

Sikhism



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Success Criteria

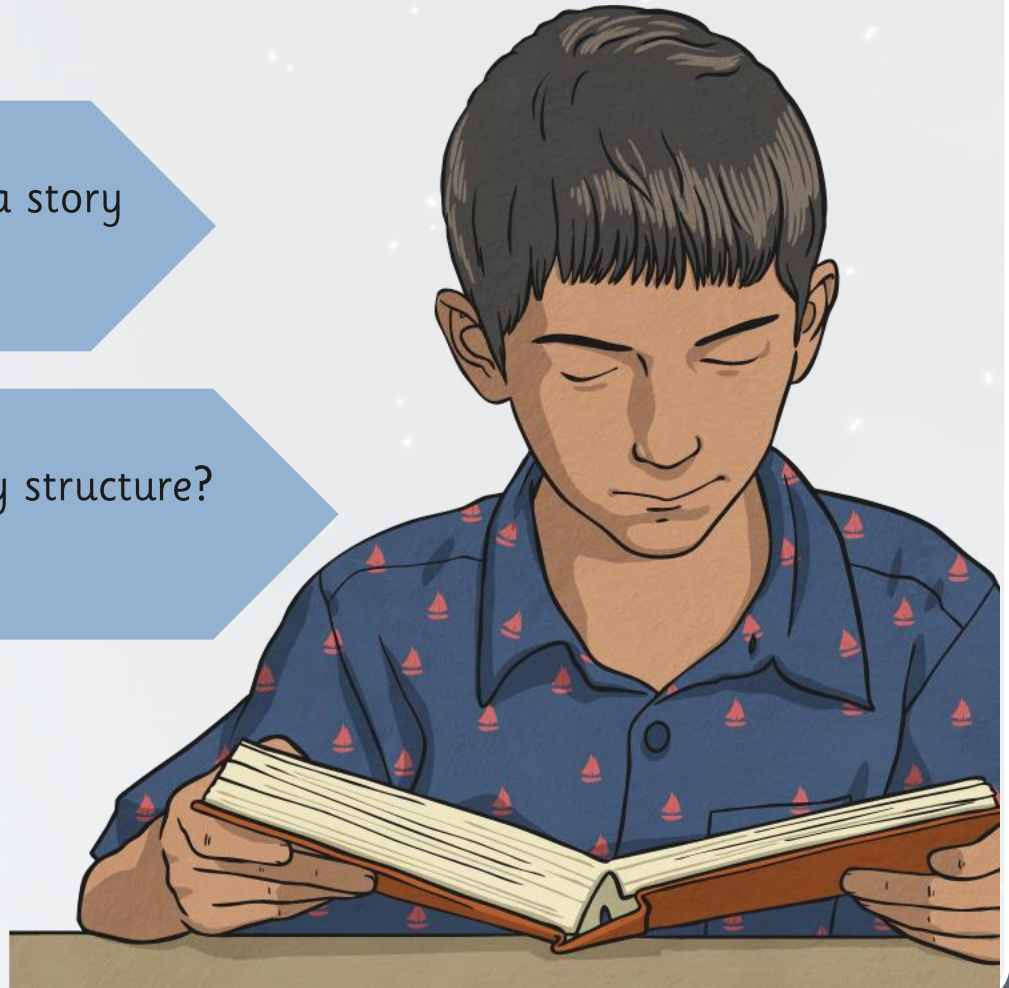
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- I can demonstrate understanding of Sikh beliefs about creation.

Story or Description?



What is the difference between a story and a description?

Do creation stories fit the story structure?
Why? Why not?



Sikhism and Creation

In the Sikh holy book, the Guru Granth Sahib, creation is described by the Gurus but it is not a creation story similar to those found in Abrahamic religions or Hinduism.

