

John's Creation



A Model for Understanding the Gospel of John

Genesis 1



Creating a Universe

Divide
Divide
Divide

LIGHT

1

HEAVEN



2

LIVING
WATER

WATERS



3

BREAD

EARTH



Creating a Universe

HEAVEN

Multiply
Multiply
Populate Hea Multiply

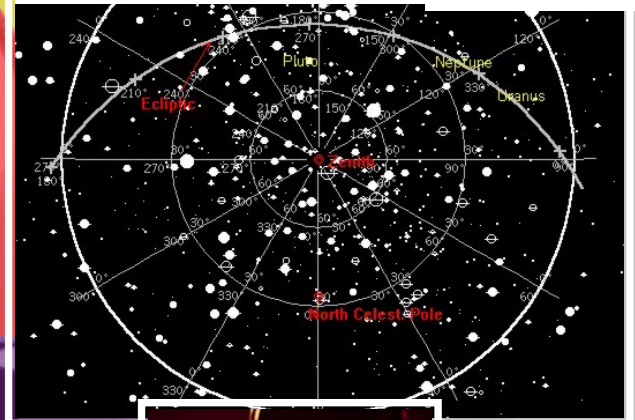


Populate Sea

LIGHTS

TO
RULE

4



5

6

SEAS
SERPENT

THE KING



Populate
Earth

LIVING
WATER

BREAD

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EARTH

Creating a Universe

HEAVEN

LIGHT

LIGHTS

TO
RULE

PEACE

SEAS
SERPENT

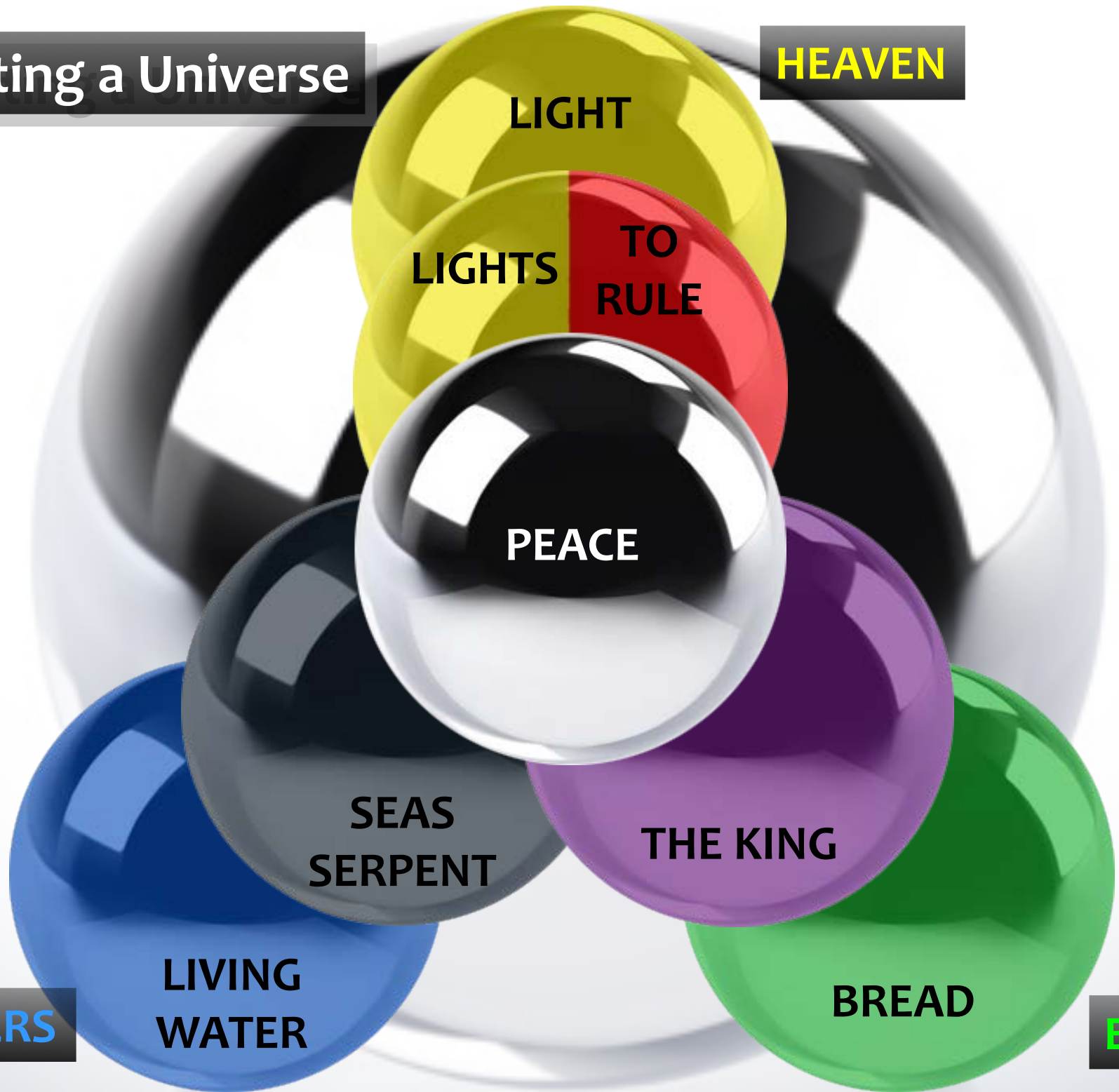
THE KING

LIVING
WATER

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God Creates

