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GENESIS 1:1-6:8



*Waters Above Waters Below*  
Painting by Br. Kenneth Chapman

### THE FULFILLING POWER OF LONGING

1. God separated the waters below from the waters above. (Genesis 1:7)
2. They are crying like a family being torn apart. The lower waters long to go up in order to be reunited with their other half. (Midrash, B'reishit Rabbah 5:5)
3. "...in pain shall you bear children. And your longing (תִּשׁוּקָתְךָ) shall be for your husband, and he shall (יִמְשָׁל) with (over) you. (Genesis 3:16)

שׁוֹק – v. be abundant; attract

מָשַׁל – v. represent, be like

מִשְׁלַּל – n. proverb, parable

מִשַּׁל – v. use a proverb, speak sentences of poetry

מִשְׁלָל – n. likeness, one like

מָשַׁל – v. rule, have dominion

4. The swarthy water  
That flows round the earth and through the skies,  
Twisting among the universal spaces,  
Is not Swatara. It is being.  
(Wallace Stevens, "Metaphor as Degeneration")