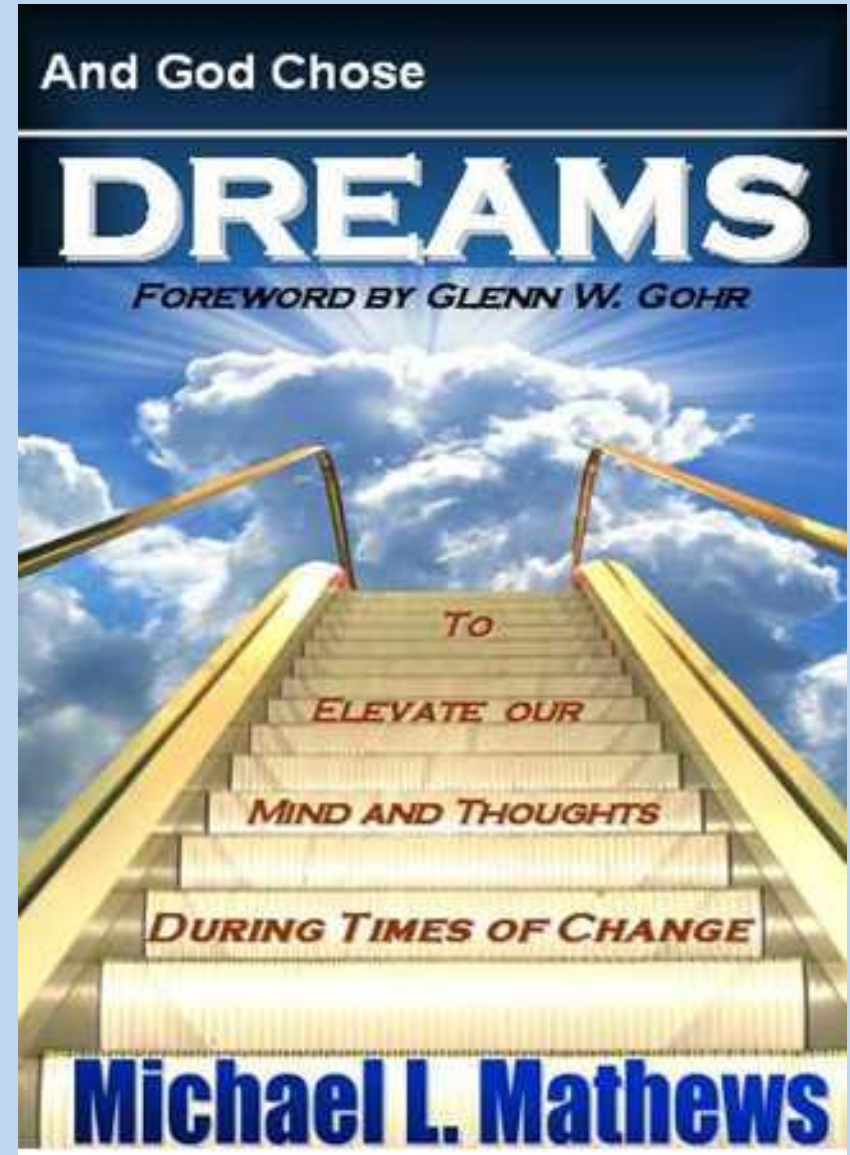



Running from Your Shadows into Your Perfect Reflection



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My own Reflection in Nov. 2011 – Science is catching up to God’s Word





In the Beginning God Created the Heavens and the Earth, and
the earth was without form, and void.

Genesis 1:1, 2a



**And the Spirit of God moved upon the
face of the water. Genesis 1:2b.**

And God said let there be light, and there was light, and God saw that the light and that it was good: And God divided the light from the darkness. And called the light day and the darkness he called night. **Genesis 1:4-5**



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





Validation in 4,000 BC

*In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the **windows of heaven were opened**. And the **rain** was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. [Genesis 7:11-12](#)*




Validation 2011

- Two teams of astronomers have discovered the largest and farthest reservoir of water ever detected in the universe. The water, equivalent to **140 trillion times** all the water in the world's ocean, surrounds a huge, feeding black hole, called a quasar, more than 12 billion light-years away.
- "The environment around this quasar is very unique in that it's producing this huge mass of water," said Matt Bradford, a scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "It's another demonstration that water is pervasive throughout the universe, even at the very earliest times." Bradford leads one of the teams that made the discovery. His team's research is partially funded by NASA and appears in the *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.



- **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. And God called the dry land Earth. Genesis 1:9-10**



**And God said Let us make man in
our image, after our likeness. And
let them have dominion over
everything on the earth. So God
created man in his own image, in
the image of God created he him.**

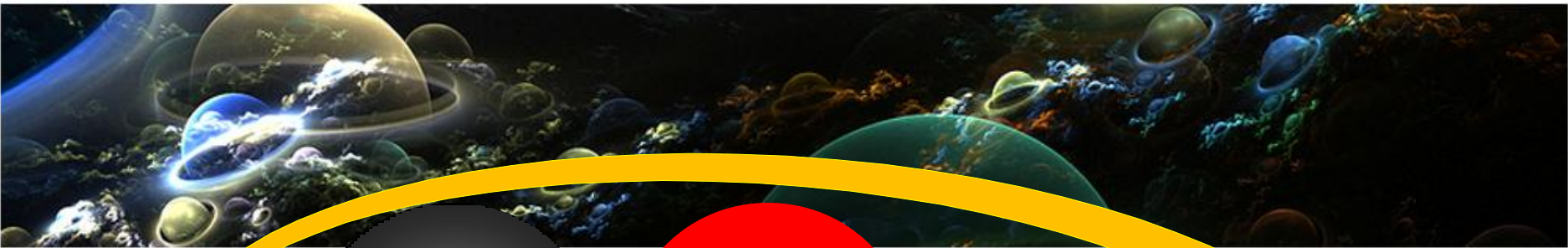
Genesis 1:26-27

A photograph capturing a baptism. A man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a simple green tunic, stands with his head bowed. Behind him, a man in a white robe is performing the baptism, with his hands on the man's shoulders. The background is a bright, clear blue sky. The text "Created in His Image (Reflection)" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white font.

