



# THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR

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## Day 5: Birds & Fish (Genesis 1:20-23)

PURPOSE: To capture the *What*, the *How*, and the *Who* of everything around us -preparing us for stepping into God's world.

### I. The What (What Are We Looking At?)

#### A. The Physics of Avian and Aquatic Creatures

1. *Amazing Feat of Engineering.* The Common Swift bird can fly nonstop for ten months. The Artic Tern yearly flies the distance of the Earth's circumference. The hummingbird eats half its bodyweight per day. The woodpecker bangs his head at 1000 g's without it bursting (compare: rollercoaster at 5 g's). Sharks can sense electromagnetic fields in the ocean. Electric eels can generate 600 volts. The Peacock Mantis Shrimp can punch a hole through the side of an aquarium with the force of a handgun. A certain type of Snailfish have been found swimming on the Mariana Trench floor (five miles deep). Swordfish can travel at 22 mph in open water.
2. *Variety on Steroids.* The overwhelming spectrum of birds and fish, all freely moving about in their element, testify to God's creative hand. Many break the rule of "survival of the fittest" preferring beauty instead (e.g., birds of the Amazon).

#### B. The Metaphysics of Avian and Aquatic Creatures

1. *As if the Sky and Sea were but a Stage.* With the expanse above, the sea below, and land in between, the stage has been set for this motley crew of colorful characters. God acting as

Director tells them to “multiply and fill” the vertical extremes of Earth...And they do! –from 5 miles into the deep to 5 miles into the sky! Amazing.

2. *But What About the Mean-Looking Ones?* While it is possible that the 300 sharp teeth of the Great White Shark didn’t appear (or mutate) until after the Fall, the Bible allows for a second option. God could have simply put the savagery of the carnivores *on hold* until after the Fall. After all, God shut the mouths of lions in Daniel 6:22.

Once more, *if in the Redeemed Earth*, “The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; **the lion shall eat straw like the ox**, and dust shall be the serpent’s food” (Isaiah 65:25), it is not unthinkable that the pre-Fall Earth had (yes) plant-eating sharks and vultures. God’s paradise, past and future, does not allow for the stench of carcasses lying about. Death is solely man’s doing (see Romans 5:12).

A final note: The look of danger in of itself is not sinful. Many times in the Bible God appears in a fire. A raging fire is dangerous. It makes us stand back. But God is not sinful for appearing in a blaze. Quite the opposite.

## II. **The How** (How Are We Processing All This?)

### A. Reason (Still...Grappling with the Theory of Evolution)

1. *Evolutionary Gridlock:* To date, the Cambrian Explosion (Trilobites and other ancient deep sea creatures without subphylum) still have the evolutionists stumped. The supposed missing link between reptiles and birds, the *Archaeopteryx*, has been disproven. Fully developed birds have been found in much older fossil layers.

2. *Not to Beat an Old Drum Again:* The complexity factor. If it's a problem with the complex cell formation of plants, all the more now with animals. For each part of the animal's anatomy (skin, muscle, bone, digestive system, sensory devices, healing systems, brain, respiratory, reproduction, body temperature, etc.) there can be volumes written on the delicate mechanics of what's going on inside. Today, through *biomimicry*, scientists and engineers find themselves copying God's design into their own "original" inventions.

B. Faith

**Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord?**<sup>2</sup> Can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook?

- Job 41:1-2

(See Job's *response of faith* in Job 42:1-6)

III. **The Who** (Who Does This All Point To? Who is Creation For?)

A. God's Kingdom Was (and Will Be) Bustling with Life

1. In light of the book of *Genesis*.

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.**"

- Genesis 1:20

2. In light of the *Torah* (Gen. – Deut.).

It is interesting how God takes down Pharaoh's empire in Exodus chapters 7-9 by subduing or using the local animal kingdom (also, Rev. 6:8).

3. In light of the whole *Bible* (Gen. – Rev.)

Jesus – using the O.T. imagery of Ezekiel 17.

He [Jesus] said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it?<sup>19</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, **and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.**”

- Luke 13:18-19

B. Man is Reassured by the Span of God's Provision

1. From the heights of the avian world...

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, **and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.** Are you not of more value than they?

- Matthew 6:26

2. ..To the aquatic world (life found on floor of sea).

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!<sup>9</sup> **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

- Psalm 139:7-10

The Almighty Creator Course Outline:

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