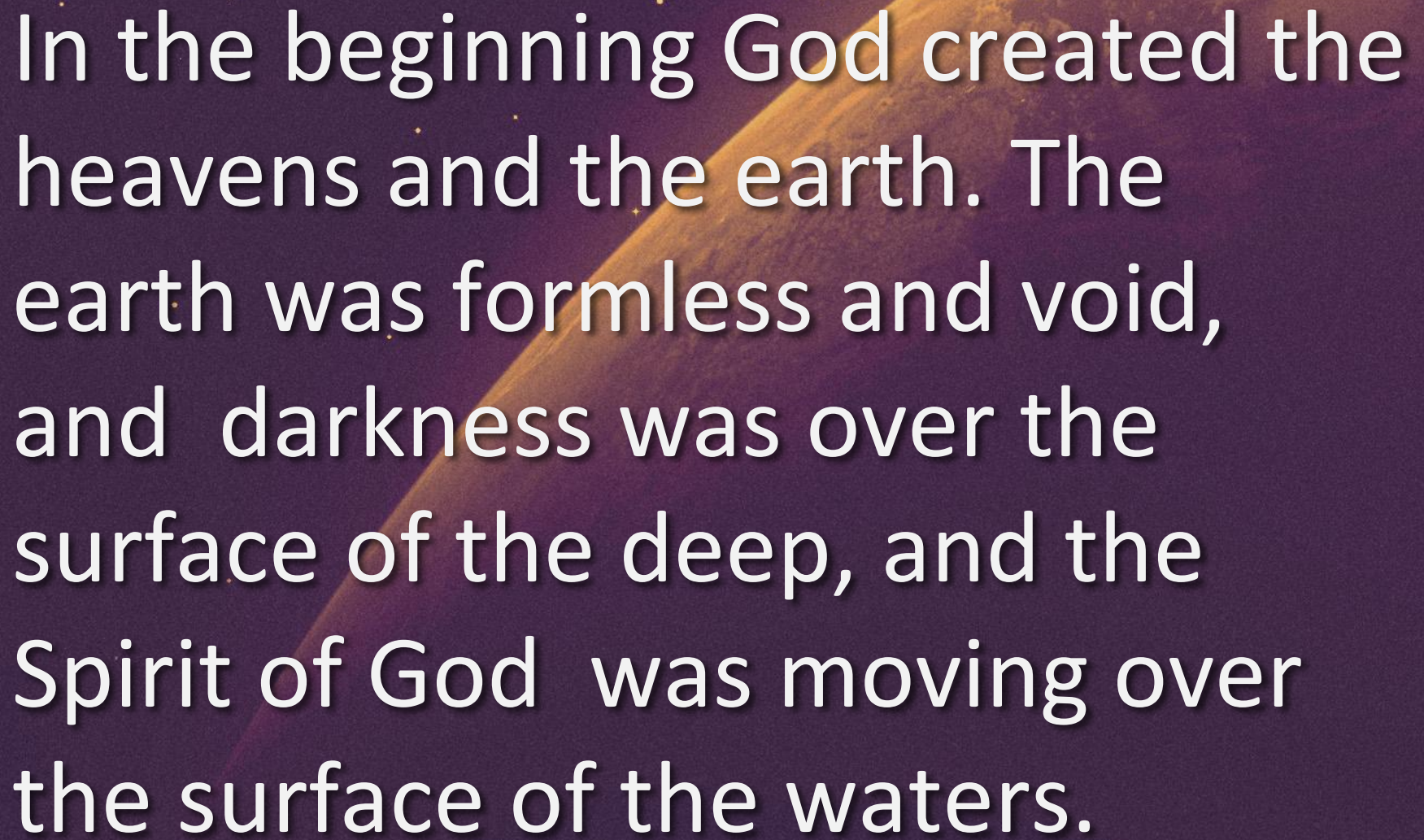


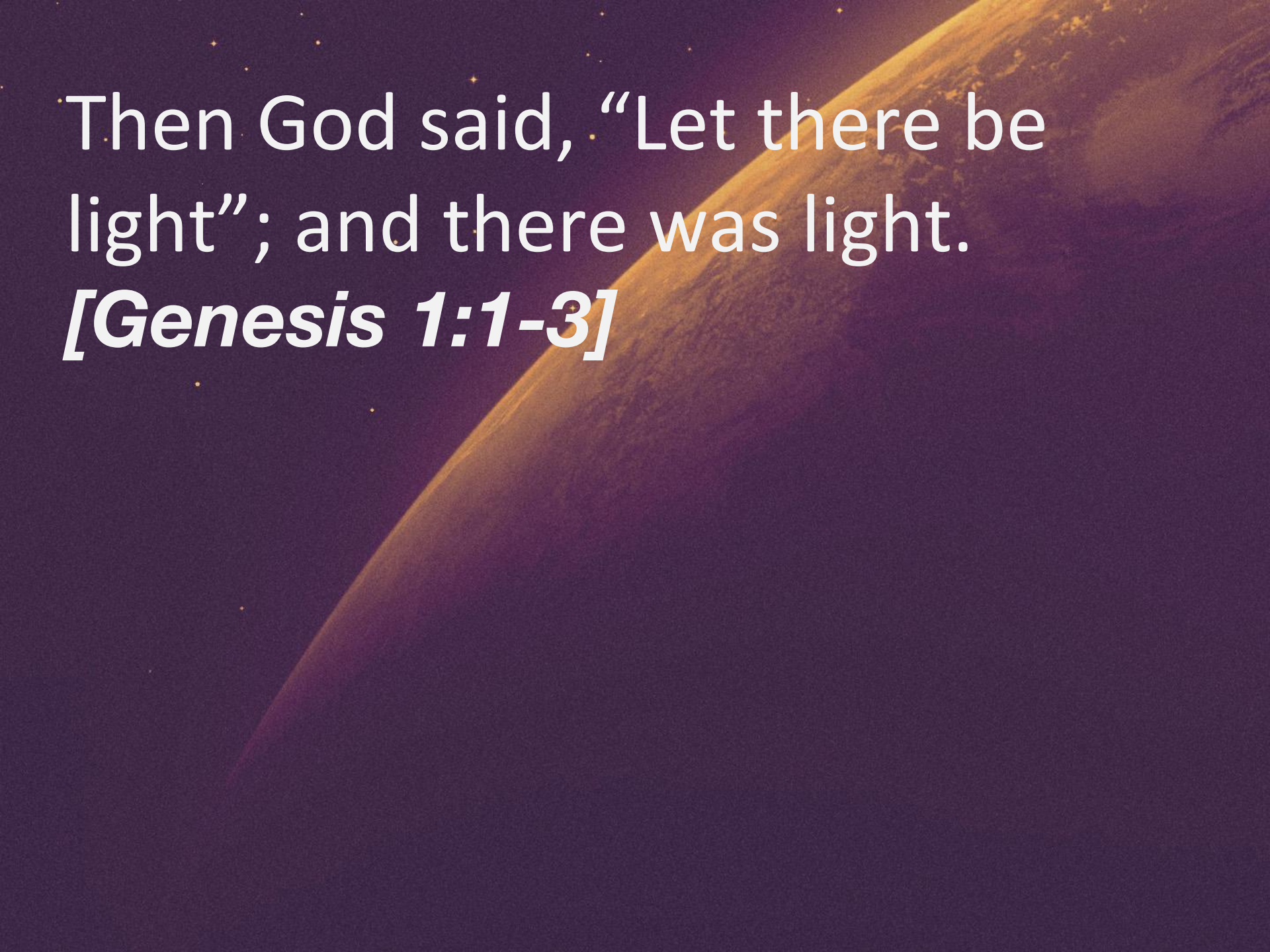
GENESIS

THE UPPER AND LOWER STORY

**Creation: Why Are We
Here?**

