

A HEATED CONVERSATION

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The webinar is being recorded and a link to the recording will be sent to everyone who registered within the next 24-48 hours.

We will open the conversation to everyone. We will use the Q/A box and the Chat to enable some “dialogue” between you and Covenant staff.

For this event, the Chat will be available for you to save and download. Please remember to be respectful and civil in all Chat interactions.



Opening Prayer

I Dare – prayer written by Holly-Anna Petersen, Founding Member, Christian Climate Action

Lord Creator

In your love, I dare..

I dare to feel the pain of your creation, groaning as in the pains of childbirth - and not turn away.
I dare to open my heart, my hands and my mind and listen to you grieving for all you have made.
I dare to accept my role in undoing your world and ask you to hold me as I weep for my regrets.

Lord Creator,

In your love, I dare..

I dare to accept that a complacency in token gestures and “band-aid” solutions is making the crisis worse.

I dare to look beyond what I am told is possible and begin to prophetically demand what is needed.
I dare to step into your love that casts out fear - to find you in the gritty truth outside of my comfort zone.

Lord Creator,

In your love, I dare..



**I dare to acknowledge where I hold power and privilege and challenge myself to use it.
I dare to witness the bravery of my brothers and sisters around the world, who are already losing their lives pushing to protect this world that sustains us.
I dare to feel the fear of doubt and uncertainty running through my veins, and choose to take meaningful action anyway.
Lord Creator,
In your love, I dare..**

**I dare to know that when I share in your body and your blood, it binds me to your life of sacrifice.
I dare to join you on the streets, as you turn over the tables and take a stand alongside the needy.
I dare to walk in your ferocious love - a love deemed so threatening to the oppressive powers that they had you executed.**

**Lord Creator,
In your love, I dare..**



A Heated Conversation with Catholic Climate Covenant Staff



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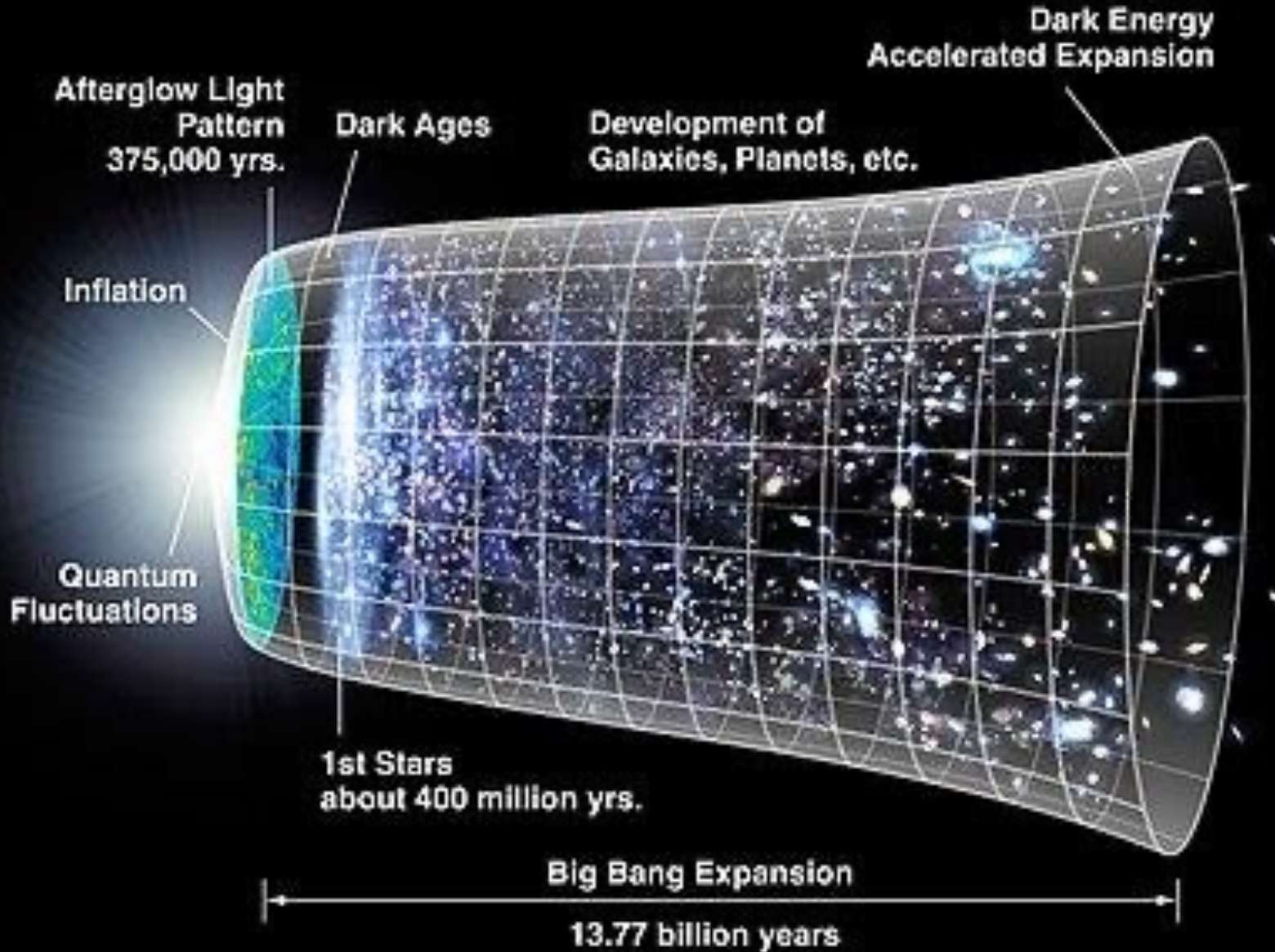
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THE GREAT FLARING FORTH



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...

All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. (JN 1:1-3)









STORY OF THE NOOSPHERE



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXtnVDVPzs>

Closing Prayer

A prayer for when we want to give up

~ Lorna Gold, Chair, LSM Board of Directors, Ireland

God of hope,

You have placed us on this earth in a moment of ecological crisis. We face a crisis of such proportions and urgency, at times it feels like it could crush us.

At times we rebel. We did not ask to be born into this moment, yet being alive now, we face the fate of humanity and the planet. It places a weight on our shoulders and we feel called forth to heal Your world.

At times we struggle. Sometimes, we wish it were not like this, that we could just go about our business. We are tempted to turn our heads away. Sometimes we feel that the fight is futile – the science can seem to say that hope is lost. We feel we do not have the strength to go on. We feel burnt out.



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When we feel like this, may we take time out and turn our gaze to You. May we draw close to You, dear Lord, and realize that You have been here too. You know what it means to feel defeated, hopeless, and crushed. You share our tears and weep with us for the future of our children and all Your creatures.

On the cross You too cried out in abandonment: “my God, my God, why have You forsaken me?” In Your cry, the whole of creation cried out. You held all our tears until they overflowed, transforming them into infinite dew drops.

When all seems lost, may we experience Your divine mercy. May we be gentle on ourselves and merciful to others. May we find strength for the road ahead.

Amen



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