

INTRODUCTION TO  
CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE

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In the study of Creation up to this point, shown have been those things which occurred during the first four days of this Earth's existence. This present chapter begins with a rudimentary discussion of those things which occurred throughout Day Five of the Creation week. The discussion then proceeds into the beginning of Day Six of this very special week. Because the writer was not satisfied with simply knowing what was created on these days, he has noted a few interesting facts about certain of those unique creatures which God formed. By this, the Reader may begin to understand exactly what it was that God created, and the beauty of it. By those things which were created, we also begin to understand many things about God Himself.

It is incredible to consider the enormous number of interesting creatures which God has created. Each creature is different in its own way. Each was made in its particular characteristics, because God had a particular function for that unique creature. By examining those many things which God has created, the very nature of God becomes more readily apparent. By examining closely those things which God has created, we are able to come to a much greater understanding and knowledge of our God and Creator. We may also begin to understand the interesting way in which God works. It should also be noted, from the Word of God, that some creatures appear to have been created for our learning. They teach us lessons about how, and how not we are to lead our lives.

As this chapter proceeds, the discussion moves to some special things which are yet to occur in the future. It even examines how certain of the habits within the animal kingdom will radically change from those which we commonly observe today. This raises a question. Will some major event occur, which, after happening, will have such an effect upon the animal kingdom as a whole, that it will cause them to greatly change in their daily habits? One of the Reference notes will consider this interesting matter. A number of passages from the Holy Scripture are examined for any clues which they may contain regarding this matter. At that point, the Reader may need to ponder for a time on the information which is given in the Reference notes, and ask God for great wisdom before drawing any concrete conclusions.

May the very Spirit of God the Father be your guide, as you examine the contents of this book. May this book be a blessing to you in your walk with our magnificent Creator and God.

## Chapter 29: BIRDS AND BEASTS

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### THE WORD OF GOD

It is written: “*And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.’ And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.’ And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.*”<sup>1</sup>

### THE FIFTH DAY



On the fifth day of Creation, God Almighty created all the fishes of the Sea to swim in the abundant waters of this Earth. He created the many fowls of the air to ‘swim’ in the great sea of air above the face of this Earth. God also made great whales to swim in the vast oceans. But God did not stop His great work with the creation of simple fishes, fowls, and whales. God the Father, by His Son Jesus Christ, also made a myriad of other interesting creatures which are found in the many waters of the Earth. One of these very delightful creations is the flying fish.

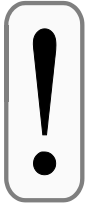
### AIRBORNE SWIMMERS

There are about 50 species of flying fish. One species attains a length of 18 inches (46 cm). Flying fish exit the water by powerful thrusts of the elongated lower portion of their tail fin. Upon leaving the water, certain fish may glide upward to an altitude of about 36 feet (11 m). These fish are also capable of gliding a distance of up to 200 yards (183 m) per glide. Furthermore, the total flight of a flying fish may be greatly increased by linking many individual glides together.<sup>2 and 3</sup>

There is a freshwater flying fish that does more than just glide in the air. It is called the flying hatchet fish. This species of fish may grow to a length of about 3.2 inches (8 cm). It appears to be the only fish which makes short flights by actually flapping its wings in a manner somewhat like a bird. These fish are said to make a buzzing noise as they move through the air.<sup>4</sup>

Let us now turn to the subject of birds. There are more than 8,700 living species of birds scattered from the polar regions to the equator, and all places in between. Let us not be fooled by the perverse deceptions of certain individuals which state birds evolved from reptiles and dinosaurs.<sup>5 and 6</sup> The Holy Bible clearly declares that birds (fowl) were created on the fifth day of Creation.<sup>7</sup>

## THE PSALMIST SINGS



It is written in the book of Psalms: “*O LORD, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.*”<sup>8</sup> Truly, the ocean seems to be teeming with an innumerable variety of creeping things. Quite a number of individuals have spent countless years cataloging just those creatures of which mankind is currently cognizant. And still, there are more species yet to be found.

