

Elohim & Adonai: Genesis I & Genesis II

Two names, one God
Side by side.

Two names
Interdependent
Each with its own nature
Complementary.

Elohim at the beginning
Out of chaos and void
Heaven and earth
The fish below, the birds in the air
Elohim, ground of all creation
Lion and lamb
Eagle and dove
And all the ways of the earth.

“No shrub of the field was yet in
the earth, and no herb of the field had
yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not
caused it to rain upon the earth, and
there was not a man to till the ground.”

Adam and Eve
The breath of life into their nostrils
Dust into living souls
Adonai.

The rain fell
Plants and trees appeared

Where before there was not shrub or herb of the field
Gardens sprang to life
Trees pleasant to the sight
And fruits for food.

Bless creation
The transaction of human and non-human nature
Kiddush and motzi
Not the grape on the vine
But the wine in the cup
Not the wheat of the field
But the bread on the table.

Bless one God and Lord
Thanksgiving to Elohim, the ground of all that is
Thanksgiving to Adonai, the source of all that ought to be
To Elohim for seed and soil and sun
To Adonai for the seeding, weeding, threshing of the grain.

Accept and transform
Create and appreciate
Elohim and Adonai
Creative harmony we pray to dwell in us.

Two aspects, one God
Two reflections of unity in our body-soul
Make it whole
Make it balanced
Make it one
Blessed art Thou Adonai-Elohim
Who has created me in Your image.

