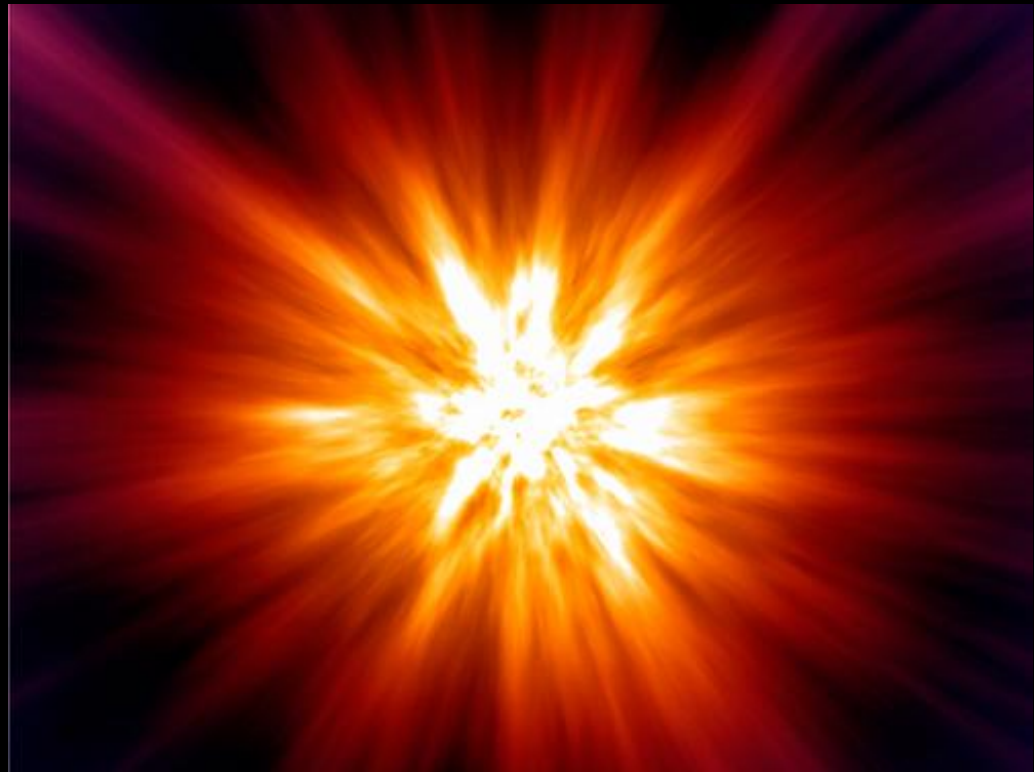


In the beginning...

