

## **Orphic Creation Myth**

Chronos, the god of Time, created Chaos, the Sky, and a cosmic silver Egg. From the Cosmic Egg there emerged Phanes, the God of Love and Nyx, the Goddess of Night. Phanes means “to bring light” or “to shine”. The wife of Phanes was Nyx, Night. Their son was Ouranos, Heaven.

### *Hymn to Phanes*

“You scattered the dark that lay before your eyes. You flapped your wings. You whirled about, and throughout this world you brought pure light. I call you sparkling with bright eyes.”

## **The Big Bang**

The Universe began 14 billion years ago. The entire Universe was inside a tiny bubble myriad of times smaller than a pinhead and unimaginably hot.

Then suddenly the bubble exploded. Time, space and matter all began with the Big Bang. Within a fraction of a second, the Universe grew to bigger than a galaxy. And it kept on growing and is still expanding today.

The temperature dropped to just below 1 billion degrees. Protons and neutrons came together and formed Hydrogen. The Universe continued to cool and to expand.

## **Genesis Creation Myth**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

*Genesis, I, verses 1 – 5*