**Created in His Image
(Reflection)**

This is He who came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. **1 John 5:6**





For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. **1 John 5:7**



The
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The
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Holy
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And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, the water, and the blood, and these agree in one. **1 John 5:7**



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**Remember the two Expanses of Water
(One above and one below heaven)**















God created us in His
image



Hallelujah – I was created in God's Image

WHAT ARE A FEW UNIQUE PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES OF WATER

- 1. The only element that can change into three properties**
- 2. One of the 'true' reflectors of full color and image**
- 3. One of the greatest conduits of 'transporting' light.**
- 4. One of the greatest conduits for energy travel**
- 5. One water molecule never leaves the earth of over 10**
- 6. billion years. Water circulates between atmospheres**
- 7. 60-70% of human bodies are made up of water**
- 8. 70% of the earth (above and below) is made up of water.**
- 9. 50% of blood is made up of water**
- 10. Water is the substance to physical life**
- 11. Multi-dimensional flow.**
- 12. One of only liquids that transports through Osmosis – travels in and out of cell membranes .**
- 13. Sound travels through water 4.5 x faster and much louder than in air.**
- 14. Gravitation pull from the moon – causes water to change direction (High Tide and Low Tide).**

WHAT ARE THE SPIRITUAL ATTRIBUTES OF WATER

- 1. Jesus' voice sounds like 'rushing water' before His return (Rev. 1:15)**
- 2. 37 Miracles performed with water**
- 3. Jesus able to change the properties of water**
- 4. Jesus bled 'water' and blood when pierced**
- 5. Jesus able to state that 'He who drinks of living water' will thirst no more.**
- 6. Out of you shall flow rivers of living water.**
- 7. Water expressed as the 'reflective nature of church, marriage and self.' (Ephesians 5).**
- 8. Jesus came by water and by blood.**
- 9. Jesus knew the uniqueness of water properties that science is still learning today.**
- 10. Water, Blood, and The Spirit are the three living elements that are in agreement on earth.**
- 11. God used water as reflective means to defeat the enemies of Isreal**



1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror indirectly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I have been fully known.

2 Corinthians 10:1

You are looking at outward appearances. If anyone is confident that he belongs to Christ, he should **reflect** on this again: Just as he himself belongs to Christ, so too do we.

What are the Spiritual Attributes of Water

Proverbs 27:19

As in water the face is reflected as a face, so a person's heart reflects the person.





II Corinthians 3:18

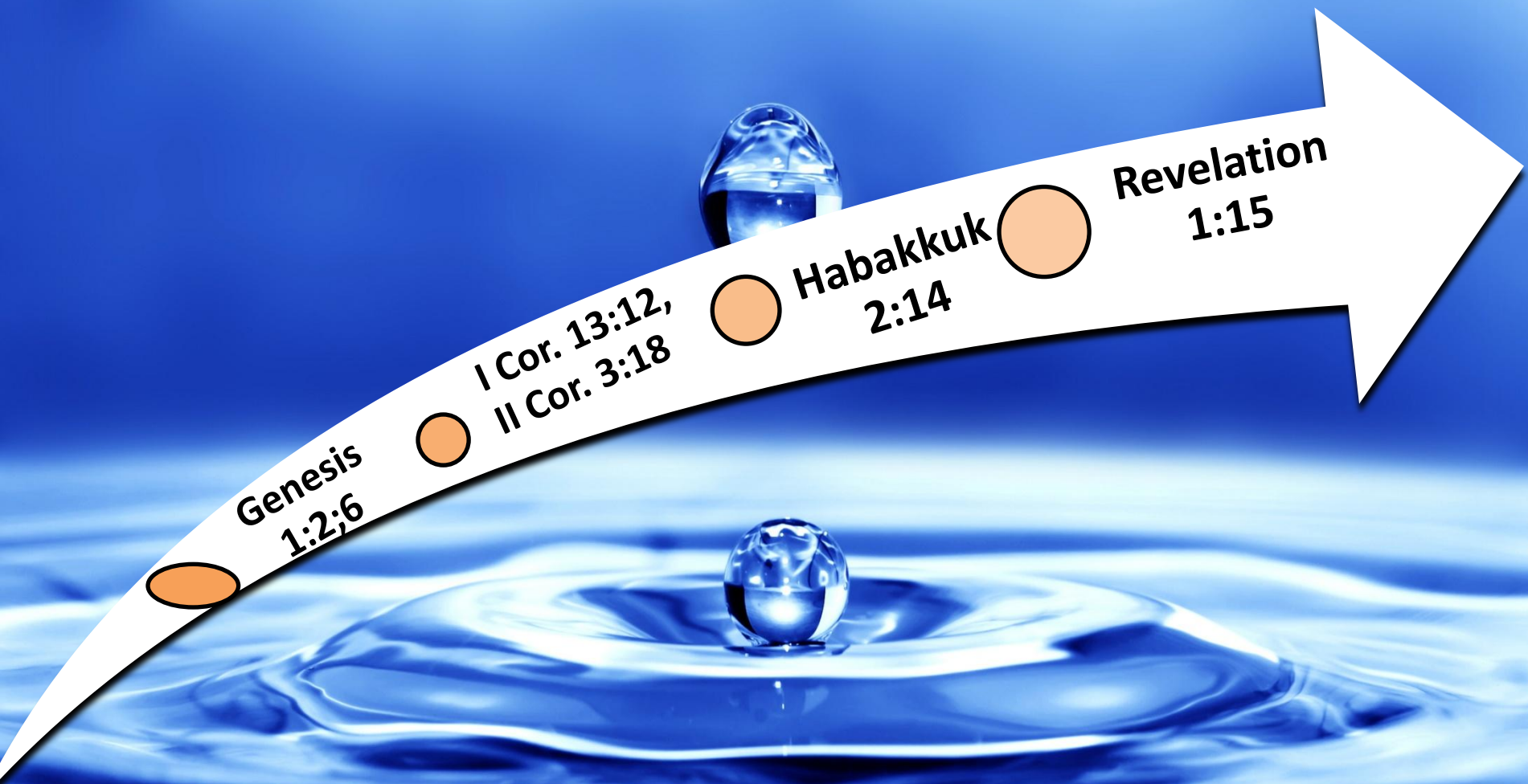
But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
(NASB)





Habakkuk 2:14

For the entire earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD; as the waters cover the sea.



