

In the beginning, God created the sky and the land.  
At first the land had no shape or substance. There was just water, with darkness upon it.  
But God's Spirit hovered over the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light!"  
And there was light.  
God saw that the light was good.  
God separated the light from the darkness.  
God called the light "Day," and the darkness He called  
"Night."  
*There was evening, and there was morning, the first day.*

Then God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the  
waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."  
And it was so.  
God made the dome, and separated the waters that were  
below the dome from the waters that were above the dome.  
And God saw that it was good.  
God called the dome "Sky."  
*There was evening, and there was morning, a second day.*

Then God said, "Let the waters under the dome be  
gathered into one place and let what is dry appear."  
And it was so.  
The waters under the dome were gathered together and  
what is dry appeared.  
God called what was dry "Land," and the gathering of the  
waters he called "Sea."  
And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the land sprout greenery: plants that  
bear seeds openly, and fruit trees whose seed is in their fruit,  
upon the land."  
And it was so.  
The land brought forth greenery, plants that bore seeds  
according to their kind, and trees whose seed was in their fruit  
according to their kind.  
And God saw that it was good.  
*There was evening, and there was morning, a third day.*

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky,  
to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and  
to set appointed times, and to mark days and years, and let them  
be for lights in the dome of the sky, to give light upon the land."  
And it was so.

God made the two great lights—the greater one to rule the  
day, and the lesser one to rule the night – and the stars. God set  
them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the land, and to  
rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light  
from the darkness.

And God saw that it was good.  
*There was evening, and there was morning, a fourth day.*

Then God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of  
living things, and let flying things fly above the land, across the  
dome of the sky."

And it was so.  
God created the great sea creatures and the teeming living  
things with which the waters swarm according to their kinds, and  
every winged flying thing according to its kind.

And God saw that it was good.  
And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply  
and fill the waters of the sea, and let flying things multiply upon  
the land."

*And there was evening, and there was morning, a fifth day.*

Then God said, "Let the land bring forth each living thing  
according to its kind, cattle and teeming things and wild beasts  
according to their kinds."

And it was so.  
God made the wild beast according to its kind, and the  
cattle according to its kind, and everything that teems upon the  
ground according to its kind.  
And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image and  
according to our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the  
sea, and over the things that fly in the sky, and over the cattle  
and the wild beasts and all the teeming things that teem upon the  
land."

So God created the human in His image;  
In the image of God He created him;  
Male and female He created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and  
multiply, and fill the land and tame it, and rule over the fish of  
the sea, and over the things that fly in the sky, and over the  
beasts and the cattle and the teeming things on the land."

And God said, "Behold, I have given to you humans as  
your food every seed-bearing plant that is upon the face of the  
whole land, and every tree whose fruit makes it a seed-bearing  
tree. And to every wild beast and to everything that flies in the  
sky and to everything that teems upon the land, in which is the  
breath of life, I have given every green plant for food."

And it was so.  
And God saw everything he had made, and behold, it was  
very good.

*And there was evening, and there was morning, a sixth day.*

And that is how the sky and the land, and everything in them, were completed.  
God ceased, on the seventh day, from the work that he did;  
He rested on the seventh day from all the work that he did.  
And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work of creating.