Creation Stories	Sikh Description
Sequence of Events	No sequence
Sometimes refer to days (e.g. Judeo-Christian creation story)	No reference to days or time it took to for God to create.
Order of creation outlined	No order is outlined

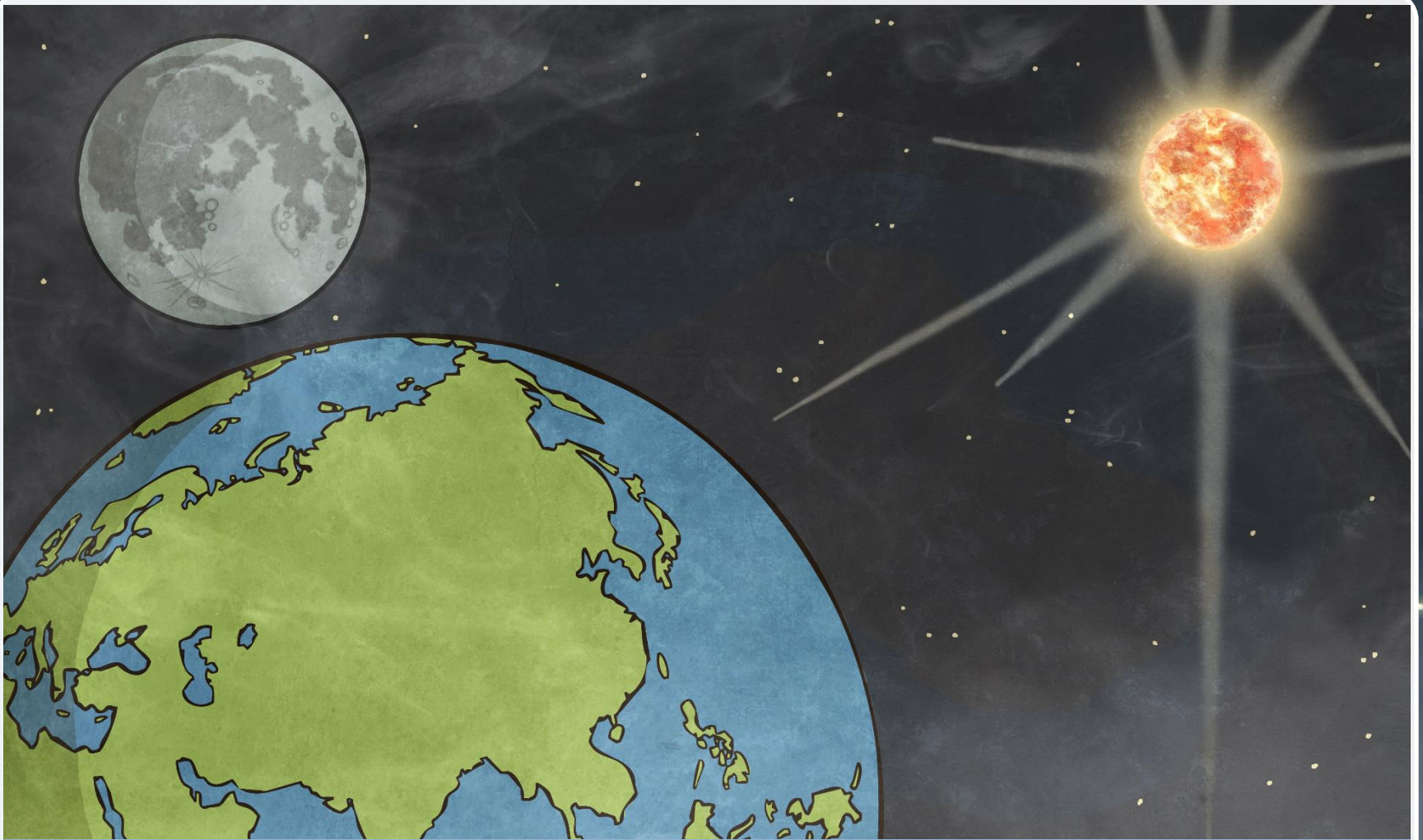
The following description is not in a particular order, but is what has been mentioned in the Guru Granth Sahib. However, it doesn't mean that Sikhs can't think about what the logical order might have been.



God created the entire universe billions of years ago.



