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The apparently endless variety in beauty of diatoms are part of the Creator's wonderful works. While the primary purpose of essential clothing is utilitarian, the clothing of the high priest under the law of Moses were also "for glory and for beauty" - Exodus 28:2. That glory and beauty is to be seen in the character and position of the Lord Jesus Christ, and ultimately in that of the Creator, whose character Jesus perfectly reflects.

The beauty in creation is part of God's wonderful works, as Psalm 104 declares - "Let the glory of the Lord endure for ever. Let the Lord rejoice in his works".

The psalm continues with allusions to the SECOND day of creation, when "God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters'." - Genesis 1:6. This arrangement placed the clouds above the earth and seas, separated from them by the lower atmosphere, and made possible the weather cycle.

Under all conditions there is some evaporation of the seas into the atmosphere, but this is greatly affected by sunlight. Evaporation is faster on sunny days than on cloudy ones for two reasons. Since evaporation removes energy from the liquid, then molecular motion is decreased which slows evaporation. But when the sun warms the sea, molecular motion of the water increases and evaporation increases. Also, sunshine tends to make the air next to the sea drier, which makes it easier for water vapour to enter the atmosphere.

Once again light is playing a key role in the support of life on earth. And so declaring of God in Psalm 104:5 "You who laid the foundations of the earth, So that it should not be moved forever, 6 You covered it with the deep [the oceans] as with a garment; The waters stood above the mountains." This refers to the flood from which Noah and his family escaped. 7 "At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away. 8 They went up over the mountains; They went down into the valleys, To the place which You founded for them. 9 You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, That they may not return to cover the earth."

While the ark floated in safety, Genesis 7:20 "The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered." But afterwards, Genesis 8:1 "Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. 2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. 3 And the waters receded continually from the earth."

And God promised that it will never happen again - "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake,... nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. 22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."

After that time the normal weather cycle returned. And so under the shining sun "the waters which were under the firmament" (the seas below the atmosphere) gave up some of their water to enter the atmosphere as clouds, which Genesis 1:7 calls "the waters which were above the firmament". The result of this evaporation is to move many tons of water from the oceans up into the clouds, which then move often long distances to unload their waters as precipitation onto the dry land.