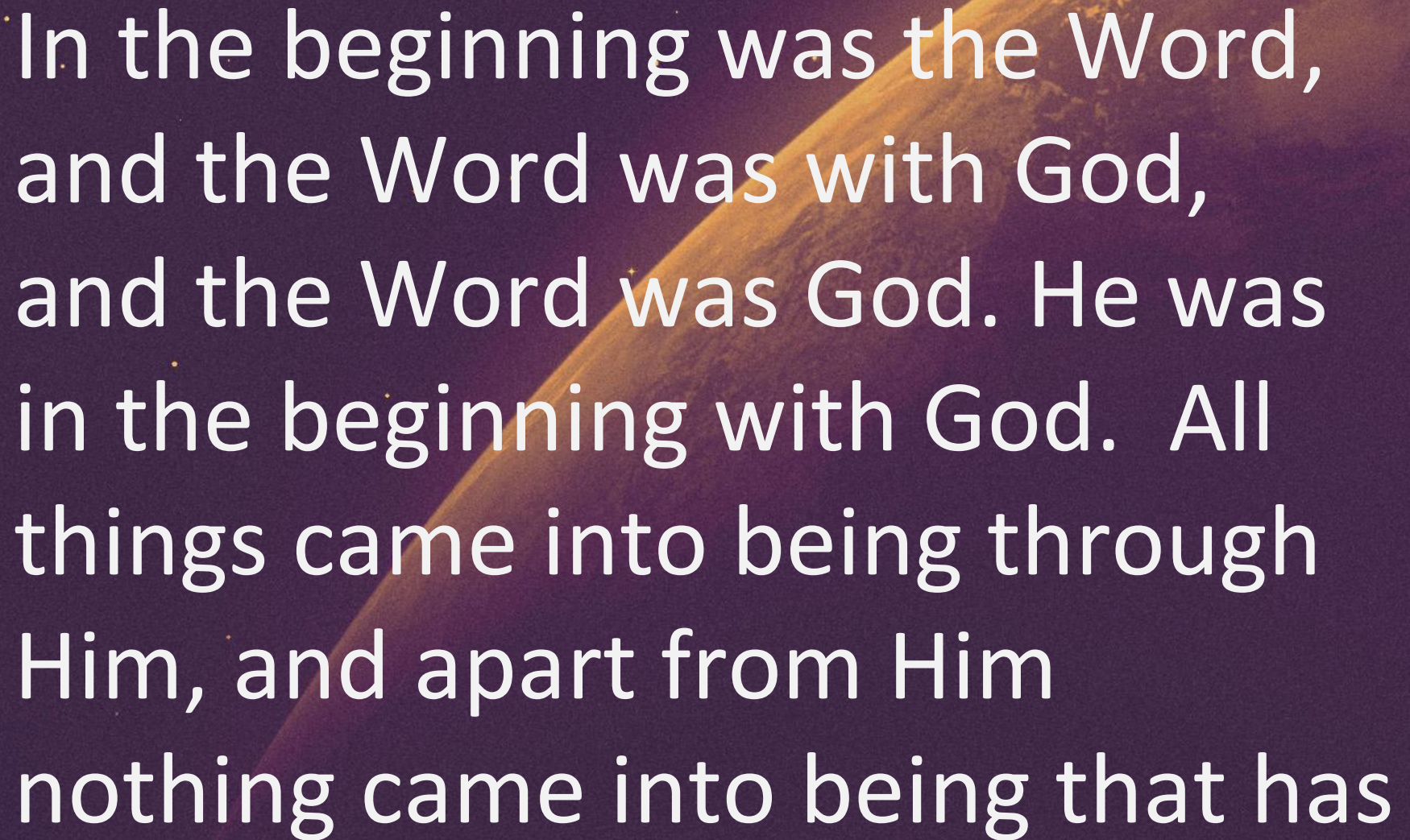
A view of the Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet against a dark, starry background. The Earth's surface is illuminated from the right, showing the horizon and the atmosphere. The background is a deep purple and blue, dotted with small white stars.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

