

CREATION STORY (FOR EASTER VIGIL)

Once upon a time before there was anybody around to tell time, GOD was there. GOD has always been there, and GOD will always be there.

But GOD was more than a little bored. So, GOD starting using His imagination (which is a VERY BIG imagination). “Well, I think it is pretty grey” she thought.... “and what we could use here is a difference!” So GOD created the Heavens and the Earth. And a part of GOD that we now call Spirit moved like a wind around and between the Heavens and the Earth so that it was sort of a gooey lava lamp... but everything was still grey. So GOD thought another difference would make things easier to see and understand. I’ll make some light.... and some dark: morning and night. Which is a lot to do. And GOD called the end of work a day.... and THAT was the first day.

This creation stuff is fun, thought GOD. How about color??? Hey, that’s a great idea! So GOD divided a part of the heavens sky and separated the blue of the sky from the blue of the waters of earth. That was another successful day!

The third day rolled around and GOD thought....blue is wonderful... but there’s more to color than blue..... so, let’s pull up from below the water of Earth some land. As soon as that thought came, there was a kind of rumble and bubble and sure enough, up blurred some browns and blacks it dried out and GOD called the drained land earth and the water around the earth Seas. Holy Smokes, said GOD, I’m on a real roll here..... how about some other things growing from the earth.... green things and yellow things and orange things and red things and purple things....YIPEE....! And sure enough, with the Spirit that came out of GOD, things just started sprouting up everywhere, grass, trees, vines, flowers, fruit. I really like this creating stuff, thought GOD. These things are really wonderful... and because they are wonderful and a part of me, I will be a part of them and call them GOOD. Phew! That was some creative third day!

On the fourth day, GOD thought.... let’s see, there’s light and there’s dark... how about adding some things to make them shine and sparkle....oh, and making even one day different from the day before?? GOD created the sun and the moon and the stars, each taking their turns shining on the whole Earth, making a difference from one day to the next and one season to the next (because, well, God’s days lasted a very long time). Another day’s work was now over.

On the fifth day GOD saw the wind moving over the grass and got a brilliant idea..... What if there was something I created called a creature.... let’s make a whole bunch of them! Let them come up from the waters, just like the land did.... and let them swim and let some of them zoom right out of the water and into the air to fly! These things, too, coming from GOD were very, very GOOD! OK, fishies..... make some more fishies, and birds, love each other and make some more birds. Swim and fly wherever you like. And the sun was setting on the

earth, and GOD yawned. The end of another big day.

GOD woke up on the sixth day, full of energy... his dream had been about his next creation..... SO he cleared his voice and said now, let the earth bring forth creatures, different from the ones the seas brought forth.... and so GOD made cows, and horses and wolfs and bugs and things that pretty much stayed on the ground. These creatures too were very, very good. Yet one more thing was missing, a special creation that would have conscience and will and thinking and ideas. I want a particular kind of companion.... and will make humans.... that have my traits. I will make men and women. GOD said to these special creatures... these people... Look at everything around you. I have made all of it, including you. Because I love you very specially, you will have all of this earthly creation for yourself... to use, to care for, to nurture. I think it is ALL VERY, VERY GOOD. You too have come directly from me and are VERY, VERY GOOD. So it's getting late. Let's look at the stars in the sky and fall asleep.

The next day GOD said. You know what. I have been doing all these things and making all these things and haven't set aside the time to enjoy it. Let's set aside a day for gratitude and thanksgiving and rest. And that's just what they did.