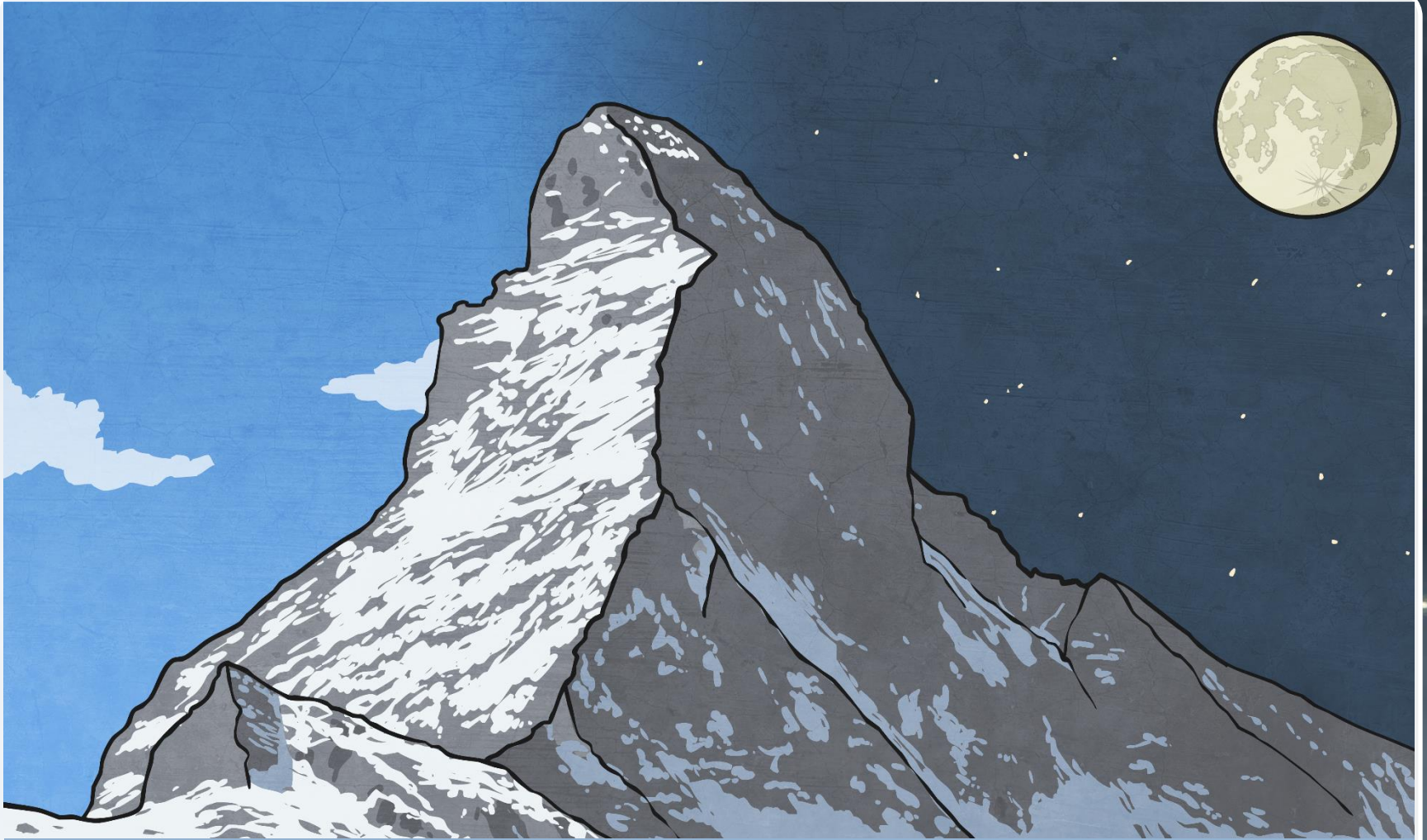
There are planets, solar systems and galaxies. If one speaks of them, there is no limit, no end. There are worlds upon worlds upon worlds of His creation. As God commands, so they exist. From God they emanate, and into God they merge once again. God's limits are not known to anyone.



