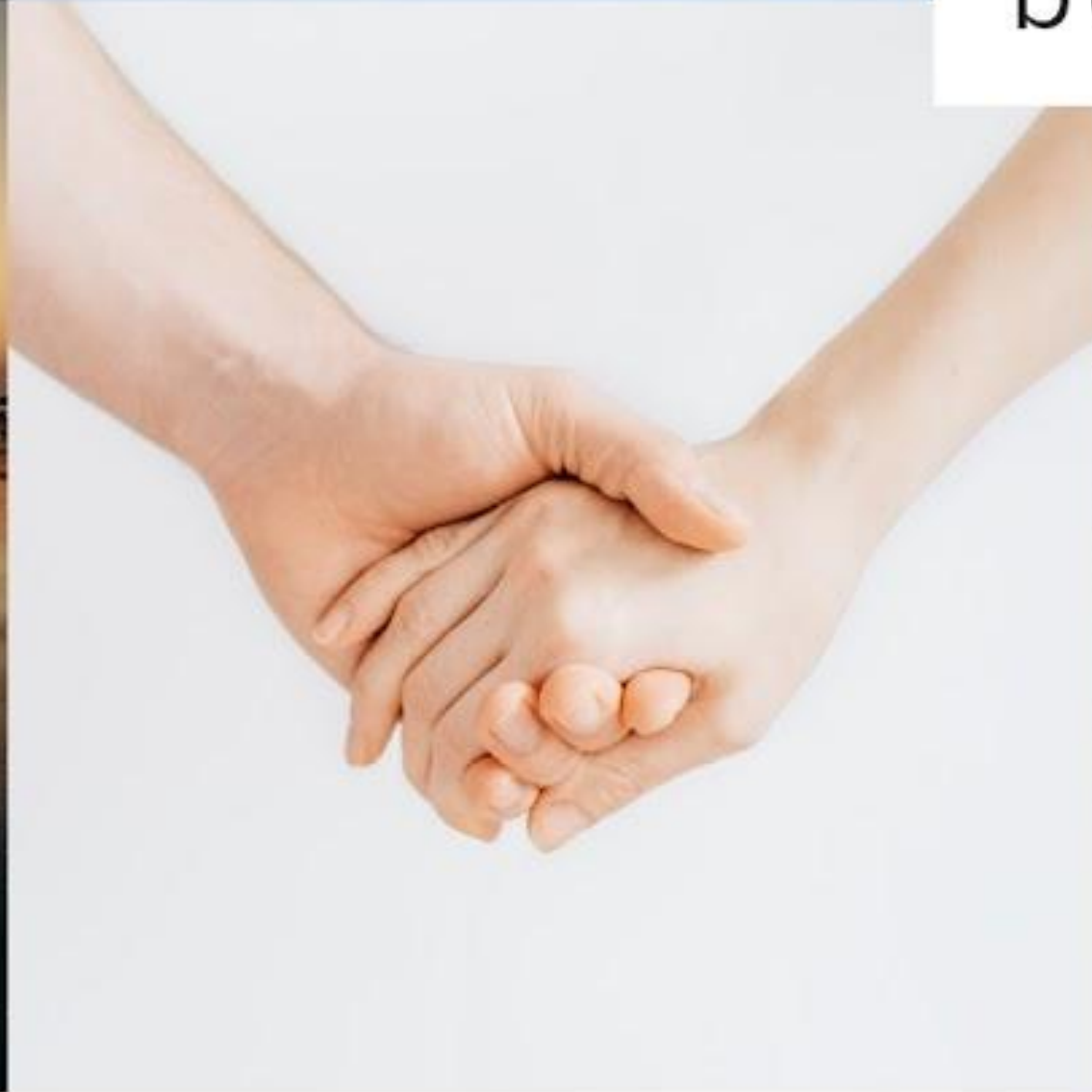


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A wide, calm ocean under a hazy sky. The water is a deep blue-grey color with gentle ripples. The horizon is a straight line in the distance, and the sky is a pale, overcast grey. The overall mood is serene and vast.

In the beginning God...

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A long time ago in a galaxy far,  
far away....



