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[Christian-Aristotelian View of the Cosmos]

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Description:

Fine representation of Adam's creation. According to the Bible God created all of the land animals on the sixth day of creation.

This is a Christian-Aristotelian view of the cosmos: at the center is the earth surrounded by other three elements of water, air and fire. Beyond it are the seven planetary spheres (the Moon, Mercury, Venus, the Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn), then the firmament (the dome of fixed stars), the crystalline heaven and Aristotle's primum mobile, the revolving outermost sphere which moves the universe by imparting motion to the other spheres. The four winds grace the corners. The woodcut, then, combines ancient philosophy, a Christian perspective and weather.

On verso woodblock entitled De sanctificatione septime diei: "God blessed the seventh day, and He declared it to be holy." This woodcut shows God resting after creating the world in six days.

Detailed Condition: