The Texts

What would you make using apples, sugar, flour, butter and cinnamon? You might make a pie, a cobbler, a pudding, turnovers, a tart, a fritter, a baked apple, or you might decide to just eat the apple and leave the rest of the stuff!

Texts can be like ingredients. We read and interpret them and create a formula that we find satisfying.

The following texts, both dealing with humanity and the earth, challenge us to make them work together. How we choose to do that results in how we live our lives.

Text # 1 Genesis 1: 28

... and God said to them, "Be fertile and increase, fill the earth and master it...

Text # 2

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and all that it holds, the world and its inhabitants.

| | Text # 1 | Text # 2 |
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| What does it say about G-d? | | ~ _ |
| What does it say about people? | | |
| What does each say to you about your role in the world? | | |

ANALYZE and INTERPRET:

Create your *recipe'* for Humanity

How do you put **Texts 1** and **2** together to create a *recipe* for living on the earth?

Complete the following table to show your results:

| | Want(s) | Need(s) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| I believe that God | | |
| I believe that PEOPLE | | |