there was darkness

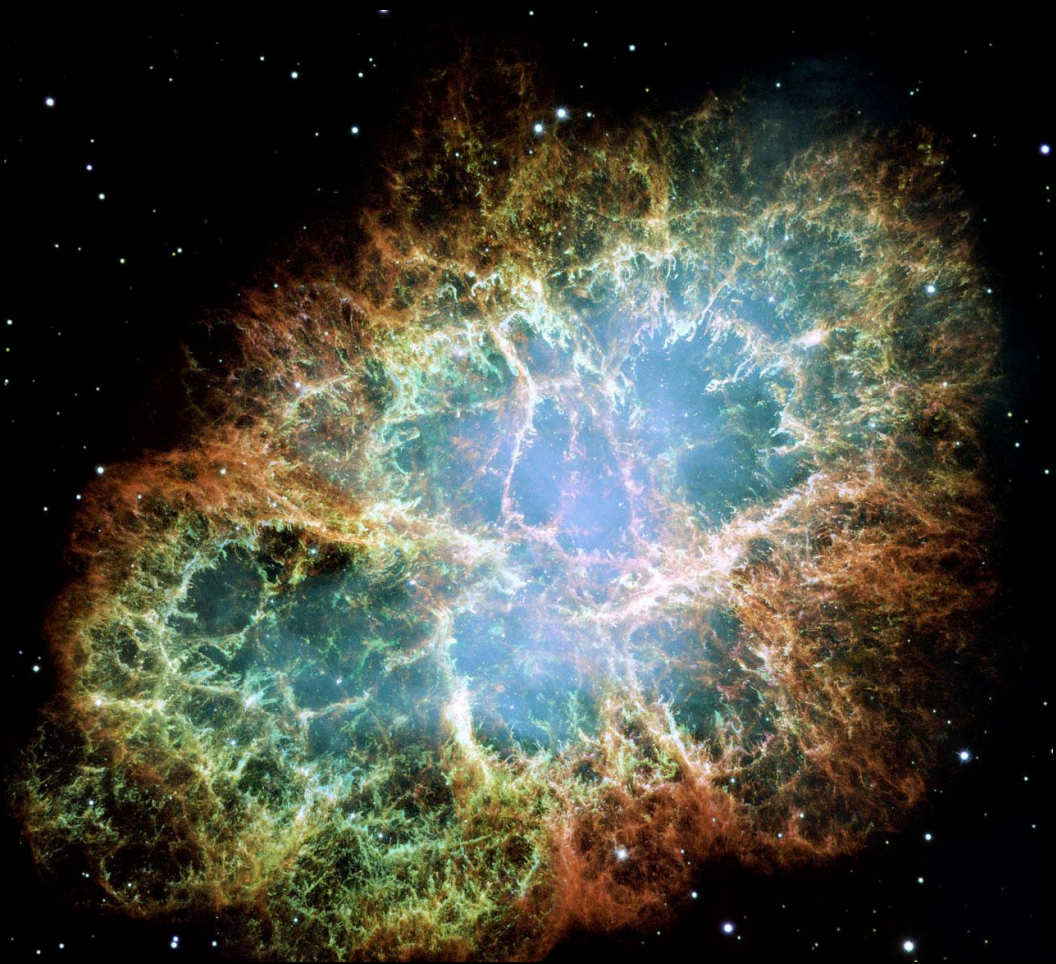
God,
the creator spirit,
was alive and
breathed into the darkness

