



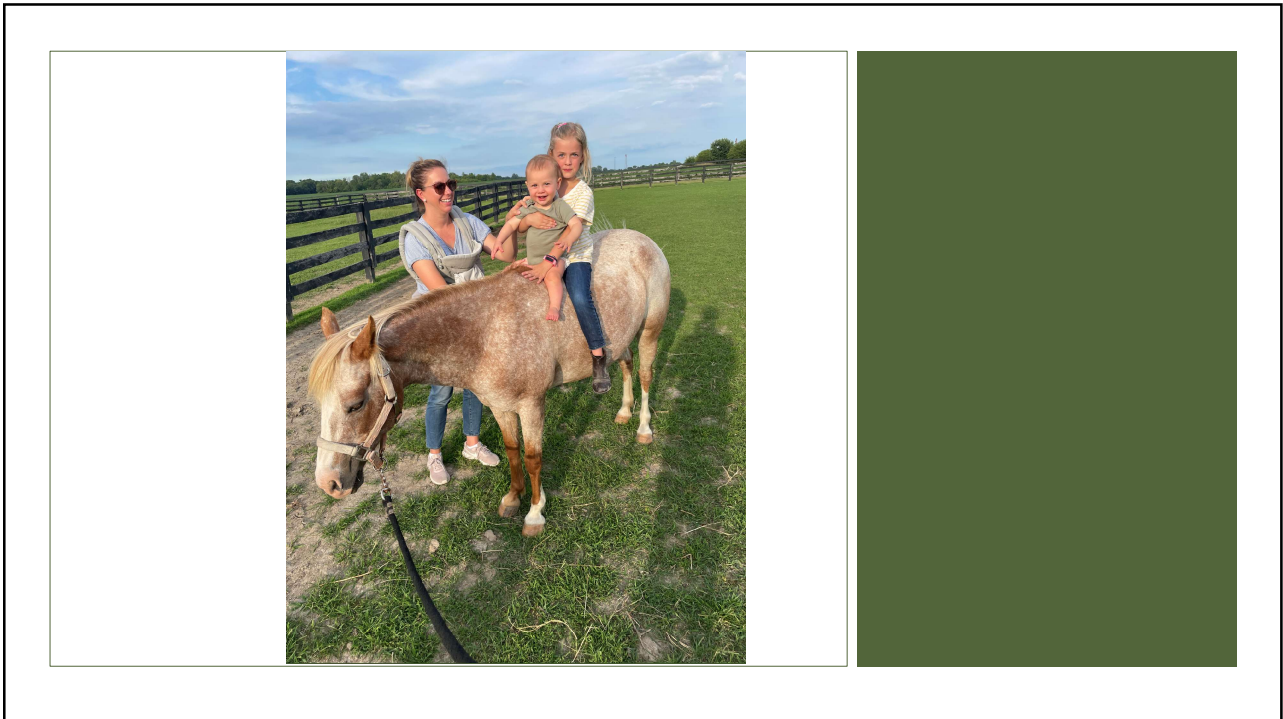
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ABRAHAM KUYPER

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry, ‘Mine!’”

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GENESIS 1:26

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth...’”

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GENESIS 1:27

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female He created them...”

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GENESIS 1:28

“And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

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GENESIS 9:1

“And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth...’”

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GENESIS 9:2

“The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered.”

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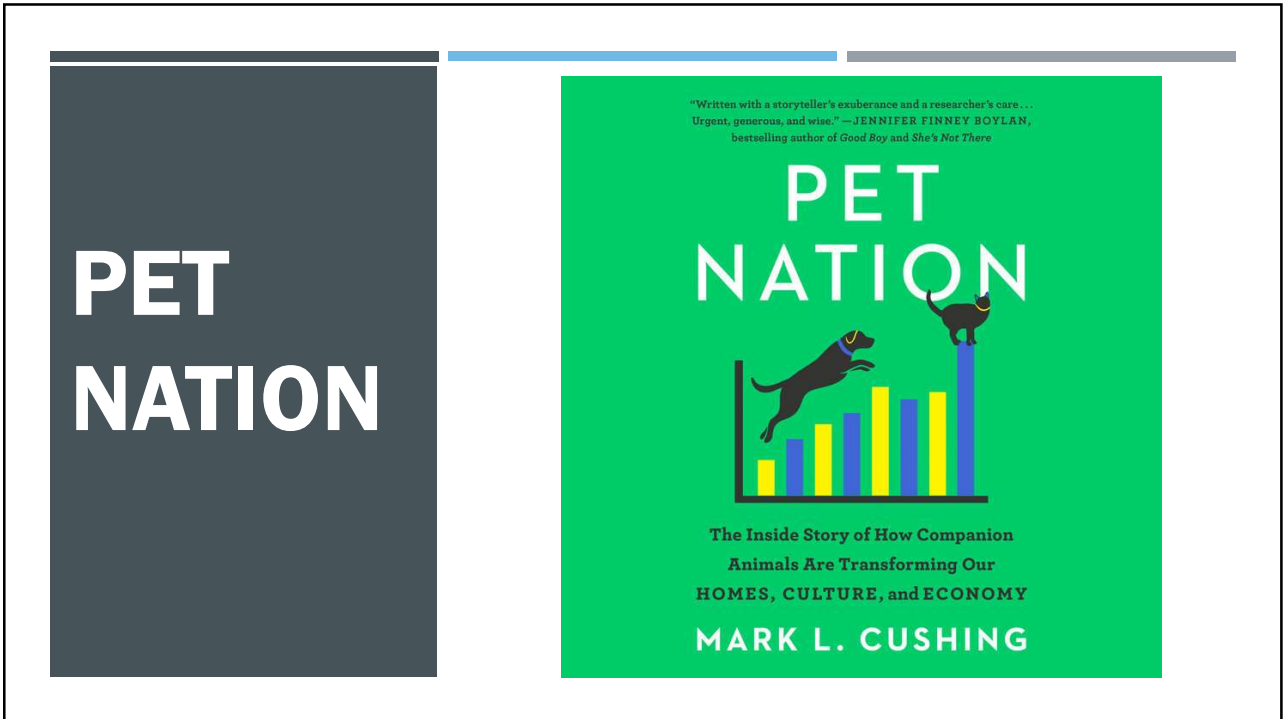
MANDATE