A wide, calm body of water under a hazy, overcast sky. The water is a deep blue-grey color with subtle ripples. The horizon is a straight line in the distance, and the sky is a uniform, pale grey. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

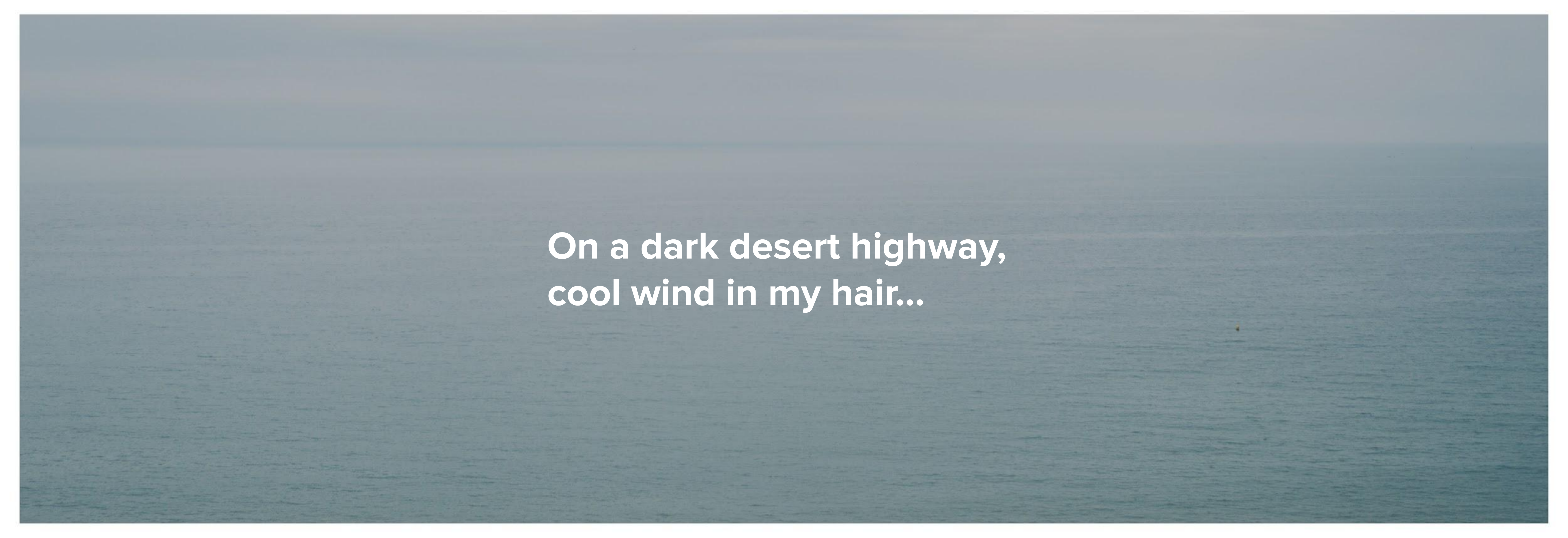
**It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.**



The background of the image is a vast, calm body of water, likely the ocean, stretching to a distant horizon. The water is a deep blue-grey color with subtle ripples. The sky above is a pale, hazy blue, suggesting an overcast day. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man  
in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.



The image shows a vast, calm body of water, likely the ocean, stretching to a flat horizon. The sky is a uniform, pale grey-blue, suggesting an overcast day. The water's surface is covered in fine, gentle ripples. In the far distance, on the right side of the horizon, a small, dark, indistinct object is visible. The overall mood is serene and expansive.

On a dark desert highway,  
cool wind in my hair...



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## **Genesis 1:1 (NIV)**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



Primary Composition: Moses

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# Genesis 1-3

## Outline

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Creation of the Universe (Gen 1:1)

Making of the Land (Gen 1:2-2:3)

*poem* (Gen 1:27)

Garden of Eden (Gen 2)

*poem* (Gen 2:23)

The Fall (Gen 3)

*poem* (Gen 3:14-19)





# The Lord Before Everything

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**Genesis 1:1a (NIV)**  
In the beginning God...





# The Lord Before Everything

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## Psalm 90:1-2 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.





