

SCRIPTURE READING

(Job 12: 6-13)

Crooks reside safely in high-security houses,
insolent blasphemers live in luxury;
they've bought and paid for a god who'll protect them.
"But ask the animals what they think—let them teach you;
Pay attention to the birds proclaiming what's going on.
Put your ear to the earth—learn the basics from the trees.
Listen—the fish in the ocean will tell you their stories.
Isn't it clear that they all know and agree,
that GOD is sovereign and God holds all things in his hands—
Every living human soul, yes,
And every breathing creature?
Isn't this all just common sense,
As common as the sense of taste?
Do you think the elderly have a corner on wisdom;
That you have to grow old before you understand life?
"True wisdom and real power belong to God;
From the LORD we learn how to live,
And also what to live for.

"CANTICLE OF THE SUN" (St. Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226)

Most High, all powerful, good Lord, yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing. To you alone, Most High, do they belong.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through Brother Sun, who brings the day, and through whom you give light; So beautiful and radiant in splendor, he bears your likeness, Most High! Praised be you my Lord, through Sister Moon, and through the stars, whom you formed clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be you my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, clouds and peaceful calm, and through every kind of weather through which you give sustenance to your creatures. Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and life-giving. Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night and who is beautiful and playful and robust and warm. Praised be you, my Lord, through Mother Earth, for she sustains us and governs us and she produces varied fruits with colorful flowers and fragrant herbs.

I Praise and bless you my Lord, and give you thanks. I will serve you with great humility.

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