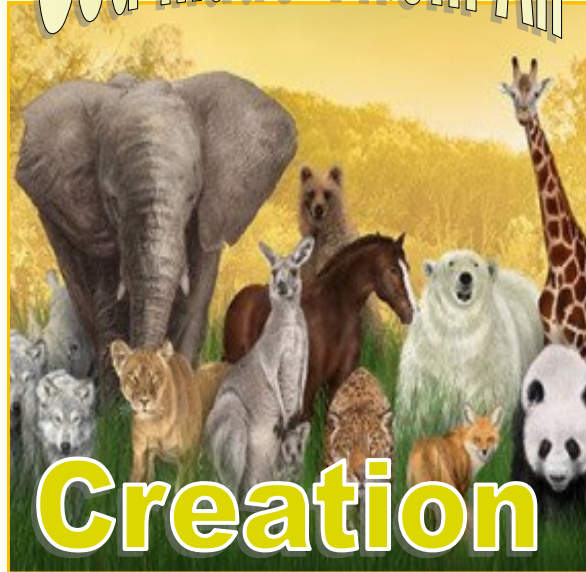


“God Made Them All”



“And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.” Genesis 1:24-25 KJV

The sixth day of the creation time must have been very busy. According to Genesis, God created all the animals including those on the ground, in the air and in the seas! How he did it will never be known to us on earth, but He did it.

It all seems very simple and well organized and we just accept it until we really stop and think about it. The variances are amazing. In the Scripture verse above it says “God spoke: ‘Earth,

generate life! Every sort and kind: cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds.’ And there it was: wild animals of every kind, Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug.” Genesis 1:24-31 The Message.

I don’t know what that means! God made the beast of the earth after his kind? How could they have “a kind” when they had not been created before? A good lesson we need to learn, is that we can’t do it, He did, and that is why we have faith. Did Adam also name the phylum? Some of them are extinct. Why? According to one researcher, the dinosaur disappeared 66 million years ago!


Creation didn’t stop there. Along with creating them he gave each animal individual characteristics, just as he does us. Then there is the “food chain.” How does that fit into this creation process. What we do know is that all translations seem to say the same thing—“God said. . . And it was so.”

Did you ever wonder who named all the animals? According to Genesis, Adam had that job. Almost every bird has its own song. That couldn’t just happen. If God cared for the little sparrow, He certainly must care for each of us. How can we doubt His omniscience.

“And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.”

Genesis 2:19

“Even for us there is a responsibility to nurture The Earth, to nurture Creation, to keep it and make it grow according to its laws.”



Pope Francis

Then he realized there needed to be someone like him. None of the animals would be a help mate to the man.

“God said, ‘It’s not good for the Man to be alone; I’ll make him a helper, a companion.’ . . . But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.’” Genesis 2:18-23

This can bring up another whole group of questions. Why after creating all those animals did he have to take a bone from Adam’s side?

Let’s get back to the animals and not only at creation, but how they affect our lives today. The dog has often been referred to as man’s best friend, but we don’t hear of many dogs in the Bible.

What is the purpose of animals? Do they talk? Balaam’s donkey did. I have

talked with many of my friends who feel their pet talks to them.

A child's favorite book written by Hugh Lofting many years ago tells about Dr. Doolittle talking with the animals. His close friends are Polynesia, a parrot; Gub-Gub, a pig; Jip, a dog; Dab-Dab, a duck; and Chee-Chee, a monkey. The main theme is Dr. Doolittle's concern for life and living creatures, especially animals. His fictional account was widely read by many children and the name Dr. Doolittle is still coupled with talking with animals.

Another classic is "Charlotte's Web" by E. B. White. It is a story about Fern, who understands non-human conversation and plots with Charlotte to save Wilbur, a very emotional pig. But other animals talk also, including a lamb, goose, and an old sheep.



Animals talking have also been used to promote a political idea such as "Animal Farm" by George Orwell. According to the author it is a satirical take against the dictatorship of Stalin in which the animals mimic actions of humans. The animals take over the farm on the theme "All Animals are equal."



I couldn't mention these books without mentioning the importance of C. S. Lewis and his animals. His Narnia has become a classic and has certainly been built on the image of the Lion, Aslan, and based on Scripture.. He had many animals talking in other publications. He once wrote that it is precisely through animals acting humanly that one sees all the varieties of human psychology and character. C. S. Lewis has a very meaningful quote on love that also talks about animals.



Perhaps these well known writers were able to express ideas through talking animals even if through the voice of a pig or lion, or even a spider and show the animal's loyalty for their master in a very meaningful way.

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable." – C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves

"The chimpanzee study was - well, it's still going on, and I think it's taught us perhaps more than anything else to be a little humble; that we are, indeed, unique primates, we humans, but we're simply not as different from the rest of the animal kingdom as we used to think." Jane Goodall

Prayer: God, You created so much and yet we doubt, we want to know how. Please help us to have the faith of a child, to witness of animal's unwavering love, the resilience of a seed and know you are an awesome God. Amen

"The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man."
- Charles Darwin.

1. Have there been stories about talking animals that have made you think about human virtues or faults?
2. What was the purpose of God creating animals?
3. Do you talk with animals?
4. Have you ever been in a situation where an animal has helped protect you by actions?
5. Did one Adam do all this? Some translations say "the man." Was Adam a name for many men?
6. Can you stop and smell the beauty of spring flowers and hear the birds sing?

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