

THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR

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Day 6: Land Animals and Humans (Genesis 1:24-31)

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 Land Animals and Humans

1. *Again, an Amazing Feat of Engineering.* The cheetah runs 70 mph, accelerating from 0 to 60 mph in three seconds. Termites can build a tall mud structure, with its own air conditioning system -the equivalent of a mile high building (if the termite was our size). Dogs can use their keen sense of smell to develop a 3-D picture in their mind of a person's path. The Ibex can scale near-vertical slopes of rock, over 100 feet high. The bombardier beetle internally makes its own explosive formula to ward off predators.
2. *Humans are the Most Advanced.* While dolphins, ants, and lions are certainly impressive only humans have subdued the Earth more than any other creature. Humans have traveled the farthest, to the Moon and maybe someday Mars. Humans also have a sense of God-awareness and eternity, unmatched by any other animal.

B. The Metaphysics of Land Animals and Humans

1. *Land Animals Not Out for Blood.* Before the Fall of Adam both domesticated and wild animals were content to only eat plants (v. 30). This may be for two reasons: (1) they share in the sacred "breath of life" and (2) their unshed blood = (is) their "life"

preserved (contrast, Leviticus 17:11). After the Fall animal blood sacrifice is in fact ordained by God and it continues until Calvary when the “Lamb of God” sheds his own blood...finally ending the Old Testament rite (Hebrews 10:10). In the Flood account, Noah and his family and select animals have their breath spared while all others are drowned (see Genesis 6:17).

2. *Adam Uniquely Endowed with God’s Breath.* So that we don’t get an inflated view of the first man, Genesis chapter 2 describes Adam’s humble beginning: He was made from dirt; his life comes from God breathing life “into his nostrils” (2:7). After the Fall when Cain kills Abel God says, “The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground” (4:10). Man’s life in his breath and blood is a repeating, underscored theme.

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

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

1. *Chimpanzee DNA:* While it is true that chimpanzee DNA looks a lot like human DNA, much more can be said on the matter: (1) we should expect the two to look alike since our DNA is the control tower for all our physical characteristics. Since there are similar physical characteristics between chimps and humans (e.g., skeleton, muscle, skin, etc.), so too with the DNA-driver materializing those physical characteristics; (2) DNA actually *contradicts* the advancing-upward, chimp-to-human evolutionary construct. DNA mutations usually don’t evolve; they *devolve* (i.e., with *increasing* loss-of-functions). From what we know of DNA mutations it would be easier to say chimps *devolved* from humans than to say humans *evolved* from chimps. (3) for the enormous intellectual gap

between humans and chimps there is simply not enough time for this kind of evolution to occur, *even if you were to give it an extra billion years.*

2. *And What About Procreation?:* How did evolved male chimps make it in time to meet up with their more advanced female counterparts? (Or vice versa?). Hybridization usually causes sterilization. Bear in mind, this hurdle is faced again and again through every minute stage of evolutionary development, according to the rules of “natural selection.”

B. Faith

“Do you give the horse his might? Do you clothe his neck with a mane? **He laughs at fear and is not dismayed**; he does not turn back from the sword.”

- Job 39:19 & 22

(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 Receives Glory When We Carry Out His Directives

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

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

- Genesis 1:27

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

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and **you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

- Exodus 19:5-6

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

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ **By this all people will know that you are my disciples**, if you have love for one another.”

- John 13:34-35

B. Humans Acts as Vice Regents to All Life on Earth

1. In the physical realm.

Adam keeps order and expands his glory through procreation and is the chief morally responsible representative. Eve complements her husband's mission, being at his side and knowing him more than any other created being (Genesis 2).

2. In the spiritual realm.

After the Fall of Adam Jesus acts as a new and better Adam.

For if, because of **one man's trespass**, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the **one man** Jesus Christ.

- Romans 5:17

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