

# **An Australian Creation**

*according to Genesis*

In the beginning, when God created the land down under, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging chaotic ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness and the power of God was moving over the water. Then God commanded, "Let there be light," and light appeared. God was pleased with what he saw. Then he separated the light from the darkness and named the light "Day" and the darkness "Night". Evening passed and morning came - that was the first day.

Then God commanded, "Let there be a dome to divide the water and to keep it in two separate places," and it was done. So God made a dome and separated the water under it from the water above it. He named the brilliant blue dome "Sky". Evening passed and morning came - that was the second day.

The God commanded, "Let the water below the sky come together in one place so that the land will appear", and it was done. He named the land Australia and the water which had come together he named "Sea" and formed the beaches, rocky coasts and the Barrier Reef. And God was pleased with what he saw. Then he commanded, "Let Australia produce all kinds of plants, sugar cane and those that bear grain: hay, wheat, rice and those that bear fruit: apples, strawberries, bananas, oranges, grapes and macadamia nuts". So this land Australia produced all kinds of plants: the Wattle, Heath, Waratah, Cooktown Orchid, Sturt Pea, Kangaroo Paw, Banksia and Boab trees, the Blue Gum, Desert Rose, and the Royal Bluebell. And God was pleased with what he saw. Evening passed and morning came - that was the third day.

Then God commanded, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate day from night and show the time when days, years and religious festivals begin. The sun will shine, sometimes blaze, in the sky to give light to this lucky country" - and it was done. So God made the two larger lights, the sun to rule over the day and the moon to rule over the night; he also made the Milky Way and placed the Southern Cross in the sky to shine on the red earth and sandy beaches, to rule over the day and night and to separate light from darkness. And God was pleased with what he saw. Evening passed and morning came - that was the fourth day.

Then God commanded, "Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings and let the air be filled with birds: the kookaburra, cockatoos, galahs, magpies, emus, rosellas, jabiru, penguins and seagulls, the black swan and wedgetail eagle. God made the great sea creatures, the lobsters, crab, yabbies, blue jellyfish, trout, mackerel, snapper, flathead, shark and all kinds of creatures that live in the water and all kinds of birds. And God was pleased with what he saw. He blessed them all and told the creatures that live in the water to reproduce and to fill the sea and he told the birds to increase in number. Evening passed and morning came - that was the fifth day.

Then God commanded, "Let the Australian earth produce all kinds of animal life, domestic and wild, large and small; kangaroos and platypus, wombat, koala, snakes, crocodiles, lizards, Tasmanian tiger, dingoes, witchetty grubs, brushtail possum, goanna". God made them all and he was pleased with what he saw.

Then God said, "And now we will make Aborigines, and they will be like us and resemble us.

They will have power over the fish, the birds and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small". So God created these Australians, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female, blessed them and said "have many children so that your descendants will live all over the country, in the desert regions, the bush, the coastal areas, and bring it under their control.

I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds and all the wild animals, I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat, but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass, Spinifex, saltbush and leafy plants like gum leaves" - and it was done. God looked at everything he had made and he was very pleased. Evening passed and morning came and it was the sixth day.

And so the whole of Australia was completed: the Nullarbor, Uluru, the Olgas, the Grampians, the desserts, the Blue Mountains and Flinders Rangers, Lake Pedder and the Kimberleys, tropical rainforests and snowy mountains.

By the seventh day God finished what he was doing and stopped working. He blessed the seventh day and set it apart as a special day because by that day he had completed his creation and stopped working. And that is how Australia came to be.

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