

Genesis Series

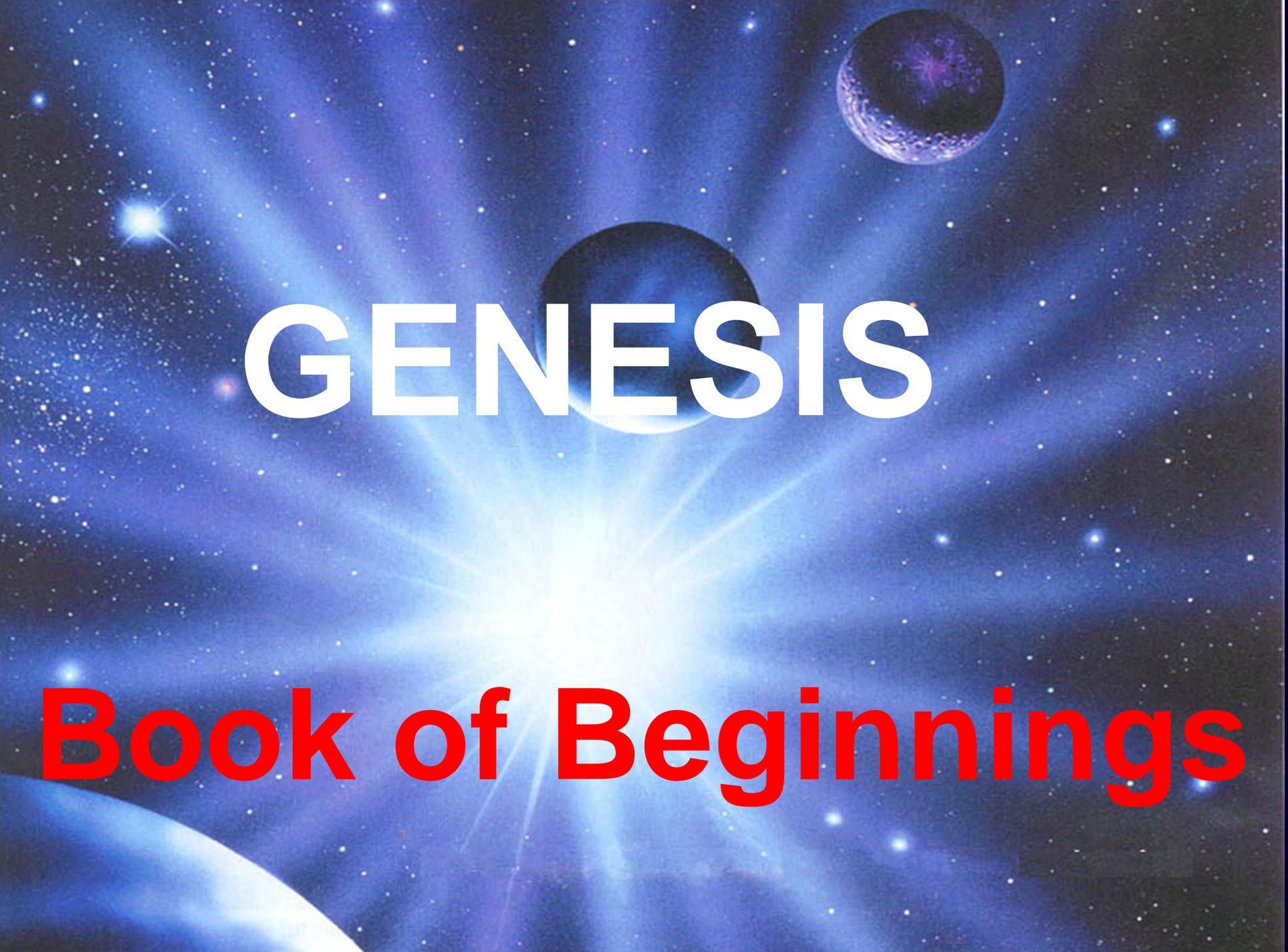
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A vibrant cosmic background featuring a bright blue and white starburst in the center, surrounded by numerous stars, galaxies, and planets. A large, dark planet is visible in the upper right, and a smaller, blue-tinted planet is in the lower left. The overall scene is a deep blue space filled with light and celestial bodies.

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**Book of Beginnings**

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- 3. How long are the days?**
- 4. Could God have used evolution as a mechanism for creation?**

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**“When above [*Enuma Elish*] the heaven had not  
(yet) been named,  
(And) below the earth had not (yet) been called by a  
name,  
(When) Apsu primeval, their begetter,  
Mummu, (and) Tiamat, she who gave birth to them  
all, (Still) mingled their waters together,  
And no pasture land had been formed (and) not  
(even) a reed marsh was to be seen;  
When none of the (other) gods had been brought  
into being, (When) they had not (yet) been called by  
(their) name(s, and their) destinies had not yet been  
fixed,  
(At that time) were the gods created within them. . .**

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**They lived many days, adding years (to days). . . .**

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**The divine brothers gathered together.  
They disturbed Tiamat and assaulted(?) their keeper,  
Yea, they disturbed the inner parts of Tiamat,  
Moving (and) running about in the divine abode(?). .  
. .**

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**[Marduk] took from [Kingu] the tablet of destinies,  
which was not his rightful possession. . . .**

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**After he had vanquished (and) subdued his enemies.  
. . .**

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**Strengthened his hold upon the captive gods;  
And then he returned to Tiamat, whom he had  
subdued.**

**The lord trod upon the hinder part of Tiamat,  
And with his unsparing club he split her skull.  
He cut the arteries of her blood,  
And caused the north wind to carry (it) to out-of-the-  
way places.**

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**[Marduk] split [Tiamat] open like a mussel into two  
(parts); Half of her he set in place and formed the  
sky (therewith) as a roof.**

**He fixed the crossbar (and) posted guards,  
He commanded them not to let her waters escape.**

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**And a great structure, its counterpart, he  
established, (namely) Esharra [earth], . . .**  
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**He created stations for the great gods;  
The stars their likeness(es), the signs of the zodiac,  
he set up.**

**He determined the year, defined the divisions. . . .  
Stars aren't set up until half way through. Their  
function is for signs and calendar.**

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**Punishment they inflicted upon [Kingu] by cutting  
(the arteries of) his blood.**

**With his blood they created mankind;  
[Ea] imposed the services of the gods (upon  
them) and set the gods free.**

**The last act is the creation of man.**

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