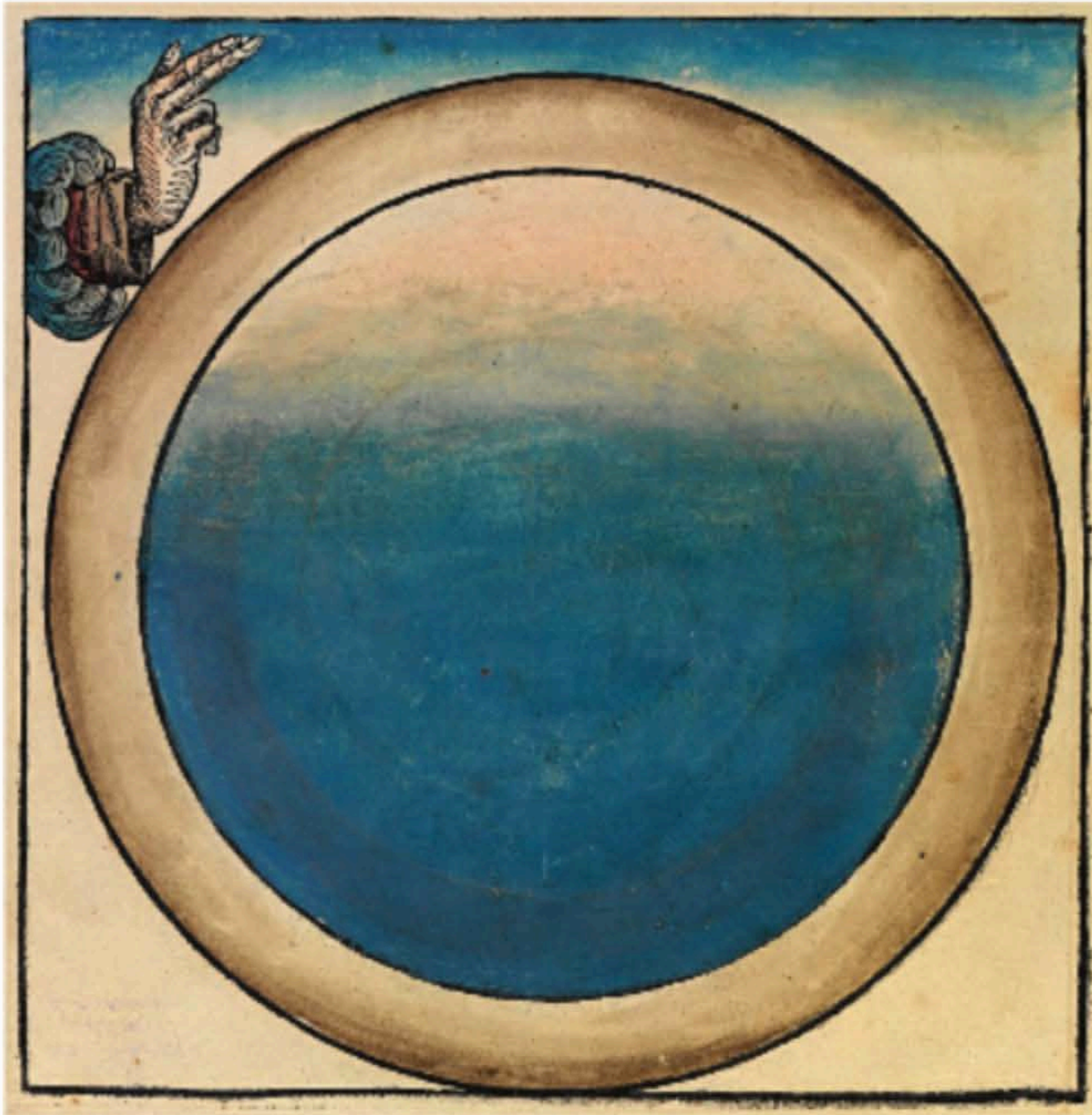


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