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And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
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- 4** And God saw that the light was good. And God 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.

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Scattering

When the sun is low on the horizon, small particles and water droplets in the atmosphere force sunlight to change direction. As a result, shorter wavelength colors like blue and violet get scattered out, leaving only the longer wavelength colors like yellow, orange, and red available to our eyes.

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Gamma-Ray Burst

The most intense natural source of light currently known in the cosmos occurs when a massive star collapses and forms a black hole or a neutron star, setting off powerful explosions as they do so.

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Be humble in recognizing that your life is focused on honoring and glorifying God rather than yourself.



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