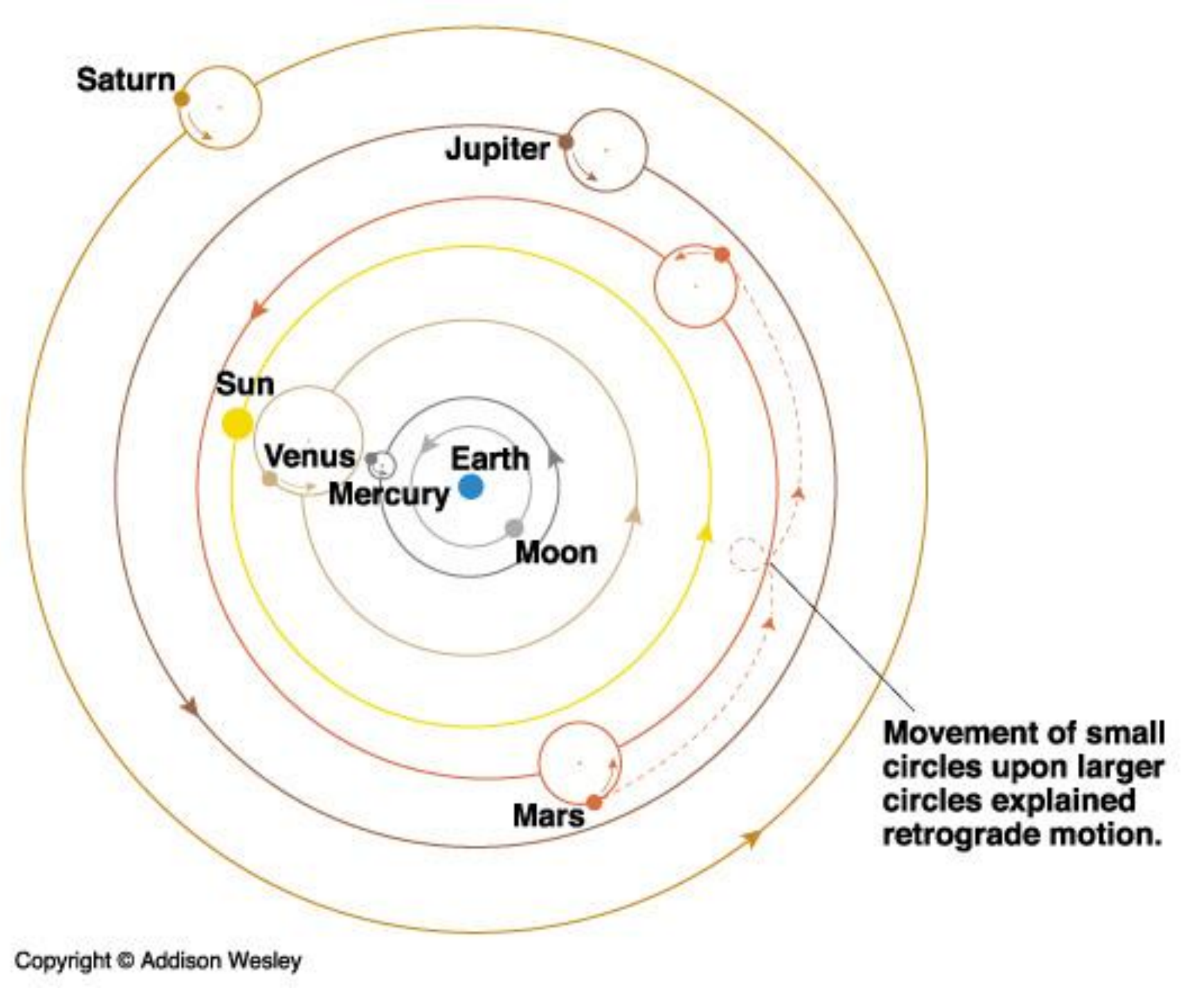
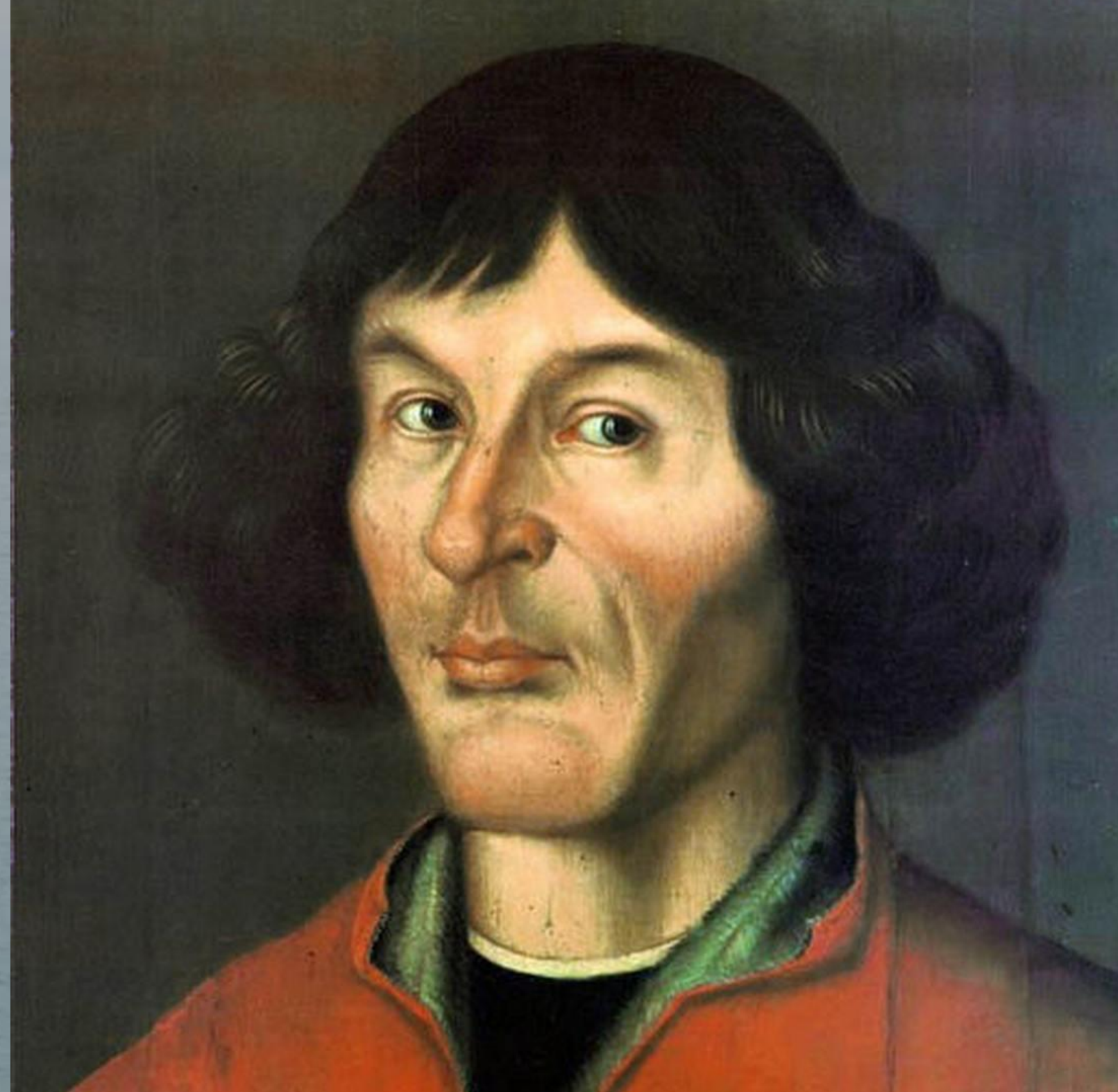
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### Acts 17:24-25 (NIV)