1. Am I making this message about water? No!



2. Is water the mystery of the Bible? No

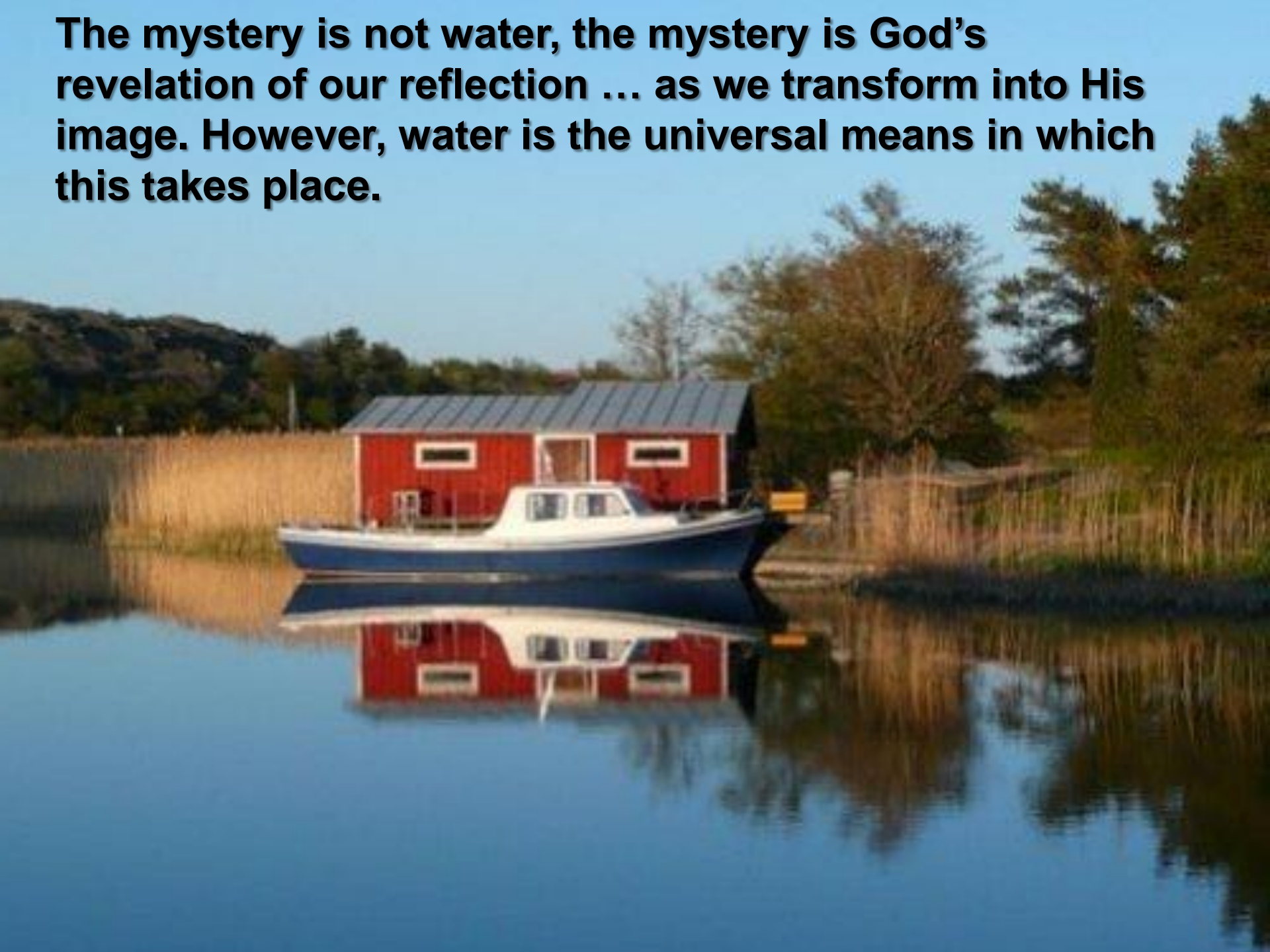
The real message is about ‘Shadows’ and ‘Reflections;’ but you must understand the properties of water in order to see the reflection. And, it requires faith to see God, please God, and see yourself in God (Christ).

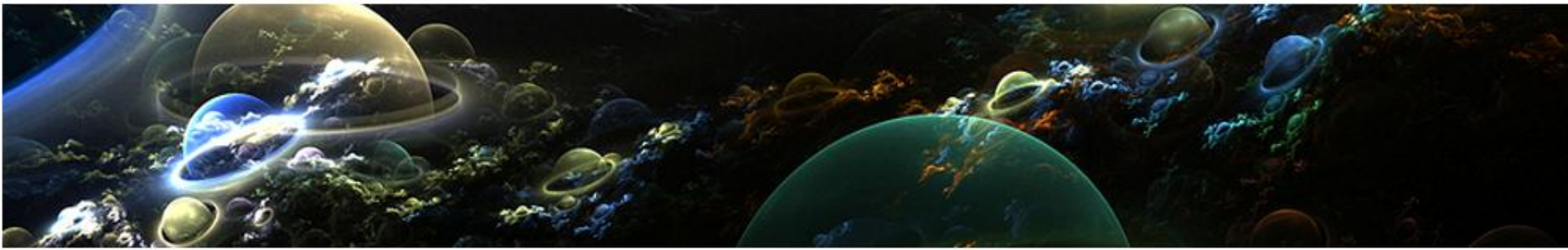


“Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven,” is created by the duplicate reflection between heaven and earth.