## A QUESTION



One may ask, “How, exactly, did God Almighty create all of the birds and the fishes?” There is only one true answer that can be given in this book. That true answer is: “No man knows!”<sup>9</sup> The truth is, no carnal man may ever know exactly how God created all of these many creatures. The man Job spoke of God “*which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.*”<sup>10</sup>

## AN OBSERVATION

It appears that humans often get into large debates as to how all things were made in this Universe. One person has their particular opinion, and another has a completely different one. In most cases, these fantastic opinions are not based on pure fact, or even (in some cases), anything approaching the truth. It seems that many of man’s theories are simply based on the whims and fantasies of the overfed and undernourished carnal human mind, and not based on true scientific facts or logic. As we consider these matters, we find that there is only One who knows the real truth of all things.<sup>11</sup>

Friend, we can only learn the answer to how all things were created from God Himself! It appears that those who will be with God for all eternity (after the immense judgment of this Earth) may be the only ones to find out all the true answers concerning Creation. Let us look to an example of how even the best of individuals was limited in his understanding of God’s ways.

## STANDING BEFORE GOD

The LORD God witnessed of Job that he was a perfect and upright man.<sup>12</sup> Yet, God came to Job and said: “*Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.*

“*Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*”

*“Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?”*

*“Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? Or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? Or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?”*

*“Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?”*

*“Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? Or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?”*

*“Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, ‘Here we are?’”<sup>13</sup>*

## **COMPLETE PICTURE**

The Lord God asked Job many questions besides those few which are shown above. In the end, Job realized that he could not begin to answer all the questions which God demanded of him. He realized that he was as nothing in comparison to Almighty God. Friend, what was Job’s response to this situation? Did he attempt to bluff his way through, as humans often have a tendency to do? Or did Job wisely choose the path of righteousness? For our answer, let us return to the Holy Scriptures.

When God was finished placing His initial questions to Job, the Holy Scriptures record: *“Then Job answered the LORD, and said, ‘Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.’”<sup>14</sup>* Yes, Job showed proper wisdom in the presence of Almighty God.<sup>15</sup>

Job spoke his words to God, but God was not finished with Job. Many more questions were put forth to Job. As the questions of God ended, the Word of God records: *“Then Job answered the LORD, and said, ‘I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.’”*

*“‘Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.’”<sup>16</sup>*

## **THE FINAL VERDICT**

In the end, the man Job had to confess his utter lack of knowledge on the many matters which God had placed before Job. Job was, indeed, a man of great wisdom, for he intimately understood his own limitations. But what of mankind today? Will they admit their great ignorance and limitation before God, or do they arrogantly proceed into further darkness, while thinking they have light?

## BEGINNING OF THE SIXTH DAY

The Word of God proclaims: *“And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind:’ and it was so.*

*“And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”<sup>17</sup>*

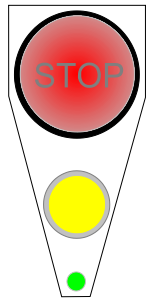
During the first part of the sixth day of Creation, God the Father and His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, created all the cattle and every manner of beast which roams in the field. God also created the many other peculiar creatures which are found upon the face of the whole Earth. Today it appears that there are about 4,600 known species of mammals.<sup>18</sup> But this is indeed a small number when compared to the insect kingdom. There are about 750,000 known species of insects.<sup>19</sup>

## SPECIAL CREATURES

Sometime during the fifth or early part of the sixth day, the Lord God created special types of flying creatures. One member of this species is called the flying squirrel. This special squirrel is able to glide from tree to tree, as it goes about its daily duties. The giant flying squirrel of the Asian forests has been observed to glide at least 1,500 feet (450 m).<sup>20</sup> and <sup>21</sup> Another interesting gliding creature is the colugo (also known as the flying lemur). This special mammal has a rather broad gliding membrane, the outer perimeter of which attaches to the tips of the extended fingers and toes, plus neck and tail. This membrane allows the colugo to glide among the trees of its habitat.<sup>22</sup>