About 14 billion years ago
the so-called Big Bang event
occurred



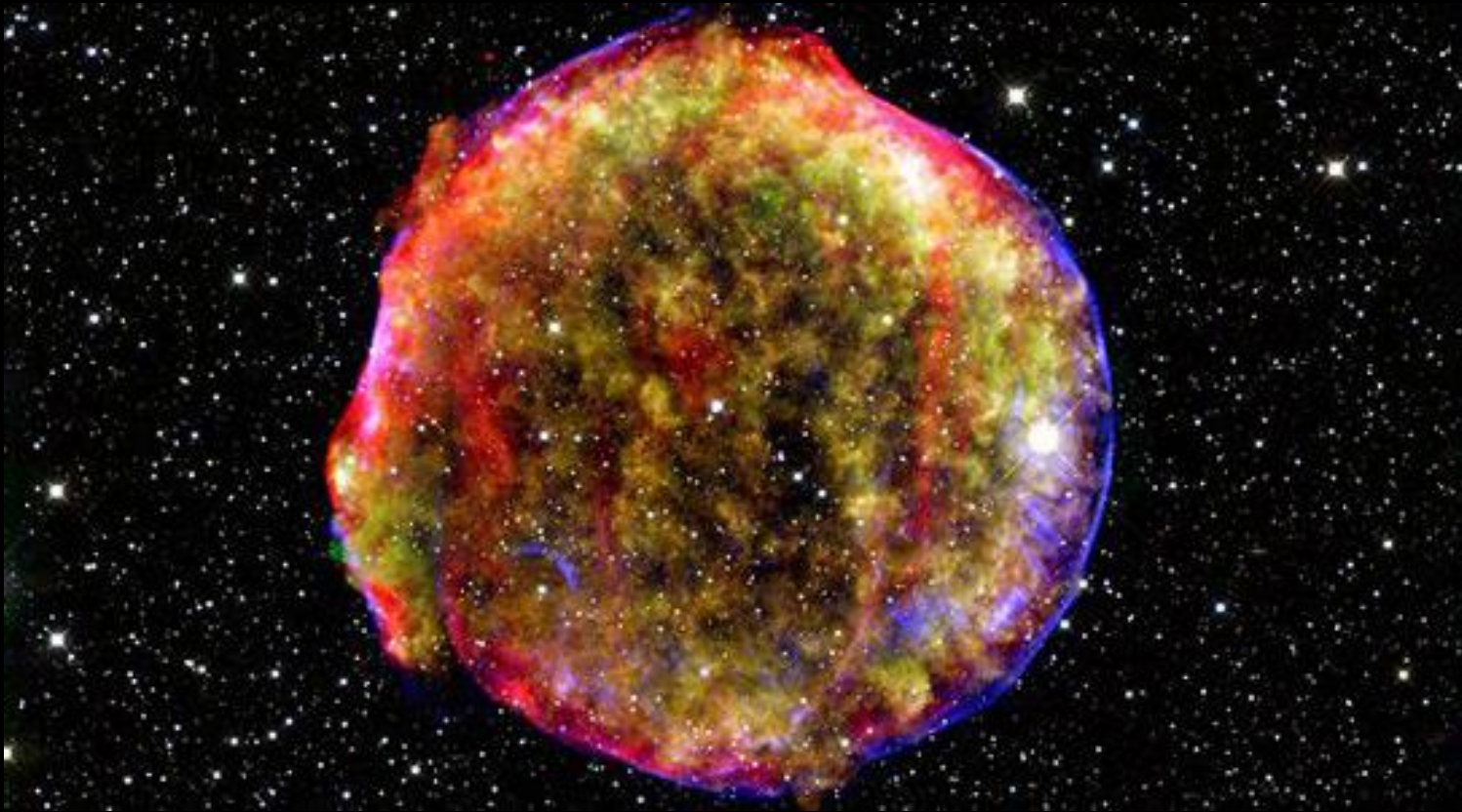
And God saw it was good

All matter and energy
poured into the universe



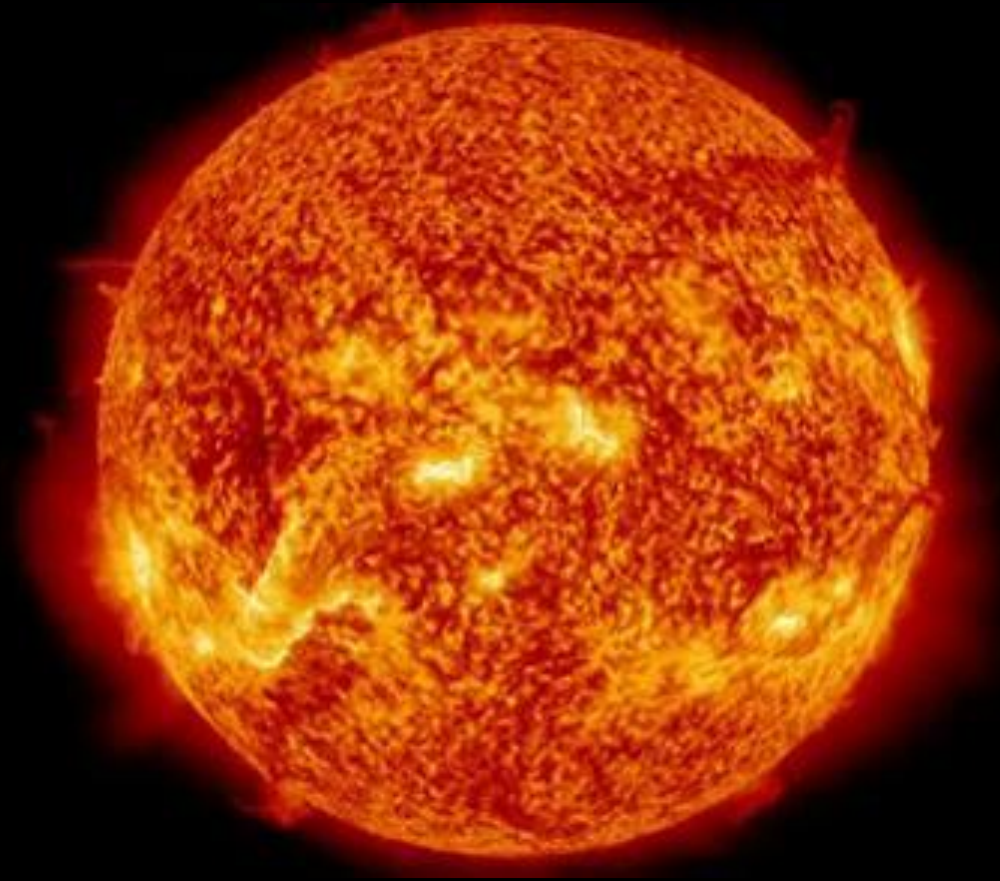
And God saw it was good

About 10 billion years ago
some of the first stars collapsed
in spectacular supernovas



And God saw it was good

Some dust and gas from a supanova
condensed and reignited to become
our sun



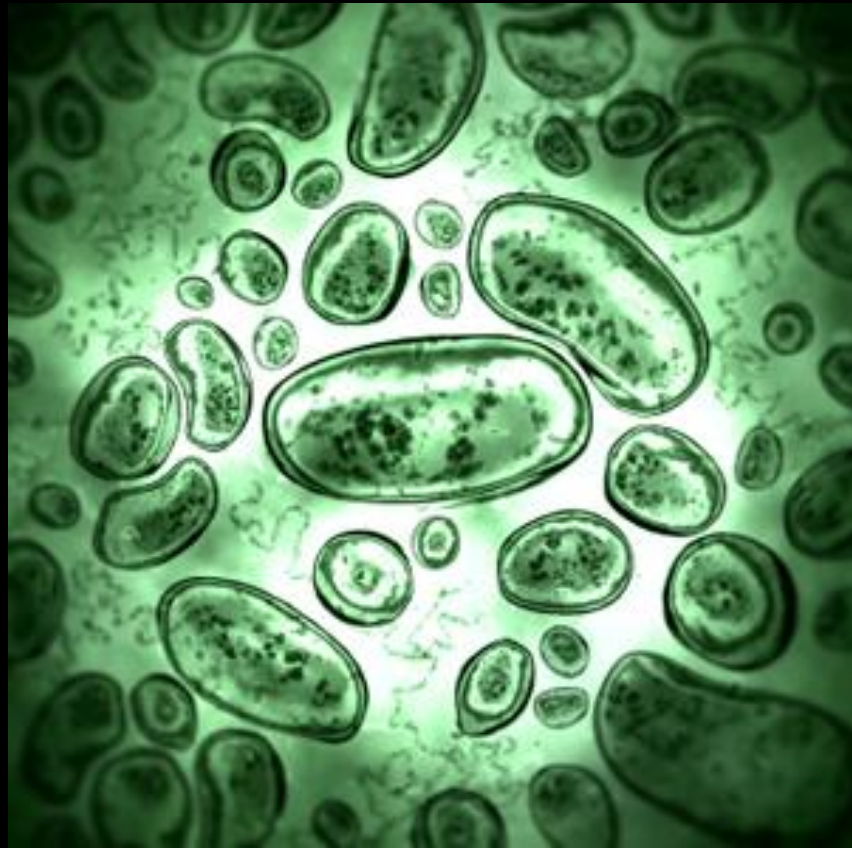
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Other clusters of dust collided and fused and eventually formed the planets of our solar system



And God saw it was good

About 4 billion years ago
life began on our earth – in the
form of bacteria



And God saw it was good

The next life forms were fish,
then land plants, then amphibians,
then reptiles



And God saw it was good

About 300 million years ago
dinosaurs evolved



And God saw it was good

About 200 million years ago
mammals evolved



And God saw it was good

About 200 thousand years ago
homosapiens evolved



And God saw it was good

About 60 thousand years ago
Aboriginal people arrived in Australia



And God saw it was good

Over the years humans have grown
in knowledge and skill
working with the natural world



And God saw it was good

Humans can also work against
the natural world



And God saw it all

God's very nature is to bring forth life.



From the beginning and even now God looks upon the marvels of life with the eyes of a loving and proud parent.

*We pray that humans,
just one of the results of
God's long creative process,
may see creation as God does.*

*We pray that we will work with God
to nurture life on our
precious planet –
our God given home.*