The mystery is not water, the mystery is God's revelation of our reflection ... as we transform into His image. However, water is the universal means in which this takes place.

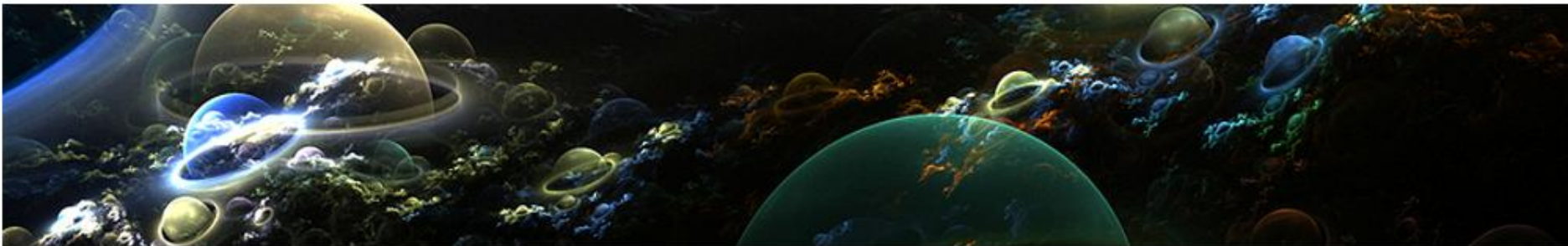




(Ephesians 5:32-33)

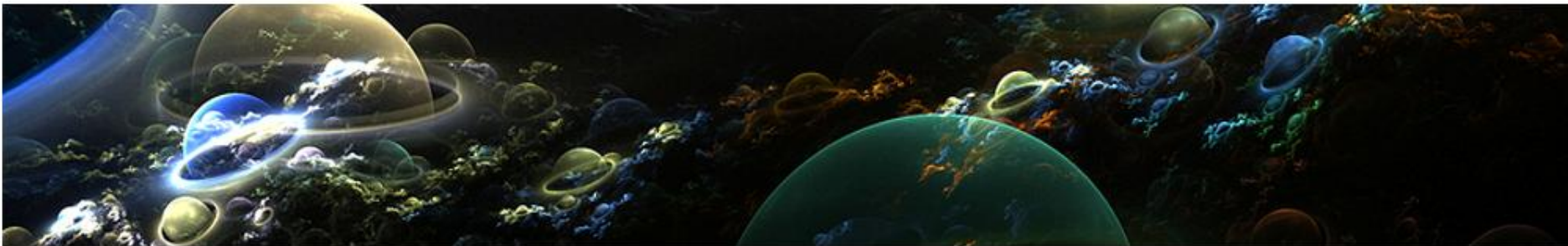
This mystery is great – but I am actually speaking with reference to Christ and the church. Nevertheless each one of you must also love his own wife as he loves (sees) himself and the wife must respect her husband.

- Every great marriage requires the husband and wife to see the ‘image’ or ‘reflection’ of who they are, and who their spouse is. This requires a healthy self-reflection , because what you see in yourself, effects what you see in the other person.



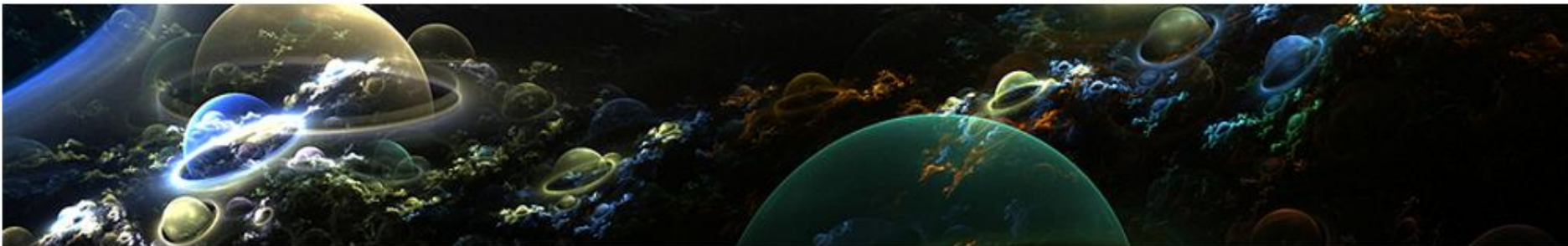
The Mystery Decoded

For no one has ever hated his own body but he feeds it and takes care of it, just as Christ also does the church, for we are members of his body.
(Ephesians 5:29-30)



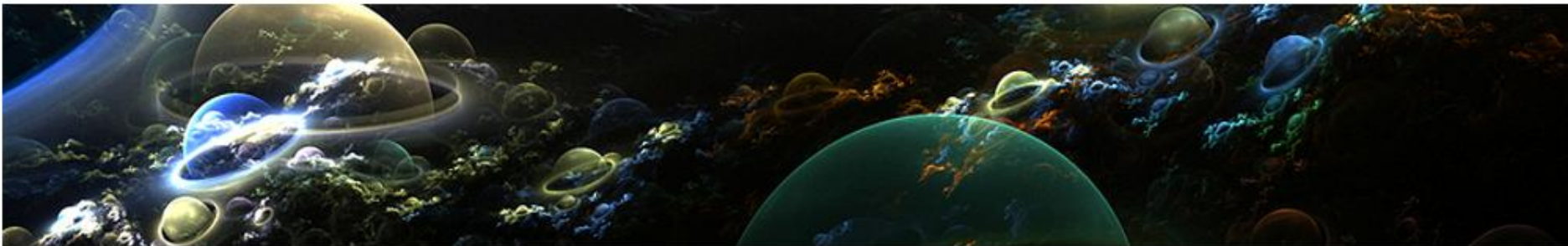
The Mystery Decoded

Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her to sanctify her by cleansing her with the **washing of the water by the word**, so that he may present the church to himself as glorious – not having a stain or wrinkle, or any such blemish, but holy and blameless
(Ephesians 5:25-27)