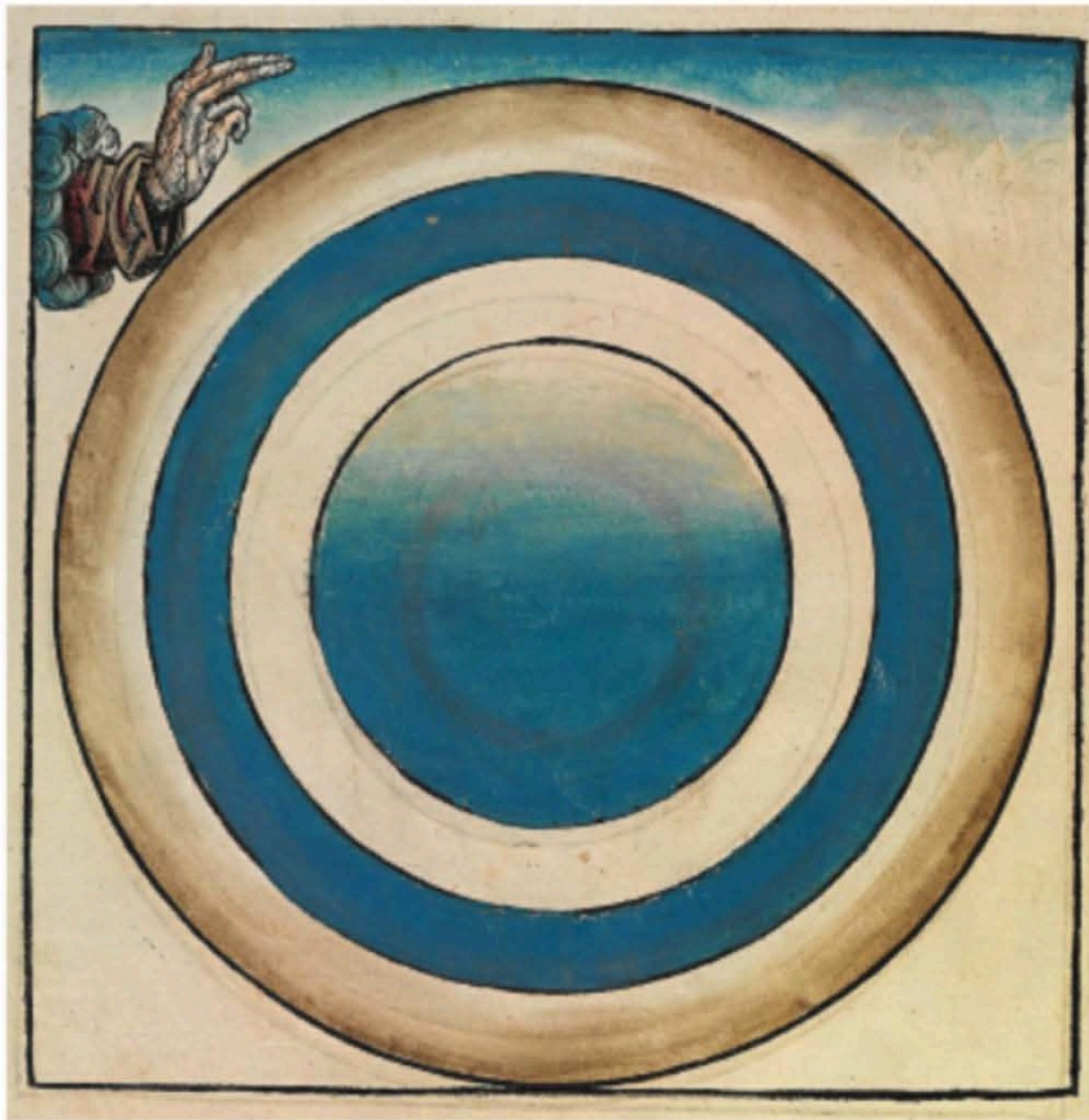
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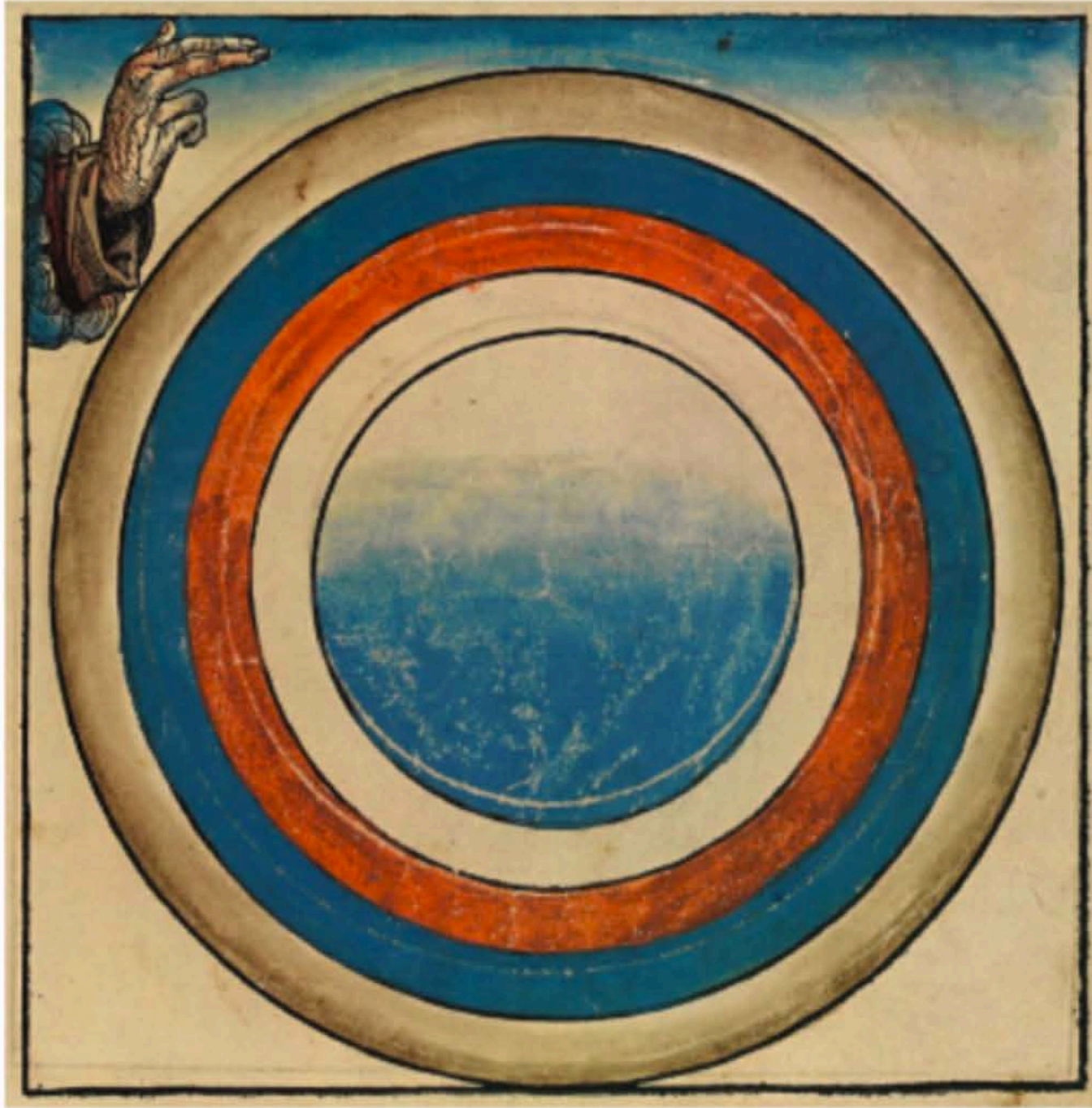
