



Humans Emerge:

A new form of consciousness

CONSIDER

From the period of great biological diversity mentioned in the last reflection emerged curious, new creatures—the first humans. Something new and surprising was added to the universe. Humans brought to the universe the capacity for awe and wonder, for asking questions, for probing the meaning and mysteries of the world itself.

Now we are able to consider the very origin and nature of that universe, and recognize our oneness with all that is.

REFLECTION

Take time with the words of this song by Kathy Sherman:

*Child of the Universe, behold and see the wonders of Earth.
Come now and take your place.
In the circle of life all is one Earth child.
Celebrate and sing for joy you've been invited to the dance!*

Write in your journal of moments of transformation in your own journey.

In your imagination, revisit the gradual emergence of the human, and consider what is emerging in your life, in that of planet earth.

How are you being called to participate?

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