

# Genesis 1:1

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*Thandeka*

**W**hen God began to recreate the heavens and the earth in the year 2000 CE, darkness was everywhere in the United States. Most Americans worked long hours at demeaning jobs that destroyed the environment. Personal debt was endemic and a pervasive feeling of failure and despair engulfed every heart. As God's spirit moved over the face of this Deep, a stillness fell upon the heart of every woman and man. And God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. And everywhere, men and women now had insight as they peered into the void in the midst of their own lives. They saw their regret, felt a profound sense of loss and meaninglessness, but did not turn away. Instead, every woman and man had a clear idea of what must be done: repair their lives.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind." The people began to organize themselves collectively to support a sustainable environment where decent jobs, excellent schools, and expanded social benefits were available for all. Campaign finance reform legislation was passed, new taxes for the top .05 percent of the population became law; a national health care system for all Americans was established and celebrated, a revitalization of urban and rural centers began, decent affordable housing was built.

So God created humankind anew, male and female God created them, and blessed them saying, "Don't subdue the earth; sustain it." And the people did this because they now had vision. And God, at long last, could rest.