

How it Happened as Told by God

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At the beginning I created Heaven and Earth. Earth was darkness, then. So I said `Let there be light,' and it was good. So I divided the light and dark, calling the light day and the darkness night. That was day one of the project.

Day two, I created the vast vault of the sky which was to separate the waters above from the waters below. (It was a surprisingly big job, took the whole day!)

Next, day three, I ordered the waters into their places creating areas of dry land: earth and sea, you see. Now, I saw this and I found it good, though I say it myself. In fact, I really began to feel as if I was hitting my stride at this point. This is when I planted grasses that seeded themselves, fruiting trees that also propagated their own kinds and all kinds of growing things.

Now it was looking good but a little flat. I have to say that there was a need for some more light and shade. Seems obvious enough now but back on day four of the project it was an absolute revelation, I don't mind telling you! That's when I set the sun in the sky during the day and the moon up there during the night along with all the stars, creating seasons and directions. That was good too.

Next: day five, I said that there should be sea beasts and everything that comes from the waters and all the winged things that fly. Then I ordered into existence all the things that live and creep on the land. I created wild beasts and cattle. Then I said `Let's make man wearing Our own image and likeness; let Us put him in command of all the fishes of the seas and all that flies through the air and the cattle and the whole earth and all the creeping things. Oh, yes, I created woman too (I do have my feminine side, you know.) and instructed them, man and woman, to multiply and fill the earth. And so the sixth day passed and evening came and morning and all the earth's furnishings were complete. So I gave it all my blessing and on the seventh day I rested.

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Now let me tell you about the how I made Adam and Eve, the man and the woman. They got to cause me some grief, one way and another. We'll come to that, but first we need to go back and fill in a few details about the making of them and all that happened after my day of rest.