There is another very interesting creature which God Almighty created. This creature is commonly called a flying dragon. Other names for it are draco and flying lizard. This very peculiar flying lizard grows to a length of about 6 inches (15 cm). In its search for insects, it may glide considerable distances from tree to tree.<sup>23</sup> Yes, God has created many interesting creatures!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



At this point, let us note that, from the very Creation itself, every beast of the Earth, and every fowl of the air, and every thing that creepeth upon the Earth, even everything wherein was life, were given the green herb as their food.<sup>24</sup> At the time of Creation, and for a period of time thereafter, we find that no other food was given to the animals, or to man.

Friend, once again, from that which is recorded in the Word of God, it appears that there were no meat-eating humans or animals upon the face of the Earth when God first created them. Note that it is clearly stated in the Word of God that the green herb was the food for all living things. It appears that meat-eating was not given to man, by God, until a much later date.<sup>25</sup>

## PRIOR TO SIN



There is no meat-eating shown in the Scriptures until after sin came into this world. Once sin came into the world, then death came also. Prior to death, meat-eating did not appear to occur, because (it may be said) for this to happen, an animal would have had to give up its life (or die) when it was killed for meat.

For the record, it should be noted that meat-eating was given by God, to mankind, after the Noahic flood. In relation to this, it is recorded in the Holy Scriptures: *“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.”*<sup>26</sup>

## THE SITUATION TODAY

Today, we find people killing animals (or even other humans) for food, and animals killing animals for food. As long as animals are killed for food and good purposes, by the Word of God, it appears to be acceptable. But, by the same Word of God and its principles, it is very clear that it is not acceptable to kill and eat other humans!

Please note that the Word of God proclaims: *“Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.”*<sup>27</sup> It is true that anyone who kills another person to use them as food is a grotesque murderer: and the Word of God commands that such a one is to be put to death, that sin may be put away from among the people.

## VEGETARIANISM

There are those who may not eat meat because of some particular health problem which they are dealing with. Possibly the health problem will be helped or cured if they refrain from meat for a certain period of time. But then, there are those who call themselves Christians, yet believe that meat is harmful to their body, therefore they believe that they should never eat meat. In this situation, the Scriptures proclaim: *“Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.”*<sup>28</sup>

One who is an avowed vegetarian, because they feel that meat-eating is wrong in one way or another, is actually weak in the true faith of Jesus Christ. In other words, they do not have a clear understanding of the true faith of Jesus Christ. It appears that they are lacking in true faith, and have more to learn about the true way of Christ. Let us keep these types of individuals in our prayers.<sup>29</sup>

## A SNARE OF SATAN

There are church groups who call themselves the people of God, yet their doctrines call them to abstain from meat (or flesh-foods). These church groups have made vegetarianism a tenet of their religion. But does such a doctrine come from God, or does it come from some other source? What does the Word of God indicate? May the Word of God give us a clear answer.

It is written: “*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.*”

“*If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.*”<sup>30</sup>

Friend, if a church organization has made vegetarianism a part of their doctrines, then they have turned after Satan, and have departed from the true faith, and are “*giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils...*” The Word of God shows that they are following other spirits, rather than the true spirit of God. Indeed, in such a state, they are into spiritualism, and are blindly following the wrong master, while thinking that they now possess ‘greater light.’ Did not Eve think that she possessed ‘greater light,’ when she turned from the true way of God and into the path of Satan?

## IN GOD’S TIME

By the Word of God, it appears that some day the act of eating meat (or the eating of creatures) may change on this Earth, and things will be entirely different. One day, in God’s timing, all things will be done in that manner which Almighty God had originally intended from the very beginning of Creation. But mankind was not meant to go “in sparks of their own kindling,”<sup>31</sup> and attempt to prematurely establish the vision by their own doing. Concerning all things returning to the originally Created practices, let us turn to the Word of God that we may find out the truth of the matter.

