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Some Benefits of Living by God's Design
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Genesis 1: 14-25

“So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:21).

When God created the plants, the fish, the sea creatures, the birds, and the flying insects, God designed these plants and creatures to reproduce themselves according to their kinds. During the sixth day of creation, God created domestic and wild animals, creatures that crawl along the ground, and the first people. God also made these living beings so they could reproduce themselves after their kinds. Whales produce whales; bass produce bass; eagles produce eagles. To free people from a life of fear and worry, when God designed the world, God created a world that included natural resources and dependable life cycles. God intended for people to live and work by plans that gave them substantial assurance of success. Farmers can plant wheat knowing they will reap wheat and not beans or carrots. Ranchers can raise cattle or horses without the worry of producing rabbits or goats instead. Everything God created was good. Today, scientists can modify almost everything God created; and by adopting some genetic modifications, some people have become enslaved to others. After modifying some plants so they cannot produce seeds, these plants cannot reproduce themselves; therefore, some farmers have become enslaved to buying seeds each year instead of using seeds that could have been saved from year-to-year. When God created the earth and all within it, God wanted people to have the freedom and success that following His plans would assure rather than becoming dependent on those who would seek to profit from enslaving them.

Thinking Further

1. On the fourth day, what did God do with the light that God created on the first day? And why did God do this?
2. What happened every time God said He wanted something done?
3. What did God create immediately after He created all that was needed to make life on earth possible?
4. Describe some of the qualities of the living creatures that God made.
5. What did God want the creatures He created to do?

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