

## Creation-The Cattle on a Thousand Hills

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices  
or your burnt offerings, which are ever  
before me.

I have no need of a bull from your stall  
or of goats from your pens,  
for every animal of the forest is mine,  
and the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know every bird in the mountains,  
and the creatures of the field are  
mine.

If I were hungry I would not tell you,  
for the world is mine, and all that is in  
it.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls  
or drink the blood of goats?  
Sacrifice thank offerings to God,  
fulfill your vows to the Most High,  
and call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you will honor  
me.

Genesis 1:24-25; Psalm 50:8-15