First Creation: Natural

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...
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. **Gen 1:1-4***

Second Creation: Spiritual

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the
beginning. Through him all things were made; without him
nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and
that life was the light of men. The light shines in the
darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. **Jn 1:1-5***

We can switch from 1st to 2nd – and live!

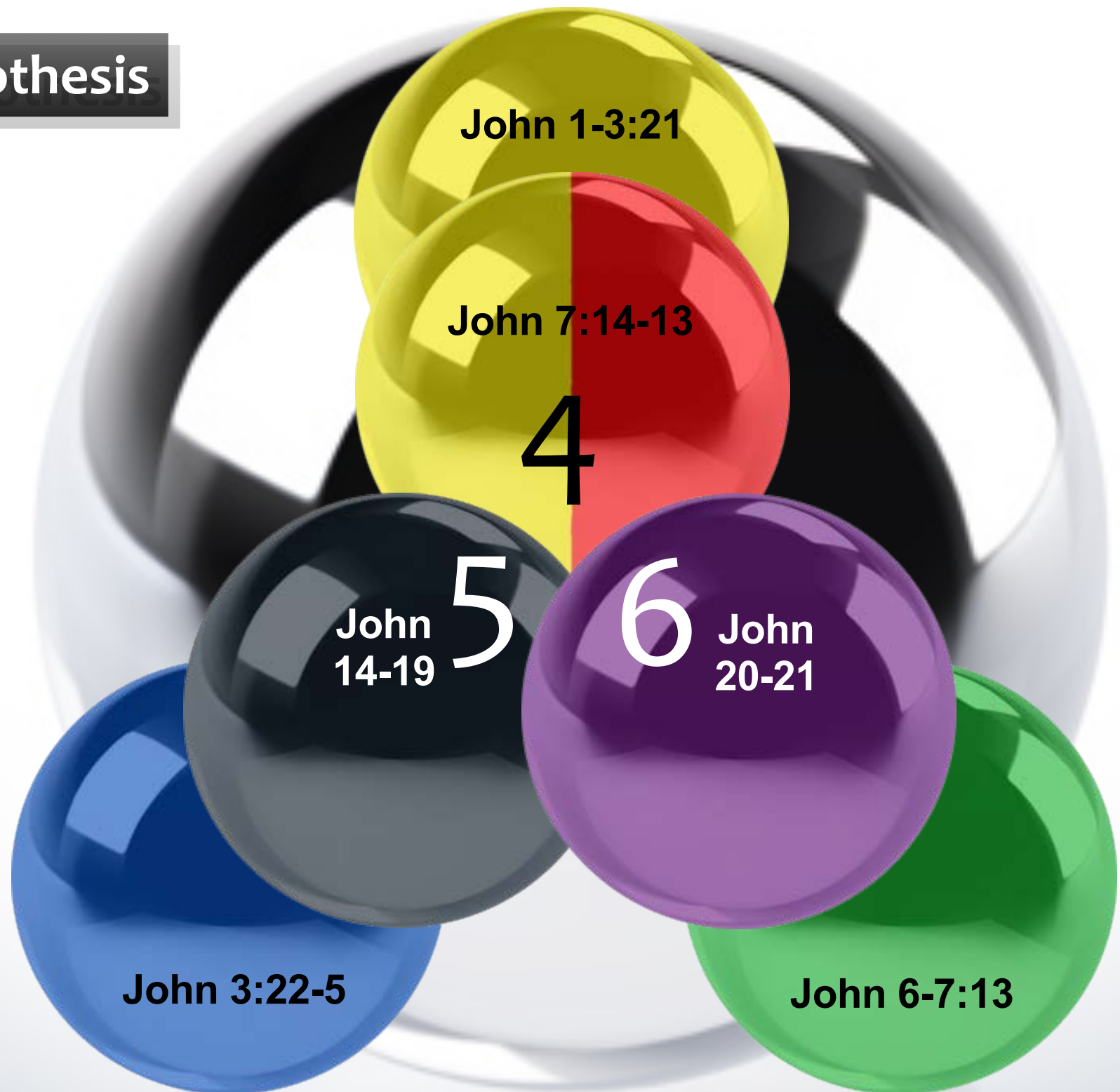
*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the
old has gone, the new has come! **2 Cor 5:17***

