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This biblical story comes from Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament, which is the sacred source book for both Jews and Christians. In Genesis, this story is followed immediately by a second creation story in Chapter 2. In the second, God creates man from dust and places him in the Garden of Eden.

These stories were written down thousands of years ago. They evolved into the form in which we know them around 450 BCE, about 2,460 years ago.

Genesis: Chapter 1

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the Earth, the Earth was a shapeless hole of nothing. Darkness was everywhere. 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. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning. This marked the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the dome and separated the water under the dome from the water above it. And it was so. God called the dome "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning. This marked the second day.

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed of every kind and trees bearing fruit with seed in it of every kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning. This marked the third day.



And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night." And it was so. God made two great lights — the Sun to govern the day and the Moon to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light on the Earth, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning. This marked the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures." So God created the great creatures of the sea and winged birds. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the Earth." And there was evening, and there was morning. This marked the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures of every kind"
And it was so. God made all the creatures that move along the ground
of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in our likeness."

So God created humankind in his own image; male and female. God
blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number."
He put humans in charge of the Earth: "Rule over the fish in the sea
and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves
on the ground."

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the
whole Earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be
yours for food. And to all the beasts of the Earth and all the birds in
the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground — everything
that has the breath of life in it — I give every green plant for food."
And it was so. God saw all that he had made. It was very good. And
there was evening, and there was morning. This marked the sixth day.

Thus the heaven and the Earth were finished. And on the seventh day
God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. God blessed
the seventh day. He made it a holy day because on it God rested from
all the work that he had done in creation.

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