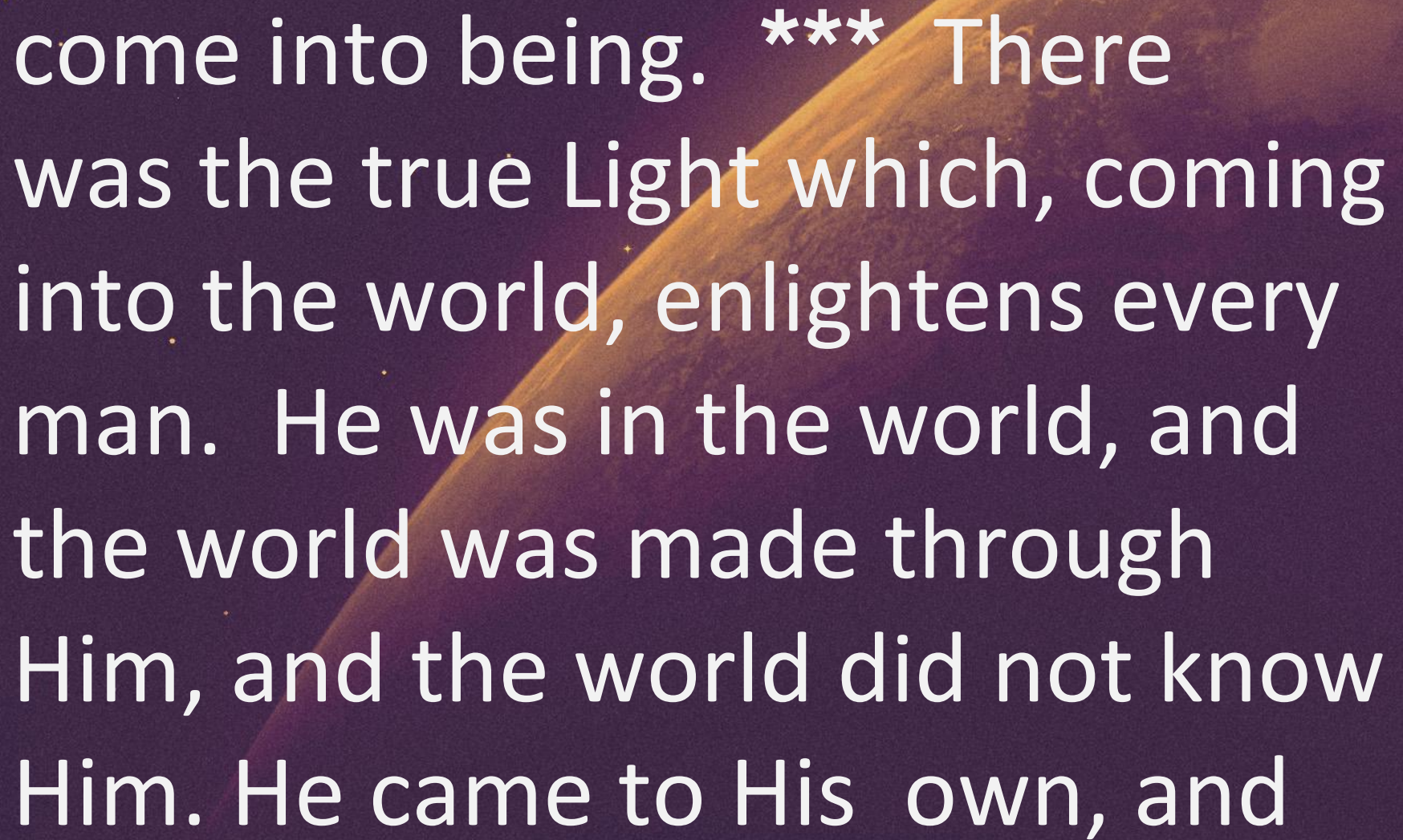


Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