- Imago Dei/Human exceptionalism
- Responsibility
 - Rule/Have dominion
 - Be Fruitful and Multiply
 - Fill the Earth and Subdue It

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PET NATION

“Pet Nation is a country where 75% of our pets sleep on their owner’s bed, and where millions of dogs and cats have their own social media accounts, receive birthday cards they cannot read, and wear expensive Halloween costumes only once.”

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PET NATION

- 66% of dog owners say their dog is their best friend
- 86% said they would break up with someone who didn’t jive with their dog
- 54% of owners hang a Christmas stocking for their pet

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MILLENNIALS

- Less likely to have children or own a home
- 75% of millennials own a dog, 50% own a cat
- 57% love their pet more than their sibling
- 50% love their pet more than their mom

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GEN Z

- 7 out of 10 say they would rather adopt a pet than have their own children
- 73% said they'll spend extra for pet fashion and accessories

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BABY BOOMERS

- 49% think of their pets as their children
- 71% allow their pets to sleep in their beds

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PET NATION

- No kill shelters
- Animal rights
- Replacing children with pets



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ROMANS 1:22-25

“Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and of birds and animals and creeping things...”

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ROMANS 1:22-25

“Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator...”

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How Should We Then Live?

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EXHORTATION

1. Count the cost

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PILLARS OF RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

COMMIT

- Select a pet suited to your home and lifestyle
- Properly socialize and train your pet

INVEST

- Ensure your pet receives preventive health care
- Budget for potential emergencies

PREPARE

- Prepare for emergency or disaster
- Make alternate arrangements if you no longer provide care for your pet

OBEY

- Obey local ordinances for licensing, leash requirements and noise control

IDENTIFY

- Tag and microchip your pet

LIMIT

- Limit your pet's reproduction through spay/neuter, containment or managed breeding.



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PROVERBS 12:10

“A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal, but even the compassion of the wicked is cruel.”

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EXHORTATION

1. Count the cost
2. Choose your words carefully

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CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY

- Pet Parent
- Dog Mom
- Grand Dog
- Heart Horse
- Fur Baby
- Furkids



BORN TO BE A
stay-at-home
DOG MOM
 =FORCED=
to go to work

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COLSON CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

“Ideas have consequences,
bad ideas have victims”

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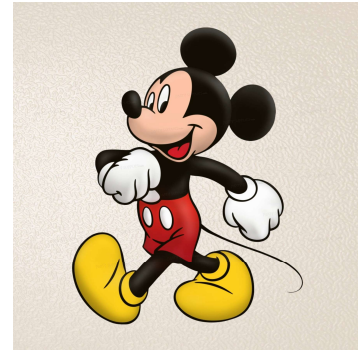
EXHORTATION

1. Count the cost
2. Choose your words carefully
3. Teach your children

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ANTHROPOMORPHISM

Attributing human traits, emotions, or intentions to non-human entities



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EXHORTATION

1. Count the cost
2. Choose your words carefully
3. Teach your children
4. Pets cannot replace people

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SHANE MORRIS

“Millennials desperately need to shake the delusion that pets can stand in or prepare us for babies. Not only is it depriving us of the joy of children and misdirecting our parental instincts towards things that were never meant to receive them...

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SHANE MORRIS

...it’s depriving many of the true delight of pet ownership. For both humans and animals, these delusions are sad distortions of instinct that leave only barrenness in their wake. But there is one key difference: dogs and cats don’t know any better. We do.”

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ALBERT MOHLER

“You cannot ignore the created order without doing harm to the creature.”

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1. Count the cost
 2. Choose your words carefully
 3. Teach your children
 4. Pets cannot replace people
 5. Be salt and light

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C.S. LEWIS

“I think God wants us to love Him more, not to love creatures (even animals) less. We love everything in one way too much (i.e. at the expense of our love for Him) but in another way we love everything too little. No person, animal, flower, or even pebble, has ever been loved too much – i.e. more than every one of God’s works deserves.”

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Does this change how you view or talk about pets?
2. What are the dangers of anthropomorphism?
3. How can pet ownership glorify God?

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