What's the Message?

*[the saints] who
had his name
and his Father's
name written on
their foreheads.
Rev 14:1*



Hypothesis



*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... 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. **Gen 1:1-4***

Natural Creation



DAY 1

ILLUMINATION

*In the beginning was the Word... In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it... The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. **Jn 1:1-9***

Jesus is the Living Light (Creation)

Jesus enlightens us (Creator)

Spiritual Creation

Natural Creation

*And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. **Gen 1:6-7***

*“the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, ...The one who comes from heaven is above all.” **Jn 3:31***

Fresh above



Salt below

DRAWN ABOVE WITH WATER

*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **Jn 4:13-14***

Jesus is the Living Water (Creation)

Jesus makes us living springs (Creator)

Spiritual Creation

*Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. **Gen 1:11***



Natural Creation

BREAD, NOURISHMENT

*“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” **Jn 6:51***

*“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.” **Jn 6:63***

Jesus is the Living Bread (Creation)

Jesus feeds us so we live (Creator)

Spiritual Creation

**Components
Vital for life**

HEAVEN

Light

1

**Universe is constructed
But it is empty...**

2

Water / Oxygen

WATERS

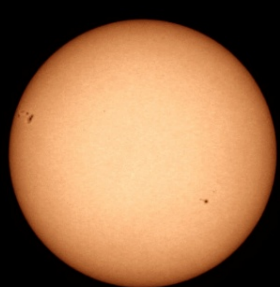
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Bread / Food

EARTH

*Then God made two great lights:
the greater light to rule the day,
and the lesser light to rule the
night. He made the stars also.*

Gen 1:16



Natural Creation

*“Stop judging by
mere appearances,
and make a right
judgment.” **Jn 7:24***

LIGHTS TO RULE

*“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will
never walk in darkness, but will have the light of
life... You judge by human standards; I pass
judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions
are right, because I am not alone.” **Jn 8:12-16***

Jesus is the Light of Life (Creation)

Spiritual Creation

Jesus brings God's Judgment (Creator)

*God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. **Gen 1:21***



Natural Creation

*the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus **Jn 13:2***

DAY 5

WATERS BENEATH

The serpent!

*They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.” **Jn 16:18***

*When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. **Jn 19:30***

Jesus bears the serpent’s wound (Creation)

Spiritual Creation

Jesus destroys the devil **Heb 2:14 (Creator)**

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him... God blessed them and said to them, "... fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature..." **Gen 1:28-29**

Natural Creation

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" **Jn 20:28**



DAY 6

THE KING

Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **Jn 20:8**

Jesus the First Immortal Man (Creation)

Jesus earns the Name of God (Creator)