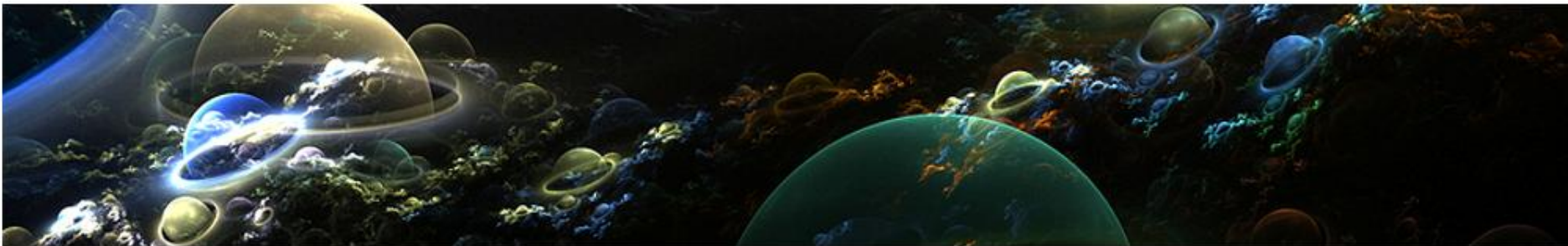
The Mystery Decoded

Now a certain man, a Pharisee named Nicodemus, who was a member of the Jewish ruling council, came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus replied, “I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter his mother’s womb and be born a second time, can he? **(John 3:1-4)**



The Mystery Decoded

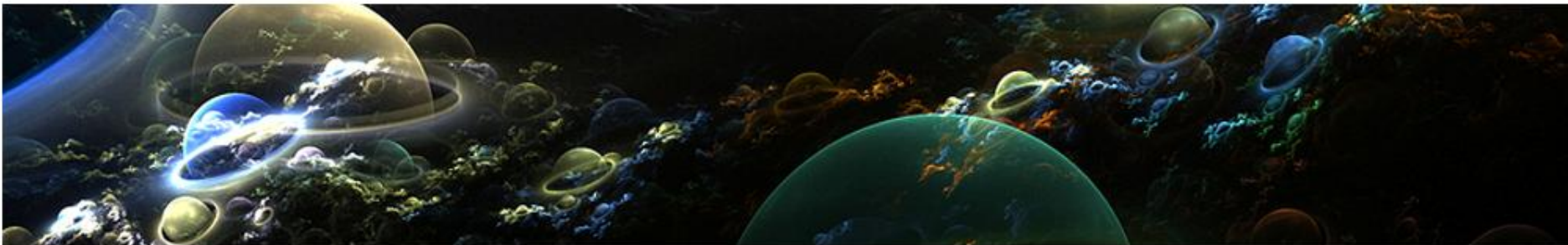
Jesus answered, “I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must all be born from above.’ The wind blows wherever it will, and you hear the sound it makes, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. **(John 3:5-8)**



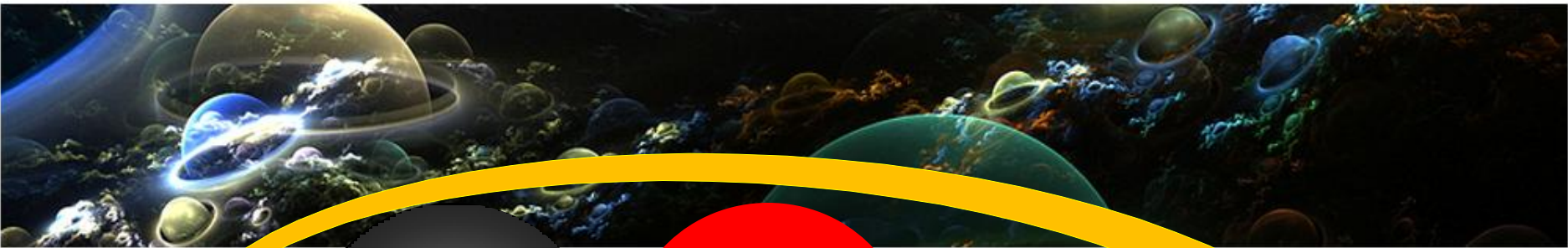
The Mystery Decoded

Nicodemus replied, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you don’t understand these things? I tell you the solemn truth, we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony. If I have told you people about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

(John 3:9-12)



