A reading from the Book of Genesis 1: 26-28.31

Then God said,

"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness;

and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,

and over the birds of the air,

and over the cattle,

and over all the earth,

and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created man in his own image,

in the image of God he created him;

male and female he created them.

And God blessed them, and God said to them,

"Be fruitful and multiply,

and fill the earth and subdue it;

and have dominion over the fish of the sea

and over the birds of the air

and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

And God saw everything that he had made,

and behold, it was very good.

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

This is the word of the Lord

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