## A LOOK AHEAD

The apostle Peter (in speaking to the people of Israel about the Lord Jesus Christ, and their killing of Him) proclaimed: “*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.*”<sup>32</sup> Please read this passage of Scripture again very carefully. Note what is said!

## INTERPRETATIONS



Friend what does it mean, in the above passage of Scripture, when it speaks of “*the times of restitution of all things?*” To begin our search for the true answer, let us examine the definition given in the *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*.<sup>33</sup> Strong’s declares that the word “restitution” comes from a word which means “to reconstitute (in health, home or organization).” It also means to “restore (again).”

The *Oxford American Dictionary* declares that the word “restitution” means: “restoration of a thing to its proper owner or its original state.”<sup>34</sup> Friend, all things (with nothing excepted) will ultimately be restored as the new Heaven and new Earth come into being. They will be restored in their proper manner, and to their proper owner. That true owner of all things is God the Father.<sup>35</sup> All things will completely be restored to that particular state in which God originally meant them to be, when He first created them. This will all occur only after God has utterly destroyed all wickedness from off the face of this Earth, as He burns the outer portion of this Earth and all the works of man which it contains.

## IN THE RESTORATION

In the new Heaven and Earth (which is yet to come, after the physical return of Christ), there will only be righteousness.<sup>36</sup> Sin will not exist in this new Heaven and Earth. Neither shall there be any more sorrow, crying pain, or death. All things shall be made new.<sup>37</sup>

Friend, in the new Heaven and Earth (which shall come into being after this one is thoroughly burned with fire), shall not all things be restored to their original state, as when things were first created? During the early stages of this Earth, did not God give to both man and beast the vegetation to be his food? At the appointed time, will the diets on this Earth once again revert to their initial form? Let us look to the Word of God and let it speak the truth on these matters.

## THE LION AND THE LAMB

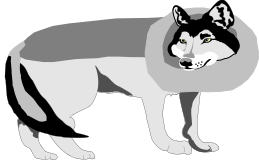
The Word of God proclaims many truths about the Lord Jesus Christ, and how it will be when He comes again. In one passage of Scripture, it is written: “*The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*

“*And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den.*

“*They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*”<sup>38</sup>

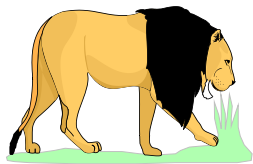


## A SECOND LOOK



Look at the above passage of Scripture again. The Word of God is rather clear on this matter. The wolf will dwell with the lamb. It will dwell with the lamb, rather than kill and eat the lamb. This is not just some statement to be completely ‘spiritualized’ away! The leopard also will lie down with the baby goat, rather than kill and eat it. Indeed, things will change in the new Heaven and Earth!

Please take note once again: the young lion will be with the calf and the fatling. The young lion will do this, without killing or eating these weaker animals. When sin is eradicated from the Earth, and the new Heaven and Earth comes into existence, the young lion will be so harmless that even a little child will safely lead it.



Yes, many things shall change. The cow and the bear shall feed together, but the bear will not be eating the cow or the cow’s young one. One of the most drastic changes shown in the above Scripture is the change in nature and diet of all creatures. The lion shall truly eat straw as the ox. It appears that even the lion shall no longer be a meat-eater, but the lion also shall become a full vegetarian, just as the ox. This is the way this world appears to have been at the beginning of Creation, before sin came into the world.

## A SIMPLE FACT

In the restitution of all things, it appears that every thing will be restored to that way which God the Father (Who is the Most High God) originally meant it to be. It will be (at the very least) as it was before sin ever came into this world. It could possibly even be much better, for sin will not be allowed to exist. The diets of the creatures appears to be included in the major changes to come in the new Heaven and Earth. Again, their diets will be of a similar nature to that which they had in the beginning, before the fall of mankind brought sin and death into this world.<sup>39</sup>