Spiritual Creation

Jesus: New Creation

Light of Life

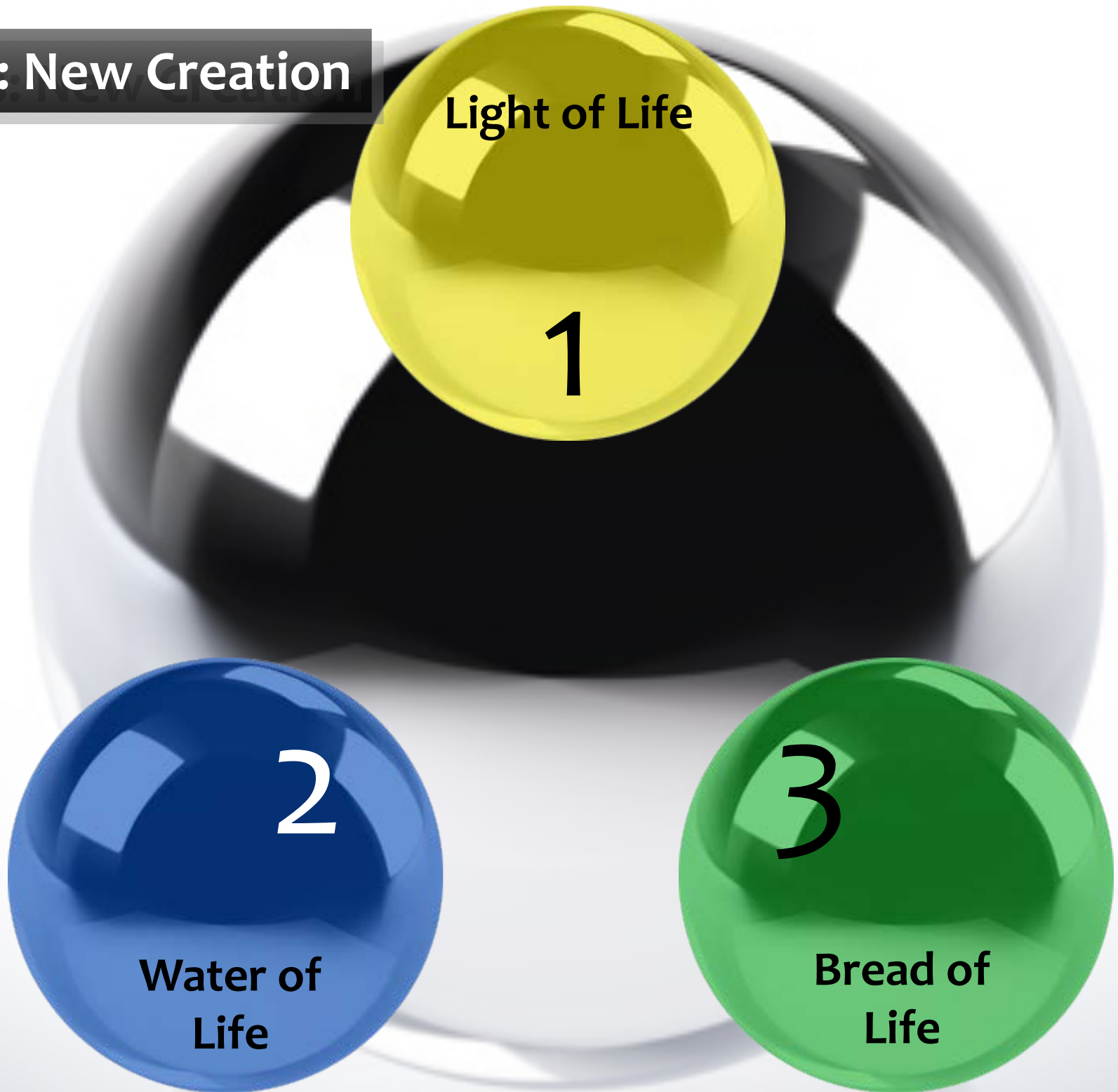
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Water of
Life

3

Bread of
Life



Jesus: New Creation

Light of Life

Light to Rule

Enters
God's Peace

Wounded by
serpent

The New
King

Water of
Life

Bread of
Life

***"Anyone who
has seen me has
seen the Father."***
Jn 14:9

Jesus as “Creator” of the New Creation



*He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. **Jn 1:10***

*...there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. **1 Cor 8:6***

Jesus as “Creator” of the New Creation

*In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **but in these last days** he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and **through whom he made the universe.** Heb 1:1-2*



“I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.” Jn 5:19

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Cor 5:17

So we too can be part of the New Creation which Jesus pioneered

John's Gospel explains how