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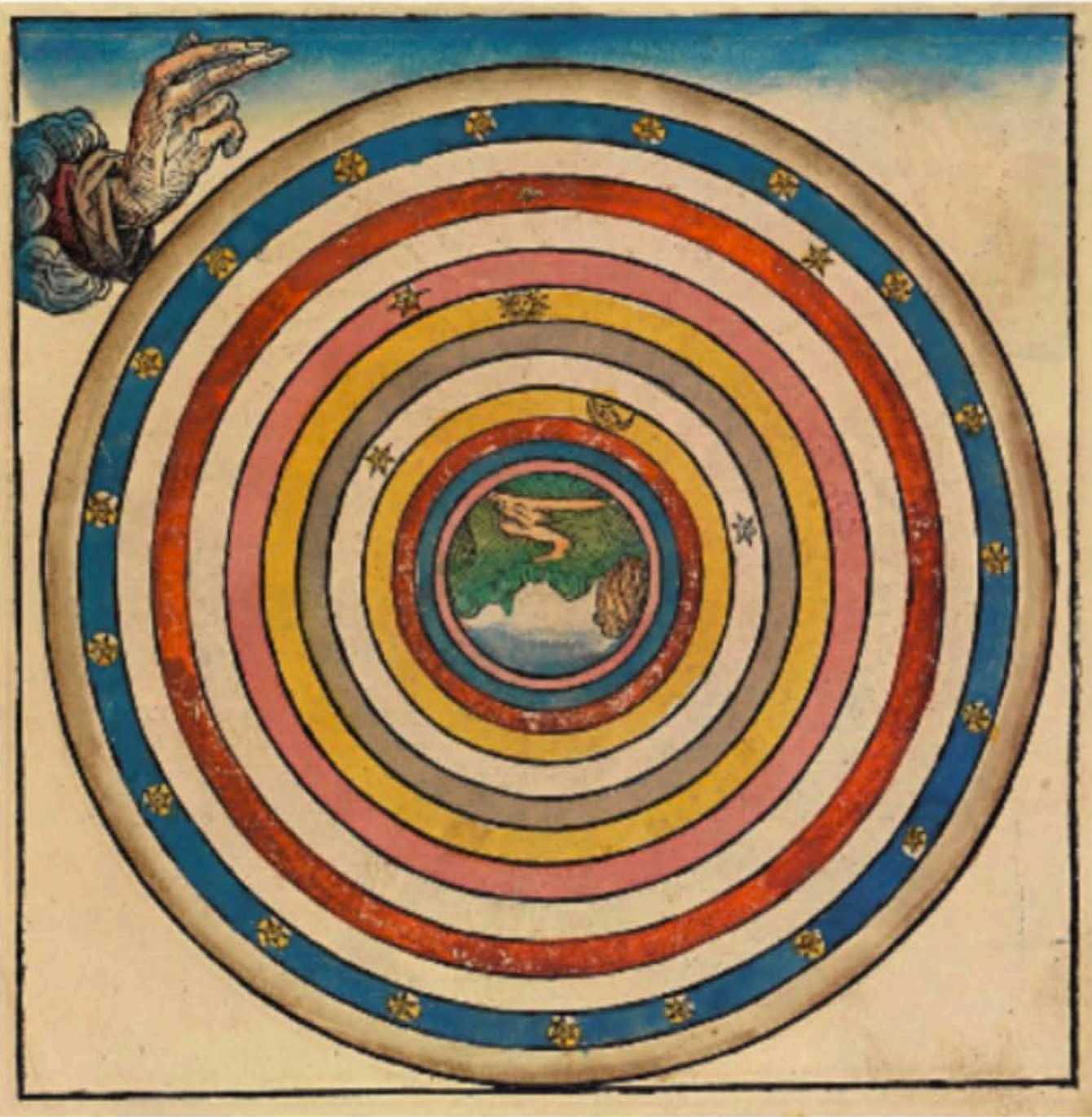
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So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-31