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.”



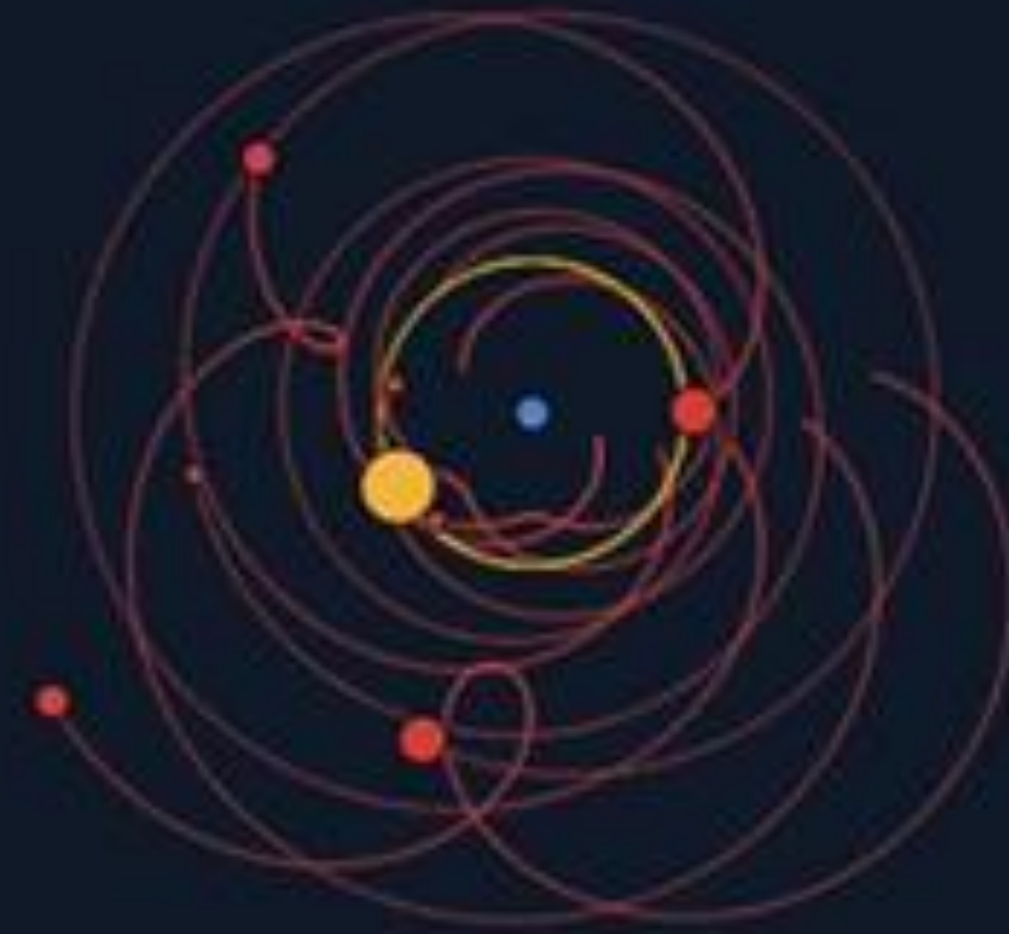




**Heliocentrism**



**Geocentrism**





## Life Priorities

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1. God

2. Family

3. Church

4. Work

5. Witness

6. Self



**Church**

**Government**

**Self**

**God**

**World**

**Family**

**Work**

- J. Grant Howard,  
*Balancing Life's Demands*



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**If God is first and foremost in all of the universe,  
He has every right to be first and foremost in my life.**





# The Lord Before Everything

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**Colossians 1:17 (NASB)**

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.





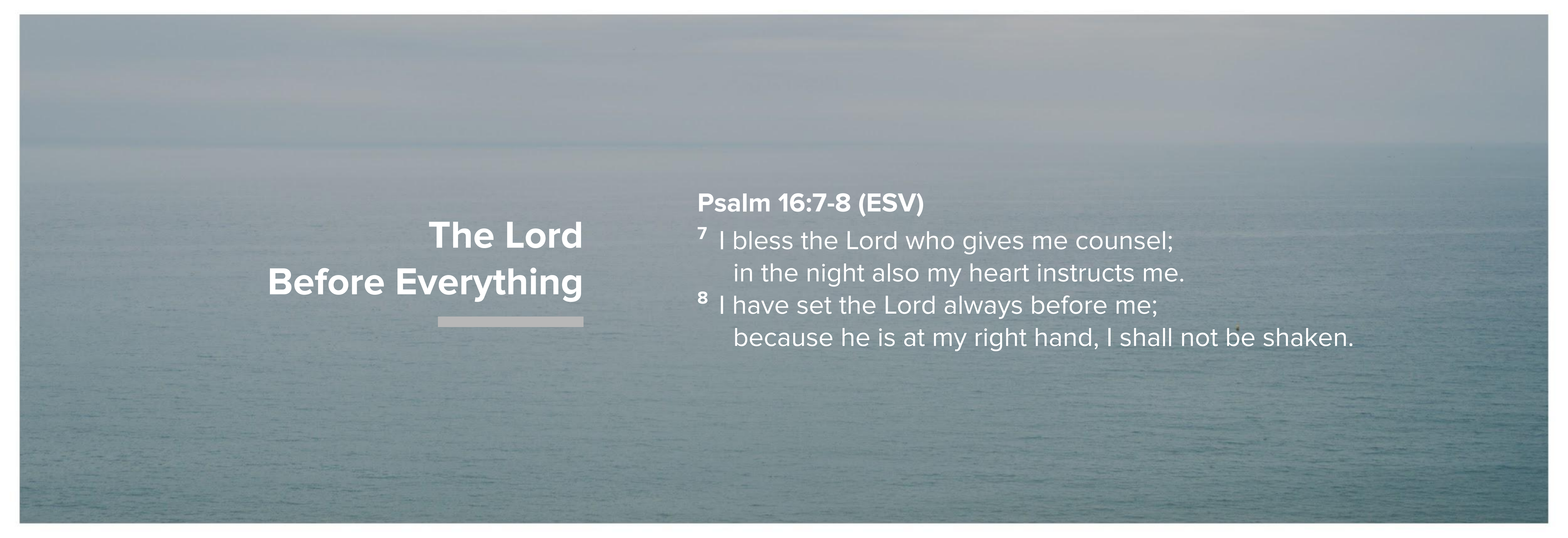
## The Lord Before Everything

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### Colossians 1:17-18 (NASB)

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.





# The Lord Before Everything

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## Psalm 16:7-8 (ESV)

- <sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.



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