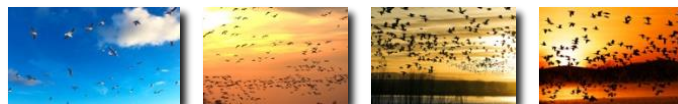


- It was good – [Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31](#) Seven times in chapter 1
 - The earth and the creation were created to be good. We only know it from its broken state.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good

- waters swarm with swarms of living creatures
 - **Chat GPT** – “How many aquatic life forms are on Earth?”
 - Short answer: **we don’t know exactly**—but we have solid estimates.
 - Here’s the best snapshot science can give right now:
 - **Marine (oceans & seas): ~2.2 million species** estimated
 - Only about **240,000** have been formally described.
 - **Freshwater (lakes, rivers, wetlands): ~125,000 species** described
 - Likely tens of thousands more undiscovered.
 - **Combined estimate:** roughly **2.3–2.5 million aquatic species** on Earth.
 - And that’s conservative. Tiny organisms (microbes, plankton, deep-sea life) are massively undercounted, and new species are found constantly—especially in the deep ocean.

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- let birds fly –
- God saw that it was good – Seven times in this chapter
- God created – **Bārā**, out of nothing (most cases), mostly of God (Although he tells people to “**clear land**” “**bārā**” [Joshua 17:15; 18](#))

²² And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

- Be fruitful and multiply – This is a directive from God to all the living creatures

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so according to their kinds. – No evolution from one kind to a different kind!

- The Ark did not have every breed of dog, just the common ancestor (Kind)
- **Statistics**
 - 8-11 million species on the planet (in two days)
 - Over 5million a day
 - 200k an hour (24 hr day)
 - 400k an hour (12 hr day) - 117 per second
- **Simple Cell?: [Dictionary]:** easily understood or done; presenting no difficulty:
 - The cell is not “Simple Life.” There is no such thing as “simple life.”
- **Chat GPT** – “How many pages of information are in the nucleus of a cell?”
 - A **human cell nucleus** contains about **3 billion base pairs** of DNA
 - **Deoxyribonucleic acid**
 - Think of each base pair as one letter.
 - If one printed page holds ~**1,000 letters** (roughly a dense book page):
 - 📖 **3,000,000 pages** of information
 - 📖 That’s about **3,000 average-length books** (1,000 pages each)
 - And that’s **just one cell**.
You have ~**37 trillion cells**, most carrying the same full instruction set.
 - If you like digital metaphors:
 - That’s roughly **750–800 MB** of raw data, tightly compressed and incredibly efficient.

²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

- livestock and creeping things and beasts – wildlife of the earth, beasts
- [Isaiah 11:6-10](#) - **The blueprint plan:**

- *The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The nursing **child shall play over the hole of the cobra,**
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him
shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.*

▪ according to their kinds

▪ The platypus ???!!!!

- My Dad and my wife are not very good at getting rid of any scraps or leftover parts from a project!! “Might be able to use this for something!” I used to think it was because they are artists. I get it now! It’s from God!



- **The Platypus! Leftover parts!**
- **1. People didn’t believe the platypus was real.** European naturalists thought it was a fake, made of other animals glued together.
- **They are one of only two kinds of egg-laying mammals left on Earth.**
- **Platypus are semi-aquatic.**



- **They are venomous.**
- **They use electroreception.**
 - They hunt worms and crustations with eyes and ears closed
 - They sense electric signals
- **They don’t have teeth or stomachs.**



- **They share DNA with reptiles, birds, and mammals.**

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.”

- Let us make –

- Some see this as God and the angels
 - Nowhere does it say that we are made in the image of angels.
 - Nowhere does it say that the angels are made in the image of God
 - We are not to put angels on the level of God.
 - They do not accept worship (the good ones)
 - “**Elohim**” is a word that allows for plurality within singularity
 - (plural intensive-singular meaning)
- Because the Bible teaches that the Father is/Son is/ Spirit is God, we see this “Us” as Father/Son/ Holy Spirit, not the angels and God, not the animals and God, certainly not the monkeys and God.
- **Our image** – Man is the image bearer and steward of the creation.
 - This designation is different than the rest of the creatures. No other being was created in the image of God like this.
 - No other created being was given authority & responsibility over creation like this
 - This is why man fell; all creation fell
 - “Man is different from every other order of created being because He has a created consistency with God.”– **Guzik**
 - We are distinct morally, intellectually, and spiritually
 - You are part of, yet distinct (Set apart) from the creation
 - God **chose** mankind. That choice was for him to take care of His creation.
 - You are loved and have inherent worth/ value!
 - **[Like a father & son]**– [Genesis 5:3](#) – *When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his **image**, and named him Seth.*
 - We are currently being made into the **image of Christ** (Through whom and for whom everything was made ([Colossians 1:16](#)))
 - [1 Corinthians 15:49](#) – And as we have borne the **image** of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the **image** of the heavenly *Man*.
- **Dominion** – [רָדָה](#) – rādâh - raw-daw'; a primitive root (verb) to rule, have dominion, dominate,
 - **dominion(n.)** mid-15c., "lordship, sovereign or supreme authority," from Old French *dominion* "dominion, rule, power" and directly **from Medieval Latin** *dominionem* (nominative *dominio*), corresponding to Latin *dominium* "property, ownership," from *dominus* "lord, master," from *domus* "house" (from PIE root ***dem-** "house, household").
- **Notice:** Before He created man, He announced our dominion over earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

- **Created** – Bārā -There are distinctions; sexes are different.
- **Man** – Hebrew= Adam, mankind

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.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

- Notice God’s provision for all of His creation. Every detail has been provided.
 - He is interested in our well-being
 - Some people erroneously think that God created and then put everything on autopilot without regard for each part.
 - Yet, here we see provision for all.

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, **the sixth day**.

- God blessed them – The blessing was on them from the start!
- subdue it, – **Work**
 - God worked and designed man for work
 - Because of the fall, many people either neglect work or idolize it.
 - Notice: the work they were to accomplish was not so they could earn favor with God, or somehow remain God’s children; it was because they were favored by God that they were given meaningful work.
 - It is the same today.
 - The work of God starts with Christ
 - John 6:29 – Jesus answered them, “This is the **work** of God, that you **believe in him whom he has sent**.”

- ..., it was very good – God made everything good!

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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