## A QUICK LOOK

Considering vegetarianism, can mankind safely live on this type of diet? For a very revealing answer, let us look to the Tarahumara Indians of Mexico. These Indians live in the High Sierra mountains of Chihuahua. They rarely, if ever, dine upon meat, or such things as milk and eggs, or even fruit. Their diet consists mainly of beans, corn, and various vegetables. The diet of these Indians is so modest, that the pampered nutritionists in the United States would declare them to be on a starvation diet. Nevertheless, these Indian men have incredible physical stamina; truly some of the most remarkable known to man. They are said to be among the finest endurance runners in the world.<sup>40</sup>

## AS HE FINISHED

When God Almighty was finished making all of His various creations, He looked round about upon all His work. The Father saw that it was all good. Please note, that at this point in time, all things were considered good throughout all of God's Creation. There was nothing that was contrary to the will of God. Everything was in complete harmony with the Spirit of God.

## A REALITY CHECK



Friend, how are things now upon this Earth? Even closer to home: how is your heart with God the Father right now? Is He well pleased with all which you are doing in your life? Would you truly be considered as a friend and lover of the righteous and Holy Spirit of God the Father?

Will you be happy to see Christ face to face when He returns? Even more importantly, will He be happy to see you, and will He be pleased with all that you have been doing with your time here on this Earth? Friend, it is not too late to make all things right with God! Now is truly the acceptable time: the time of grace!

## A MOMENT TO PONDER

The question is asked: *“Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?”*<sup>41</sup>

The truth of God Almighty remains the same. This message is also for us of today: *“Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die...? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.”*<sup>42</sup>

The psalmist cries: *“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.*

*“He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death. But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.”*<sup>43</sup>

God Almighty shall wound the head of those who continue on in trespasses. He will wound the head of those who remain against that true way which God has ordained! Friend, now is the time of grace for all people! Now is the acceptable day in which to turn utterly away from the wicked ways of this world, in all things in our lives. Now is the acceptable day to be turned to the true way of God the Father, in all things! There are no guarantees that we will be here tomorrow! Today, if you will hear His voice...harden not your heart!<sup>44</sup>

## IN CLOSING

Upon observing all of the evidence, God has created many special creatures upon this Earth. Friend, let us truly give honor to Him who has done such great things. Let us truly give honor to Him who has prepared the way for our eternal salvation, in all things. Let us also pay special heed to and follow all the instruction from the Word of God, so that the light which is in us is not darkness. Let us not add to the Word of God, nor take away from it. Let all things be as the Word of God proclaims.

The apostle John proclaims of his vision: *“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.’”*<sup>45</sup>

Let us worship God in that only acceptable manner which He has ordained. As the complete Word of God is examined, we find that the only acceptable manner by which God can be worshiped is by true, willing obedience to that way which He has ordained. May God guide and strengthen you to do His will, no matter what the cost.

Friend, so ends another Chapter in this FIRST EDITION of  
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“*Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.*”  
Yes, “Woe is me!” Should this not be the true response of anyone who comes into the presence of the most Holy and Righteous God? Should not this be the response of anyone who is made in the fashion of corrupt mankind? Nevertheless, the important thing is that our iniquity is truly taken away, and our sins are purged. Only then can we, with confidence, come into the presence of God the Father. It can only be done by being clothed upon with that robe of Christ’s righteousness. The new man, which is Christ, must be manifest through each and every one of us.

16. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Job, chapter 42, verses 1-6.
17. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verses 24-25.
18. *Microsoft Encarta 98 Encyclopedia*, "Mammal."
19. *The 1998 Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, "Mammal."
20. *The 1998 Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, "Flying Squirrel."
21. *Microsoft Encarta 98 Encyclopedia*, "Flying Squirrel."
22. *The 1998 Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, "Colugo."
23. *Microsoft Encarta 98 Encyclopedia*, "Flying Dragon."
24. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verses 29-30.
25. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Genesis, chapter 9, verses 1-4.
26. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Genesis, chapter 9, verses 1-4.
27. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Genesis, chapter 9, verse 6.
28. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Romans, chapter 14, verses 1-2.
29. May our prayer be to God that He would work in the hearts of those who are following man-made doctrines which do not follow the true principles and precepts which are laid down by the Word of God. May we pray for these ones who wilfully corrupt the true intent of the Word of God, that they may feel "righteous" in supporting some erroneous doctrine of man. May God have mercy on their souls.
30. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Timothy, chapter 4, verses 1-7.
31. In *The Holy Bible*, Book of Isaiah, chapter 50, verses 10-11, it is written: "*Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.*  
*Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.*"
32. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Acts, chapter 3, verses 19-21.
33. *The Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, James Strong, not copyrighted, entry numbers 600 and 605, on page 14 of Greek Dictionary of the New Testament.
34. *Oxford American Dictionary*, Oxford University Press, Avon Books, 1982, "restitution," page 773.
35. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 21-28.
36. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Peter, chapter 3, verses 10-13.
37. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Revelation, chapter 21, verses 1-5.
38. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Isaiah, chapter 11, verses 6-9.