**The Mystery Decoded
Whose the 'We' in the
discourse with Jesus
and Nicodemus?**



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**The
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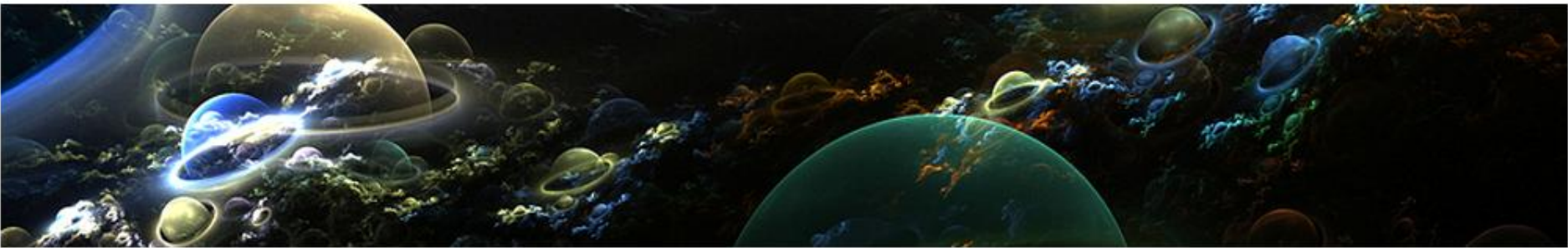
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**The
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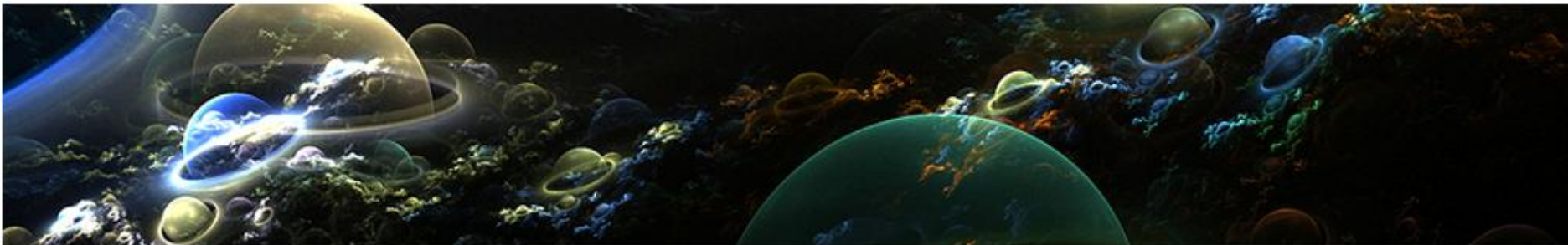
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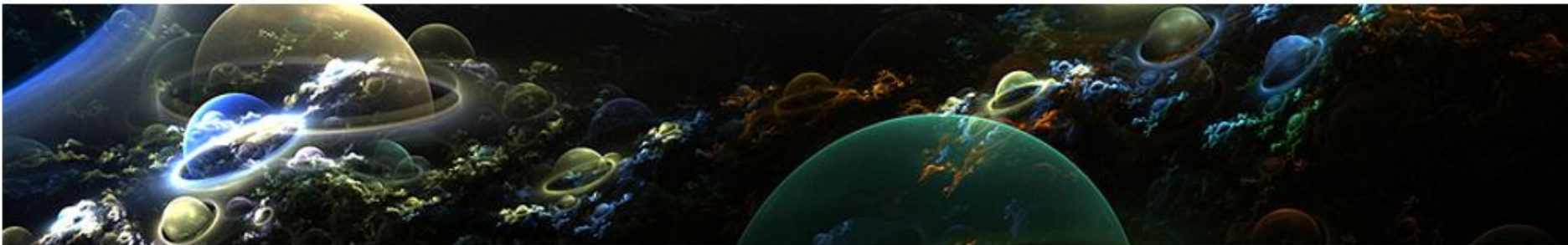


I tell you the solemn truth
unless a man be born of the
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enter the Kingdom of God.

John 3:5



Water is the property on both earth and heaven that allows a 'person' to see the reflection of their Savior, and that reflection of their savior in themselves. In other words – it is Christ seen in me?

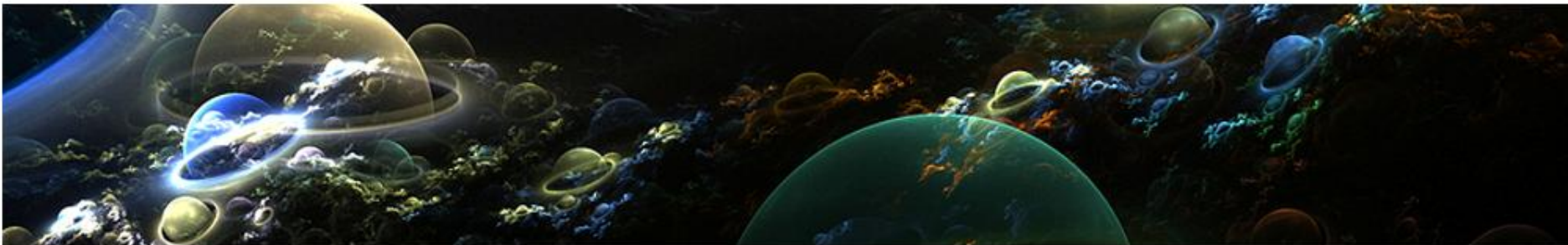


For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Gal. 3:27

for you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Col. 3:3

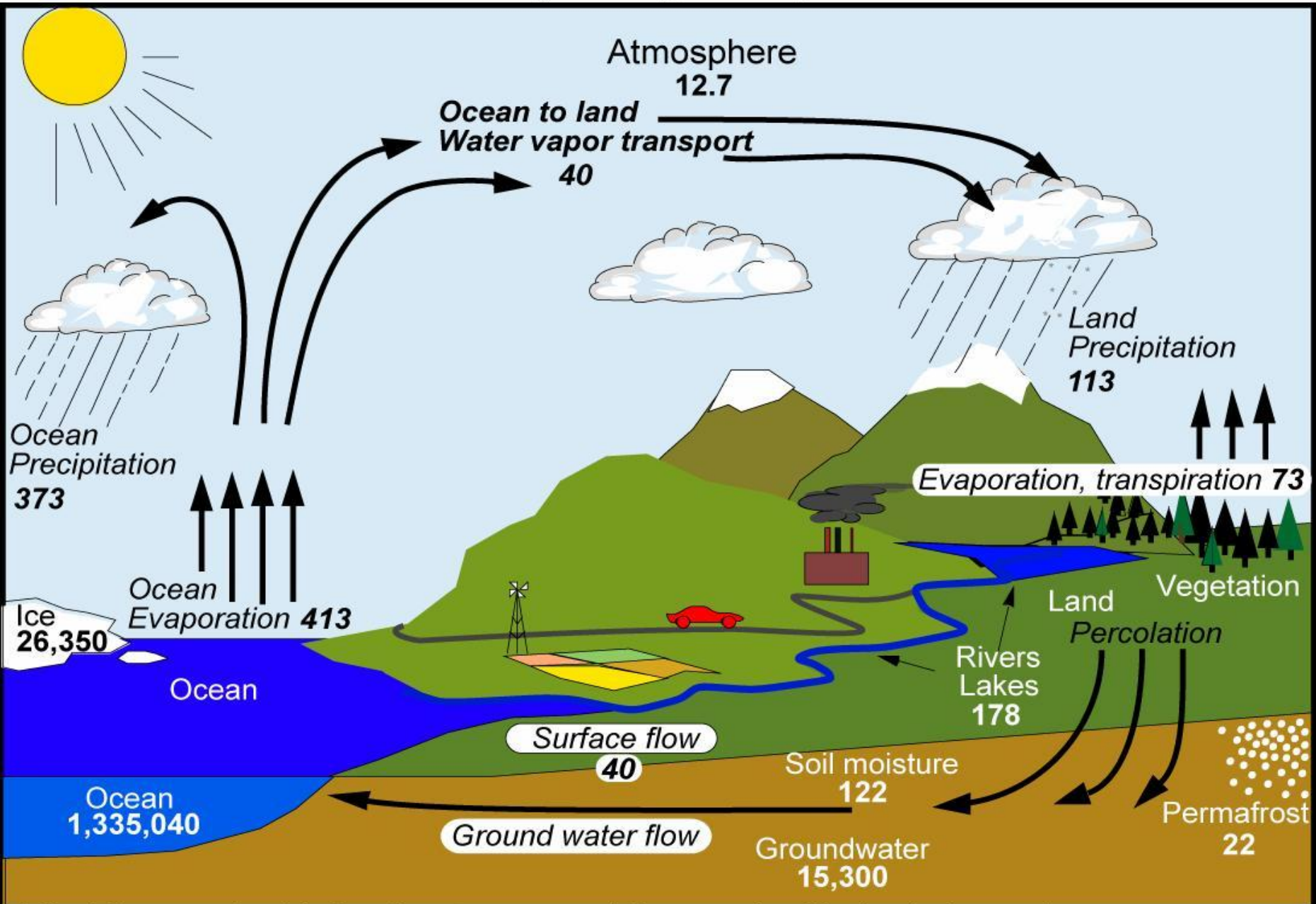
For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith. Gal. 3:26