There are billions of moons, suns and stars.



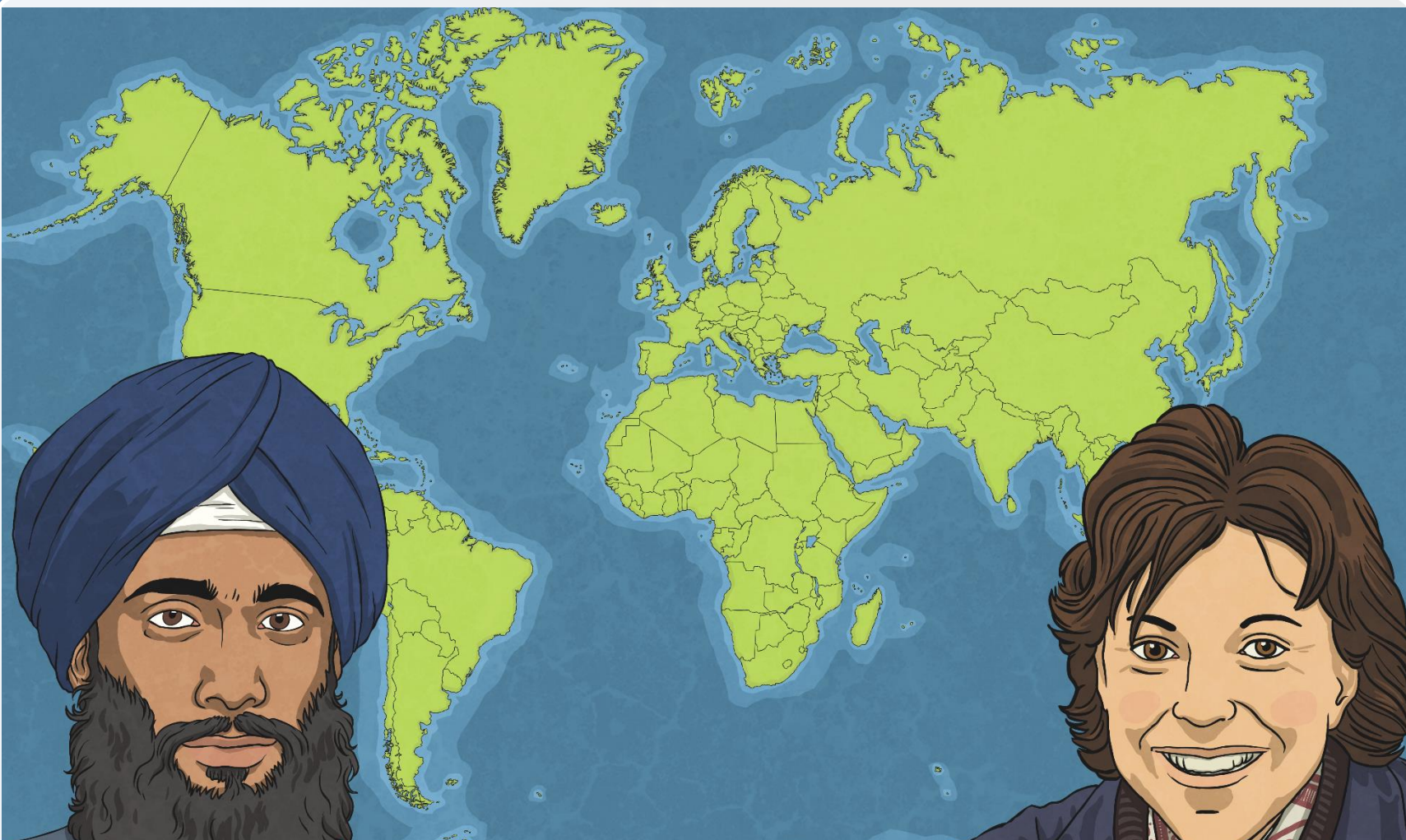
God established the Earth, the sky and the air, the water of the oceans, fire and food.



