was so.

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and
there was morning—the sixth day.

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