For you are Christ's body, and each of you is a member of it. 1. Cor. 12:27

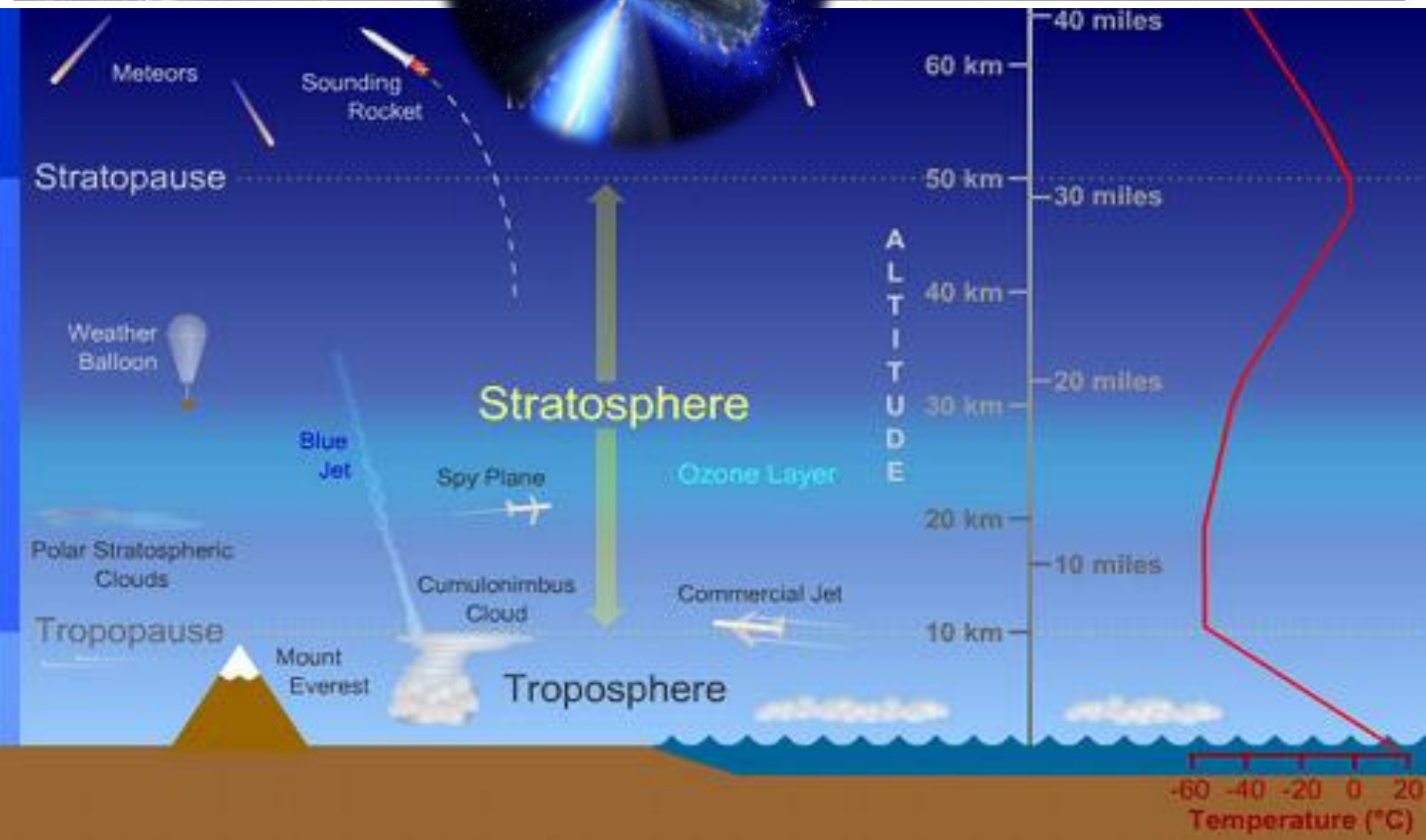


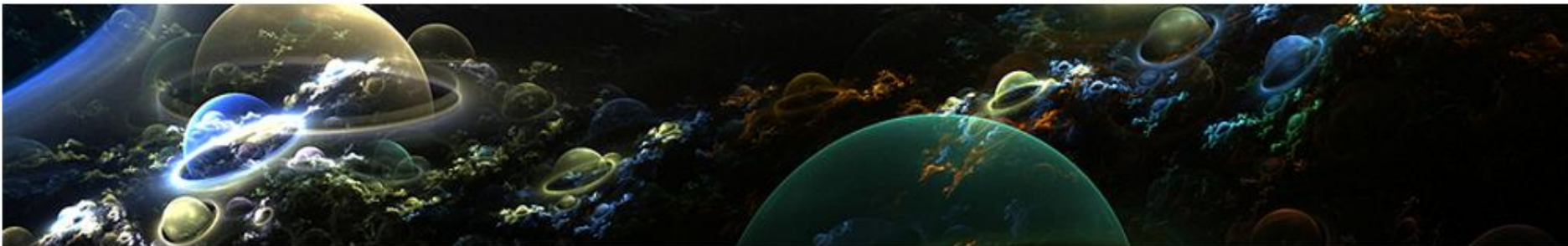
This is why Jesus died and both blood and water come out! That water and that blood never disappear as known by God and now science.