God created the night and day and mountains.



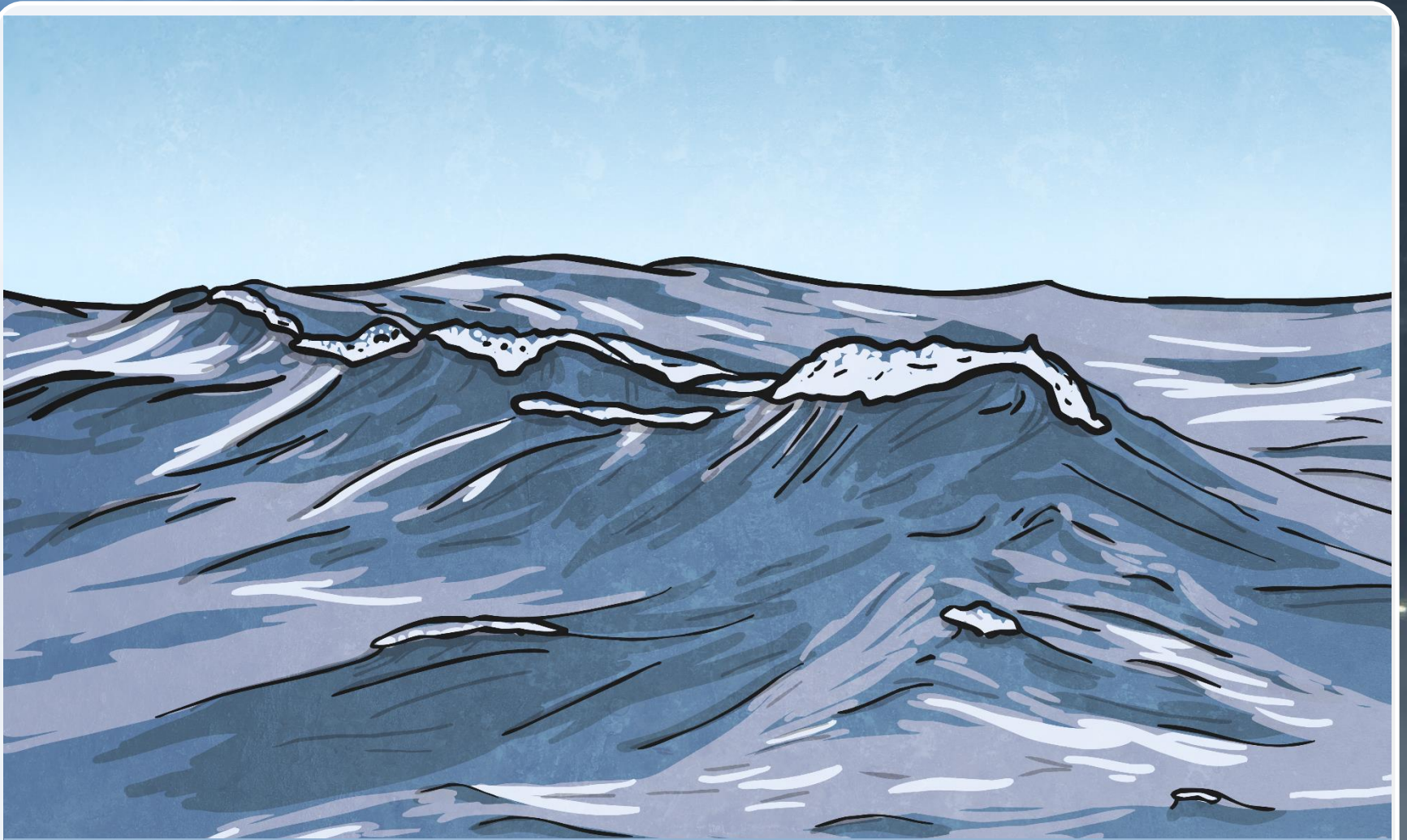
God blessed the trees with flowers and fruits.



