

Examining the Cosmos

Session 8 Creation Day 6

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CREATION DAY 6 Creation of Selected Land Animals and Humans

Genesis 1:24-28, 31

*And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures [nephesh] according to their kinds: livestock [behema], creatures that move along the ground [remes], and wild animals [hayya], each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made [asa] the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds.
And God saw that it was good.*

Then God said, “Let us make [asa] man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created [bara] man in his own image, in the image of God he created [bara] him; male and female he created [bara] them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

God created three new types of “soulish” land mammals on Creation Day 6.

- God created the “livestock” (*behema*). This is a broad term referring to four-legged land mammals, usually those that can be domesticated such as herds of cattle and goats.
- God created the “creatures that move along the ground” (*remes*). This refers to shortlegged land mammals, and possibly small reptiles.

- God created the “wild animals” (*hayya*). The term refers to wild animals (in contrast to domestic animals).

- **Related Scripture:**

Genesis 2:19-20a “Now the *LORD God had formed* [*yatsar*] out of the ground all the *beasts of the field* and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to *all the livestock*, the birds of the air and *all the beasts of the field*.”

Psalms 104:24-25 “How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all;

Psalms 104:27 “These [animals] all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.” (The context helps us know that the events described here occurred on Creation Day 5 and/or Day 6.)

- **Scientific Predictions:**

1. Land mammals make a sudden appearance in the fossil record.
2. Land mammals express a degree of intelligence, will, and emotions.
3. Land mammals show design for their purpose and habitat.
4. Animal extinction is followed by new creations.

Creation of the first man and woman were God’s crowning act of creation week.

- Only human beings are created in the “image of God” which makes them distinct from the rest of God’s creation. Only human beings have a “spiritual” capacity, namely the ability to have a relationship with God.
- Human beings are both an *asa* (fashioned) creation and a *bara* (created from no prior existence) creation.

- **Related Scriptures:**

Genesis 2:7 “the *LORD God formed* [*yatsar*] the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils *the breath of life*, and the man became a living being.” *yatsar*: to be forged, usually from existing material (this could point to woman’s biochemical and morphological similarities with man); when

God is seen as the Creator or Maker, the focus is on His planning and forming the creation as a skilled craftsman.

Genesis 2:8 “Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.”

Genesis 2:20b-22 “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 closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made [*banah*] a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.” (literally, “God made woman out of the *side* taken out man...”) *banah*: to make, build, rebuild, establish

Psalms 8:3-8 “When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? *You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings* and crowned him with glory and honor. *You made him ruler over the works of your hands*; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.”

Are biblical genealogies complete or abbreviated?

- **Genesis 5:5** “When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father [*yalad*] of Enosh.” *yalad*: to become the father of, cause to come to birth; does not necessarily point to the generation immediately following; ancestor of all who will be descended from this child.
- Two examples of abbreviated biblical genealogies:
 1. 1 Chronicles 6:13-14 contrasted with Ezra 7:1-5
 2. 1 Chronicles 3:11-12 contrasted with Matthew 1:8-9
- **Scientific Predictions:**
 1. Humans share similarities with other creatures (because humans are *asa* creations and they share a common Designer).
 2. Humans make a sudden appearance in the fossil record.
 3. Advanced human culture makes a sudden appearance.
 4. Appearance of spiritual activity coincides with the appearance of humans.
 5. Human origins are traceable to one man and one woman.
 6. Humans origin is recent (~10,000 to 100,000 years ago).