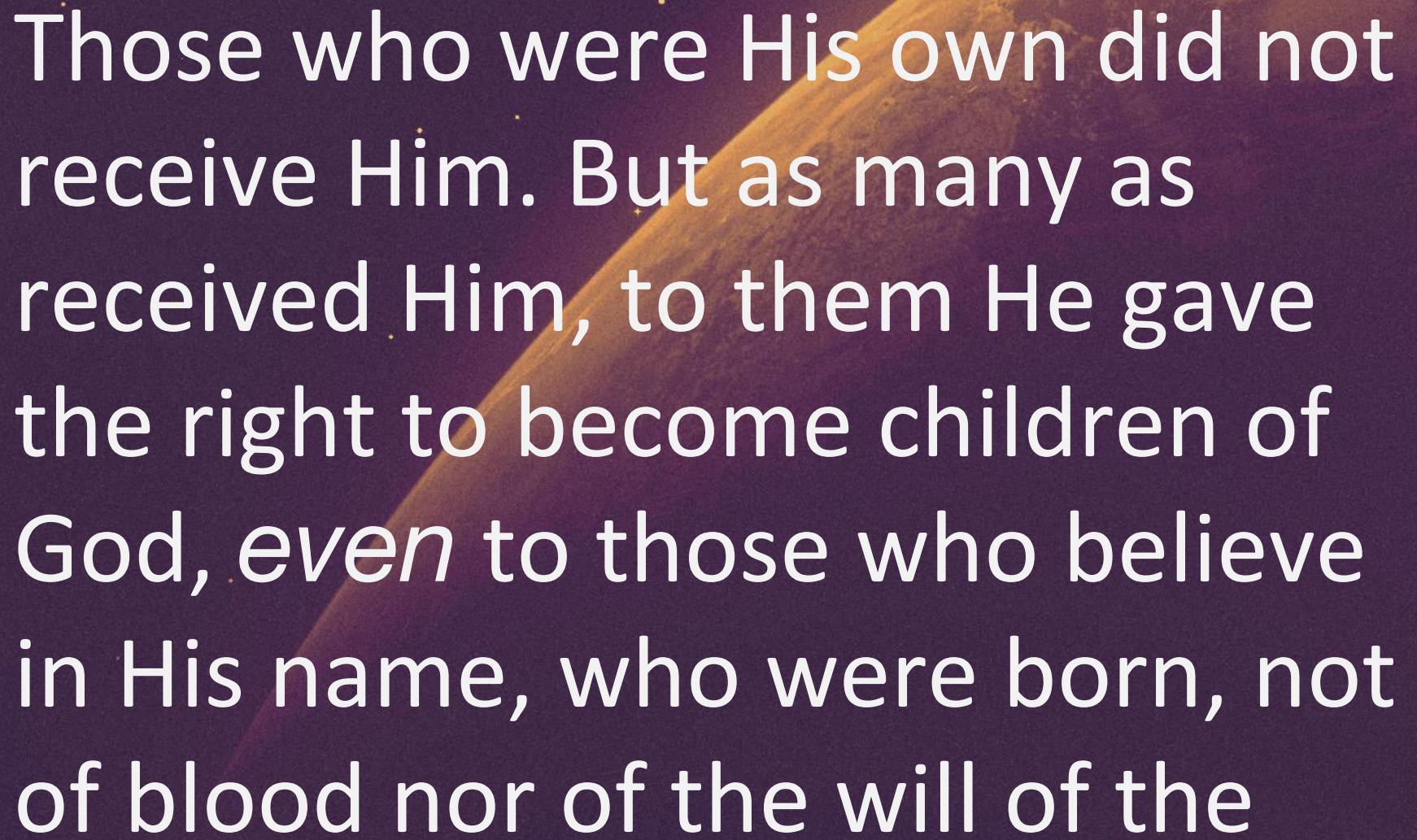
[Genesis 1:1-3]