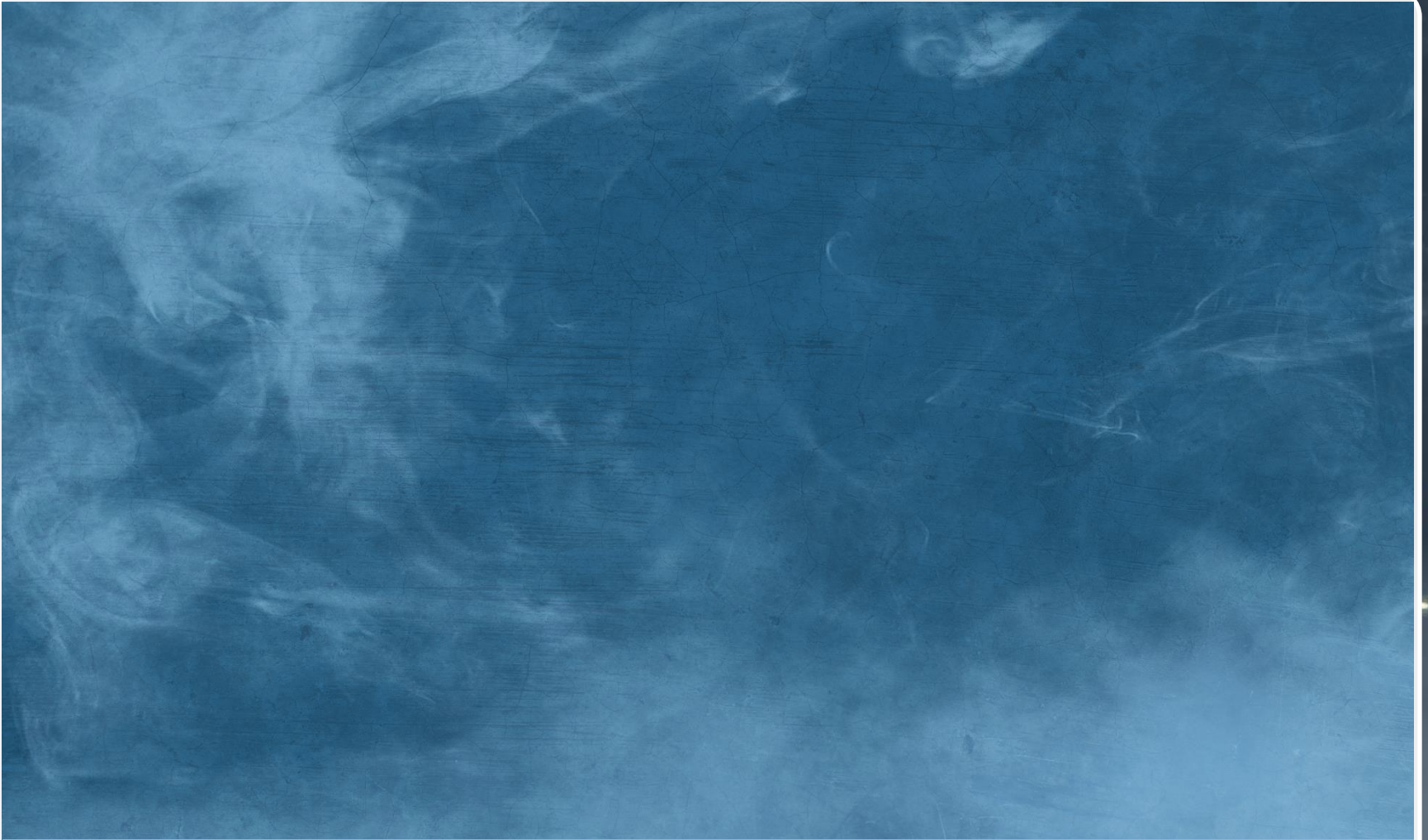
God created the human beings and the seven oceans.



God established the three worlds (life in water, on land and in the air).



Life in the ocean, on land and in the air is based on water.



God created the gases and everything came from God's creation.



With all life, God has infused light, the soul, which is a part of God.

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