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When heaven and earth finally began, there came forward three deities in the Plain of High Heaven. Their names were Ame-no-mi-naka-nushi-no-kami, Taka-mi-musuhi-no-kami, and Kami-musuhi-no-kami. These three deities were single deities, and disappeared.

When the land was still immature, floating on the water like slimy oily stuff, and without any solid form like a flabby jelly fish, there sprang forward something as thrivingly as reed sprouts, from which came Umashi-ashi-kabi-hiko-ji-no-kami. Next came Ame-tokotachi-no-kami. These two deities were also single deities, and disappeared.

These five deities introduced above were called the Five Special Heavenly Deities.