

The Creator's Origin of Life - 8

Psalms 104:25 “This great and wide sea, in which are innumerable teeming things, living things both small and great. 26 There the ships sail about; and there is that Leviathan which You have made to play there.” These words speak of the seas being more than simply put to working use by mankind’s shipping in international trade. The larger sea-mammals can be seen cavorting through the waters. It is as though these greatest and strongest of beasts are seen enjoying life in the sea to emphasize the wisdom and power of the One who created them and who takes the same sort of pleasure as we do in beholding the lives of these creatures.

Psalms 104:27 “These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season. 28 What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good. 29 You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. 30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.” There was earlier reference to the marvellous way that God has provided for the feeding of all these various organisms, small and large. We saw the example of the humpback whale, travelling thousands of miles, at the right time, in the right direction, going to the right location - to find an abundant feeding ground.

The theory of evolution posits that life has been gradually changing over vast stretches of time. But in total contrast, the Psalm shows the creator in control of His own creation, where one generation passes away and is replaced by another of the very same “kind” that was first made at the beginning according to the divine design.

How privileged and blessed are we to live in an era when modern technology has made it possible for the ordinary person to view the marvels of life on earth, particular in the seas. In this regard those who possess “the hope of eternal life” - Titus 3:7 - can only anticipate a far closer and detailed appreciation of creation when they hope to be made like the angels to die no more - Luke 20:36. This will truly be the time when that early mission statement on the sixth day of creation will be fulfilled - Genesis 1:26 “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’”

And so will be fulfilled, after a very long wait, the words of Psalm 104:31 “May the glory of the Lord endure forever; May the Lord rejoice in His works.” Meanwhile, it is easy for mankind to ignore the reality that the earth, apart from the overseeing care of God, might be an exceedingly dangerous place to live - Psalm 104:32 “He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke.”

This knowledge of God, the powerful, the all-wise Creator, this knowledge which He has imparted to those who listen to his word, and the knowledge of his purpose with this planet, and their witnessing of its gradual development over the ages - all fill them with gratitude - Psalm 104:33 “I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. 34 May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the Lord.”