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Genesis 1 : 20 - 23

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Why did God create birds?

- Birds provide food for humans and animals
- Bird droppings (guano) is an important source of nitrogen
- Birds are seed and fungus spreaders
- Birds are voracious exterminators
- Birds are sanitation workers
- And ...

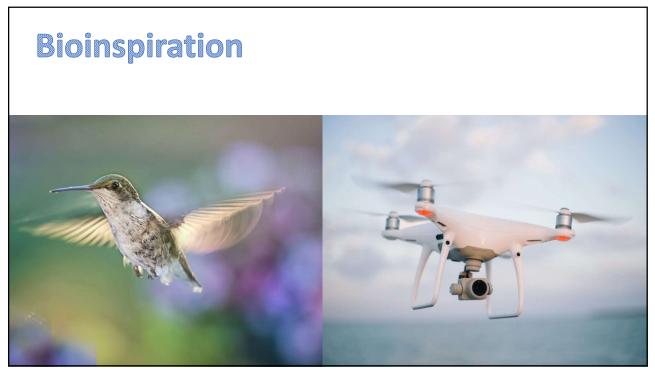
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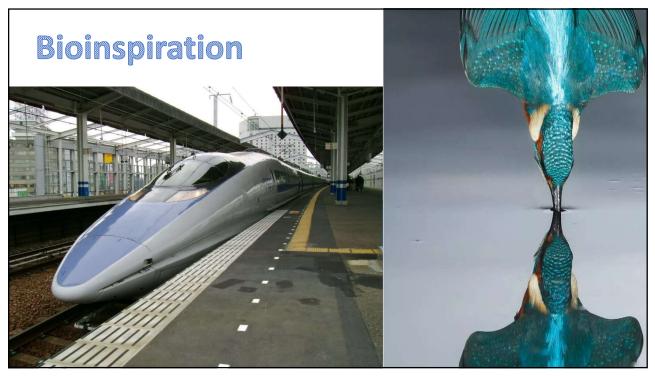


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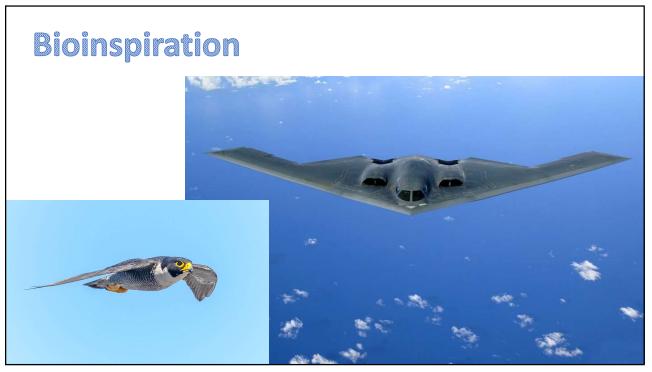


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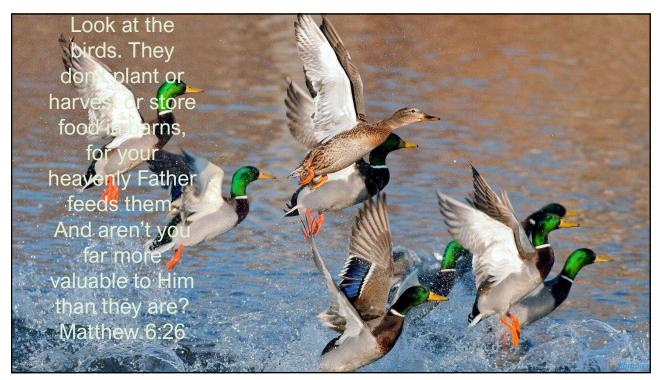


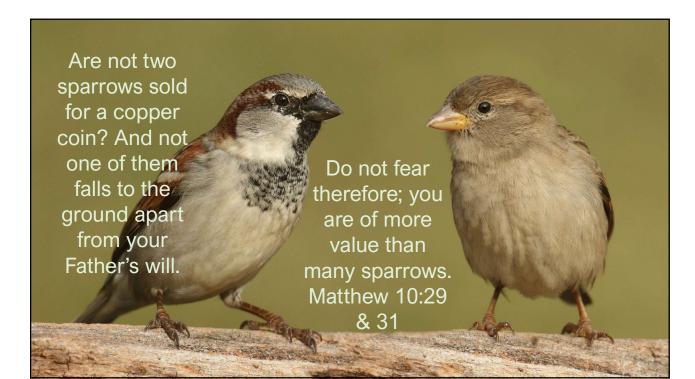
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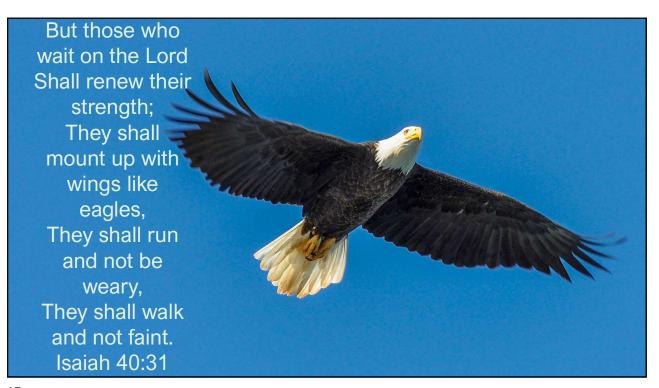
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Why did God create fish?

- Fish provide food for humans and animals
- Regulation of the food web and are bioindicators
- Recycling of nutrients and bottom substrates
- Control of hazardous diseases, algae, and vectors (mosquitos)
- Shellfish and corrals filter water
- And they add ...



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Man's God-given Responsibilities



...according to Genesis

Mankind has an active role assigned to him by God in the ecosystem.

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Stewardship

- Matthew 25:14-30
- The concept of stewardship for the Christian applies to all things God has blessed us with, including ...
- His creation or the environment.

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Environmental Stewardship

- Today, modern environmentalists teach that nature should be not interfered with.
- What kids are taught about "natural resources" has changed.
- Environmentalists have become like the servant with 1 talent.



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Environmental Stewardship

- Awareness of the problem is not enough. A Biblical Environmentalist will see that scripture clearly talks about being good stewards of the gifts God has given us, including His creation.
- A Biblical Environmentalist will seek solutions to challenging dilemmas that still allow the environment to be used for its God-given design and purpose.



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Become a Biblical Environmentalist

- A Christian can still serve at an event like this.
- We understand that we are stewards of what God has given us.
- We perform our God-given roles.
- We are not in denial as to what will ultimately happen to creation.
- We look forward to a new heaven and new earth.



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