

A large, textured hand, rendered in shades of brown, orange, and yellow, is shown holding a glowing, multi-colored nebula. The nebula features vibrant blue, green, and purple hues, with a bright white and yellow core. The background is a dark, starry space filled with numerous small, distant stars. The entire scene is framed by a thin red border.

Creator

Chaotic Creation

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

Genesis 1:2



Chaos

1. A state of utter confusion
2. Often capitalized : a state of things in which chance is supreme especially : the confused unorganized state of primordial matter before the creation of distinct forms
3. The inherent unpredictability in the behavior of a complex natural system (such as the atmosphere, boiling water, or the beating heart)



Order

- 1. To put in order : arrange**
- 2. To give an order to : command**
- 3. To bring about order : regulate**



Genesis 1:6-8

Then God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, separating water from water.” So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above the expanse. And it was so. God called the expanse “sky.” Evening came and then morning: the second day.



Genesis 1:9-10

Then God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land “earth,” and the gathering of the water he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.



Genesis 1:11-13

Then God said, “Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds.” And it was so. The earth produced vegetation: seed-bearing plants according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Evening came and then morning: the third day.



Then God said, “Let the water swarm with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” So God created the large sea-creatures and every living creature that moves and swarms in the water, according to their kinds. He also created every winged creature according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them: “Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” Evening came and then morning: the fifth day.

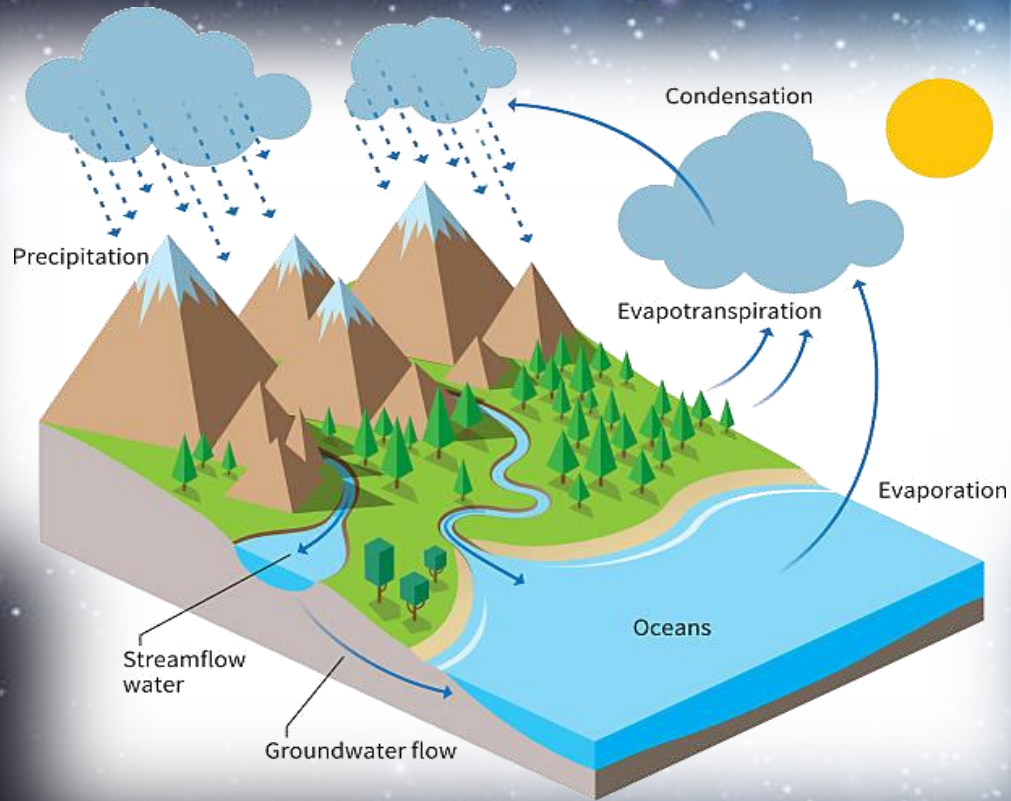


Then God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that crawl, and the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. 25 So God made the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that crawl on the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