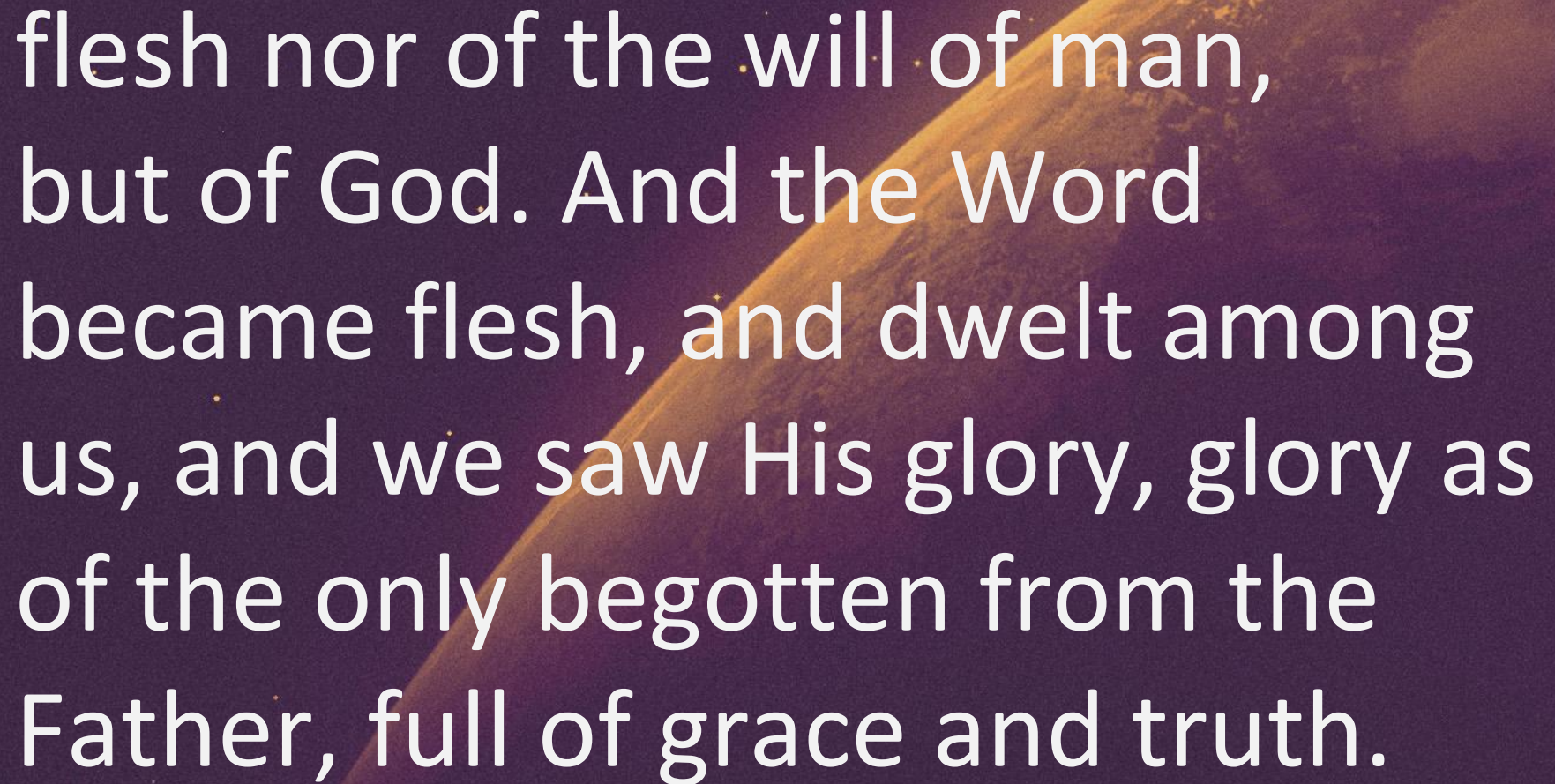
In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was
in the beginning with God. All
things came into being through
Him, and apart from Him
nothing came into being that has

The background of the image shows a curved horizon of a planet, likely Earth, with a warm orange and yellow glow. The rest of the background is a deep purple and blue space filled with numerous small, bright stars.

come into being. *** There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and



Those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the



flesh nor of the will of man,
but of God. And the Word
became flesh, and dwelt among
us, and we saw His glory, glory as
of the only begotten from the
Father, full of grace and truth.

[John 1:1-3, 9-14]

* Genesis answers the WHY question

1) WHO am I? (Man's NATURE)

2) WHY am I here? (Man's PURPOSE)

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“Science vs. Faith”

- Rupert Sheldrake, *The Science Delusion*
- Eric Metals WSJ 12-25-2014
(*Science Increasingly Makes the Case for God*)

1) WHO am I? (NATURE)

- Created in God's IMAGE
- God BREATHED life into Man
- **DUAL / Disfigured Nature**
[Corrupted by Fall]

2) WHY am I here? (PURPOSE)

- One word: Relationship
- “And the man and his wife were both naked and unashamed.”

3) How do I FULFILL my purpose?

- It's not about you - what you do. It's about God and what **He has done**
- LISTEN [*"Obey" = Listen*]

Truth: Objective or Subjective?