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

Genesis 1:26-31

And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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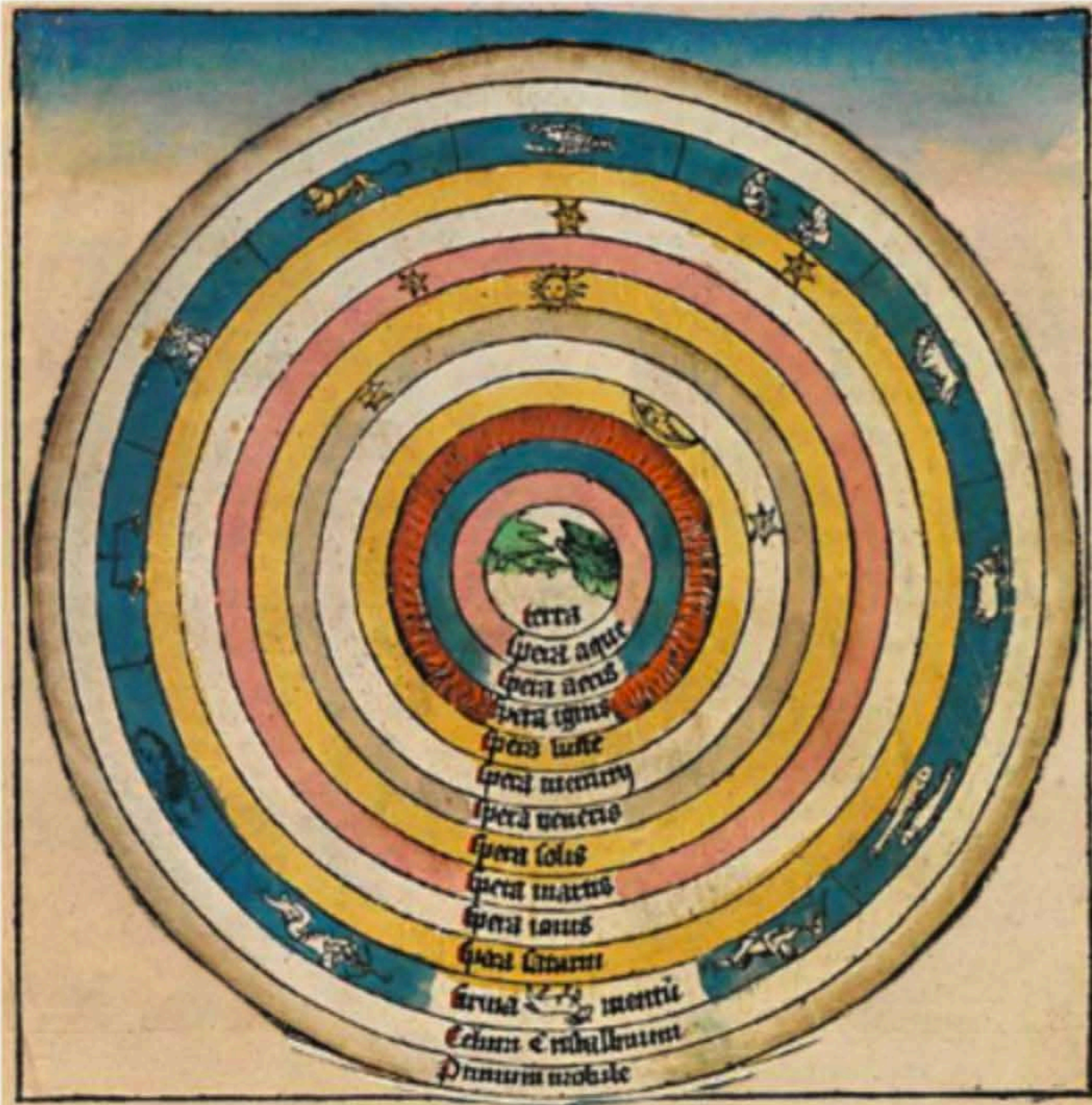
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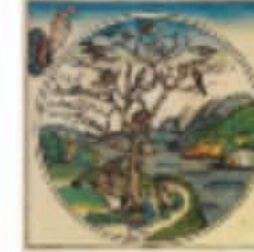
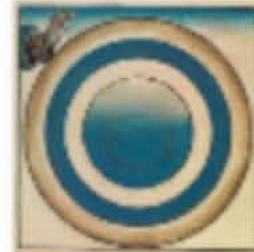
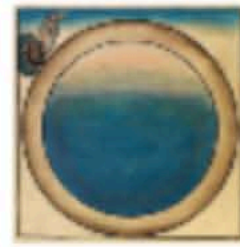
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Day 7 - Rest