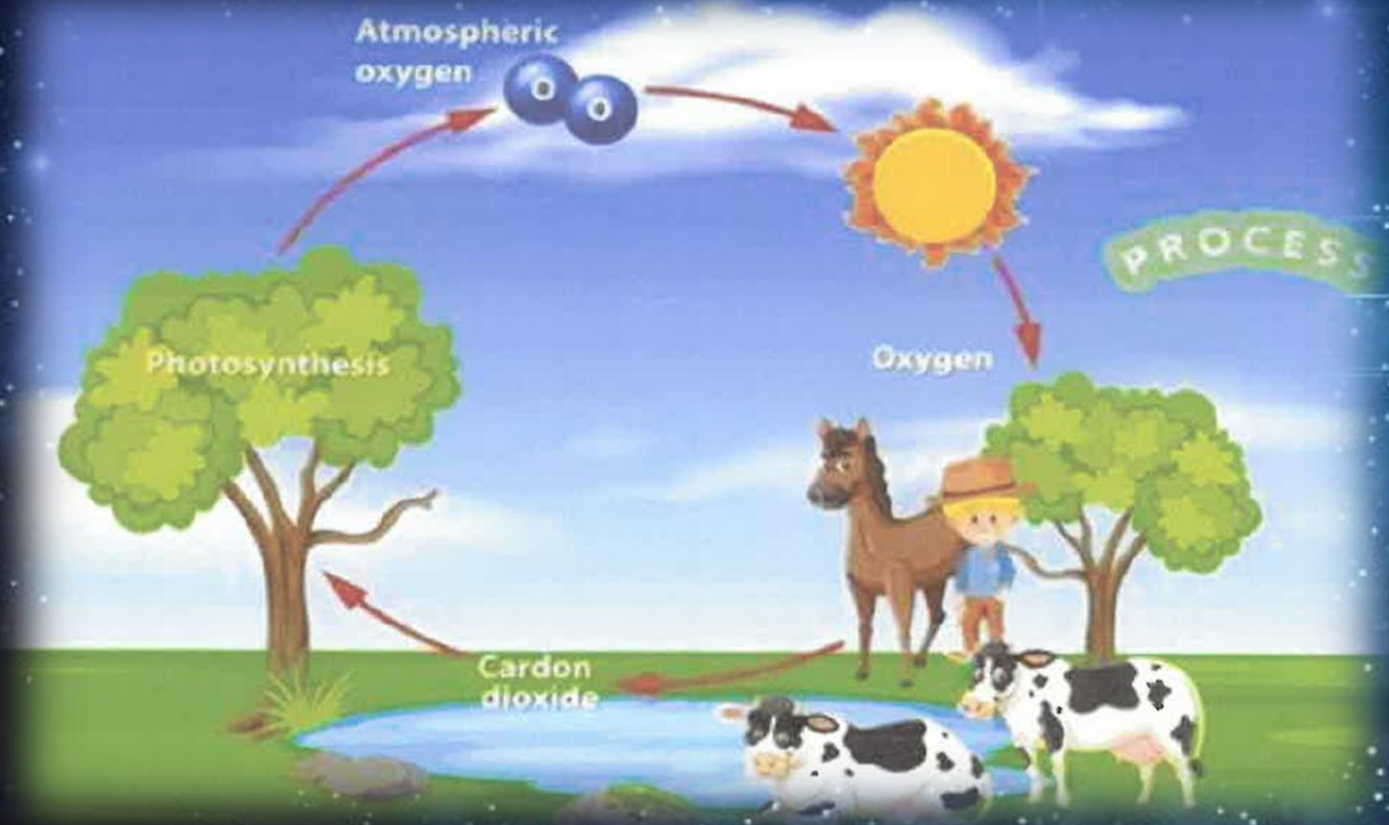
Genesis 1:20-25



The Water Cycle



The Oxygen Cycle



Romans 8:5-6

For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on the things of the Spirit. Now the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the Spirit is life and peace.



Romans 8:14-17

For all those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.



Romans 8:26-27

In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us[a] with inexpressible groanings. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.





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2 Corinthians 5:16-21



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