39. Let us examine a few things in the Word of God which relate to the current habits of the animals. In the *Holy Bible*, the Book of Genesis, chapter 6, and verses 11-13, we find that all flesh (apparently even of the animal type) had corrupted their way upon the Earth. The Earth was filled with violence by them. Therefore God destroyed both man and animal in the Noachic Flood.

After the Flood, in the Book of Genesis, chapter 9, verses 1 thru 6, it is recorded: *“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.*

*“And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.”*

If a man killed another man, then the murderers' life was to be taken by mankind. One further thing should be noted. It appears that if mankind will not eliminate the murderer, then the beasts may have to do the work which mankind refuses to do. But what if mankind, in general, begins to kill one another on a large scale, and will not turn to walk in the true way of God? We know, from the Word of God, that there will yet be a great time of tribulation upon this Earth. The length of this tribulation will be shortened, lest the human race exterminate itself in the carnage. So what will the animal kingdom do at this time? Let us turn to the Word of God for any clues.

In the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 25, verses 30 thru 33, the Lord God declares to the prophet: *“Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.*

*“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.”*

Friend, why shall the wicked people become dung upon the ground? For our answer, let us turn to another passage found in the Word of God. It is written: *“And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.*

*“And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him [the Lamb of God] that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”* The fowls were filled with the flesh of the wicked, therefore, these people would soon become dung upon the ground.

In another passage of Holy Scripture (the Book of Ezekiel, chapter 39, verses 17-21), it is commanded to the prophet: *“And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD. And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.”* The birds and beasts shall soon convert these wicked into dung upon the ground.

Friend, it is a known fact that many species of the animal kingdom, such as the cat family, are known for their excellent memory. Many species of the animal kingdom display amazing intelligence. Could all of the major cleanup of human remains, by the birds and beasts, have an effect upon the psyche of these creatures? Could the memory of such a gruesome event tend to turn the stomachs of these creatures, if ever they thought of meat? Let us note that this major cleanup event takes place prior to the change in diet within the animal kingdom.

We do know, from the Word of God, that after this wicked and sinful world is destroyed, then there will be a new heaven and Earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. On this new Earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, the birds and beasts will be vegetarians. The Word of God does not declare if there is a relationship between the major cleanup event of human remains, and the radical change in diet which ultimately occurs within the animal kingdom. Friend, all of this information is presented to the Reader simply as something to ponder upon.

40. *Nutrition for Vegetarians*, Agatha and Calvin Thrash, 1982, page 5. The Tarahumara Indians sometimes hold marathon races of 100 to 200 miles. These races are performed in rugged, mountainous terrain. But this is not all. The runner, while running, is kicking a lightweight wooden ball. If this is not enough, these races are accomplished even in the dark of night, with friends carrying torches so the runner is able to see the ball. This great display of stamina and endurance is readily exhibited by a people whose diet is almost purely vegetarian.
41. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Ezekiel, chapter 18, verse 23.
42. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Ezekiel, chapter 18, verses 31-32.
43. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Psalms, chapter 68, verses 19-21.
44. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Hebrew, chapter 3 verses 7-19; and chapter 4, verses 1-16.
45. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Revelation, chapter 14, verses 6-7.