



Questions:

1. If, as Celtic Christianity suggests, we are of the Earth, not opposed to the Earth, how does that shape our ideas about environmental stewardship? How can we put those ideas into practice?
2. In Genesis 1:31, God looks at everything that has been created, including mankind, and declares it very good. How does that inform our ideas about the earlier instruction to subdue the Earth and to have dominion over the animals?
3. Whichever way you turn, there is the face of God ~ The Qur'an Where do you see the face of God? Can you see it when you look in the mirror?
4. How does grace figure into your understanding of our place within creation? How does it figure into our relationships with people of other faiths?
5. How do the ideas of Pelagius, Celtic Christianity and Genesis call us into deeper expressions of our own humanity?

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On Earth As It Is In Heaven, Episode 6

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Pneuma Divina Scripture: Genesis 1:24-31

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to 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 wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

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.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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