Hydrological Cycle

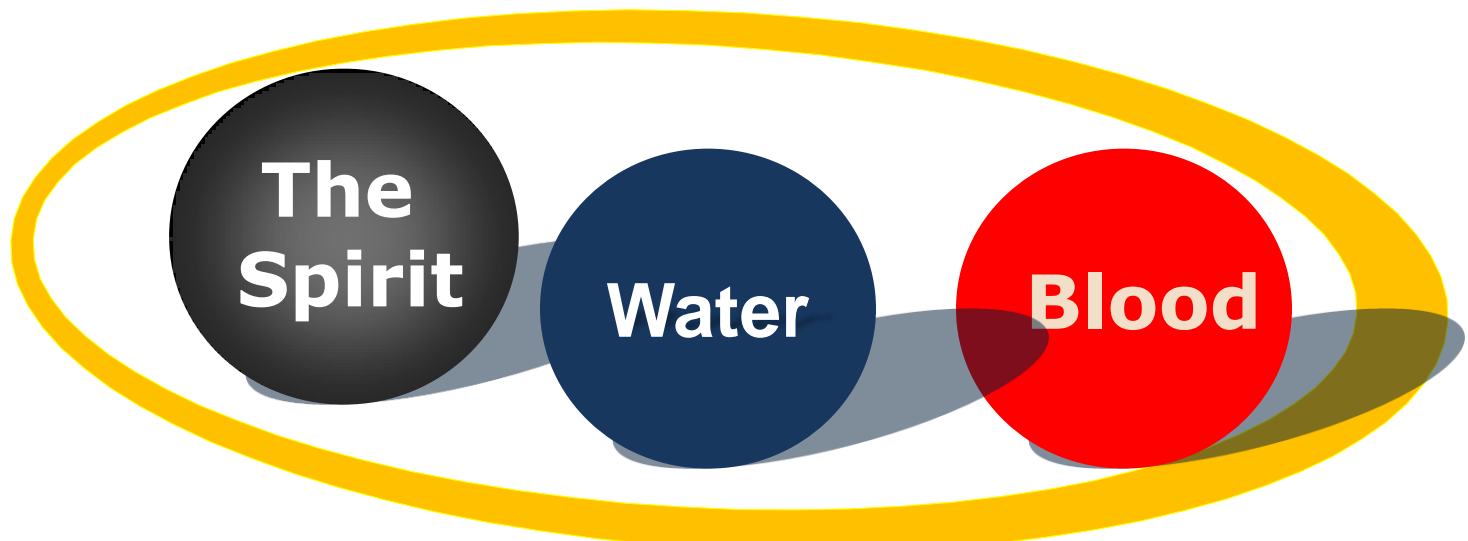


Units: Thousand cubic km for storage, and *thousand cubic km/yr* for exchanges





This is also why it is the 'Spirit, Blood, Water, and Spirit' that are the witnesses on earth and they are in agreement!



Shadows are useful, but are only figures or reflections of the truth





Reflections In Kansas City

(AP) July 21, 2010 - A flight carrying 255 passengers and 10 crew members from the Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles was diverted to Denver after encountering severe turbulence over Kansas Tuesday night that resulted in numerous injuries. According to the Denver Health Medical Center, a total of 21 people were taken to hospitals and 1 other was treated at the airport.

By Associated Press — Associated Press

July 21, 2010

Kansas City, Mo. — Engineers say it could take months to repair a busy Kansas City highway ramp after part of it collapsed. The ramp was closed Saturday afternoon when the pavement collapsed. The resulting 34-foot-wide hole could be as much as 200 feet long.



Shadow/Reflection

Psa 144:4 People are like a vapor, their days like a **shadow** that disappears.

1Ch 29:15 For we are resident foreigners and nomads in your presence, like all our ancestors; our days are like a **shadow** on the earth, without security.

Col 2:14, 15, 17 ... Christ nailed the handwriting of ordinances to the Cross – He made a show openly, triumphing over them in it ... these are only the **shadow** of the things to come, but the reality is Christ!



Shadow/Reflection

Luke 1:79-80 “To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the *shadow* of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. And the child (Jesus) grew , and waxed strong in spirit...”

Mat 4:16 “The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, and on those who sit in the region and *shadow* of death a light has dawned.”

Act 5:15 Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets, and put them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his *shadow* would fall on some of them.



Shadows Leading to the Truth

Heb 10:1;6 For the law possesses a *shadow* of the good things to come but not the reality itself, and is therefore completely unable, by the same sacrifices offered continually, year after year, to perfect those who come to worship. Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.

Hebrews 8:5 They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.



Shadows Leading to the Truth

Hebrews 9:23 -24: It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, **a mere copy of the true one**, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;



Shadows have appeared in many places. Many shadows have been used for a period of time; but the truth is starting to be seen more clearly, causing the shadows to disappear.

Light and Glory



The higher that Glory and Light shine, the more that 'truth' and 'purity' are reflected.

The greatest ways to distract God's Story from being My Story

- Distort my reflection of being created in the image of God.
- Throw figures of the truth in my path, that prevent my true reflection from being seen.
- Distort my time and value to my generation from being clear.