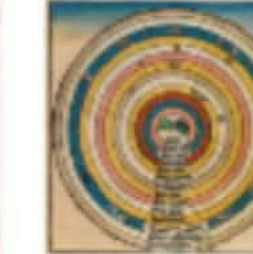
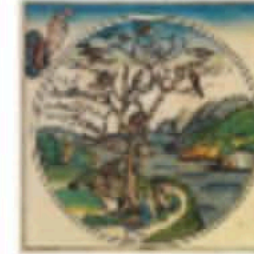
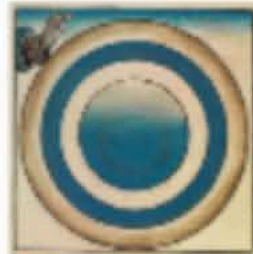
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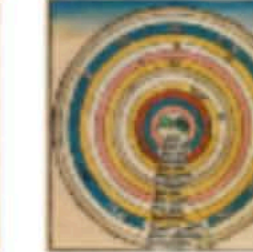
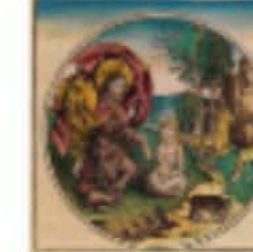
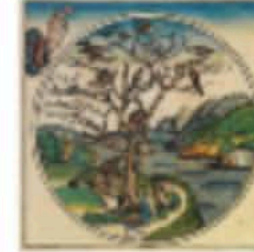
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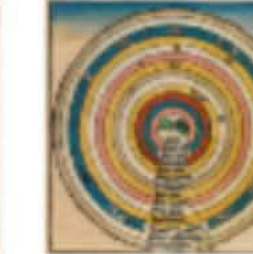
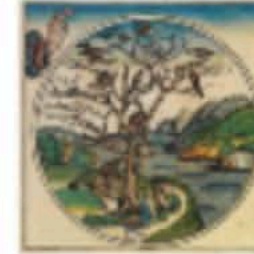
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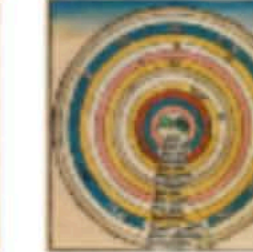
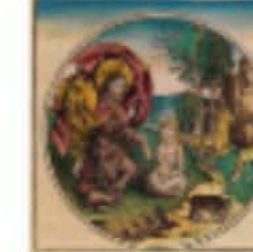
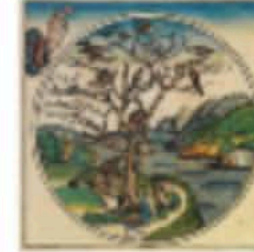
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God@Work

**“Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food from it
all the days of your life.
It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your brow
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until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;
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Lord Jesus, as I enter this workplace, I acknowledge Your presence is with me. I speak Your peace, Your grace and Your perfect order into the atmosphere of my workplace. I desire to bear your image as I engage in the tasks of this day.

I acknowledge Your Lordship over all that will be spoken, thought, decided and accomplished this day.

Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gifts and skills You have given me. I do not take them lightly, but commit to using them responsibly and well.

Give me a fresh supply of truth as I do my job today. Bless my creativity, my ideas, and my energy so that even my smallest task may bring You honor.

Lord, when I'm confused, guide me.

Lord, when I'm weary, energize me.

Lord, when I'm burned out, infuse me with the light of Your Holy Spirit.

May the work I do and the way I do it bring hope, life and courage to the work place.

And, Lord, even in this day's most stressful moments, may I rest in You. In the name of Jesus, I pray.

Amen.