

Animals: Their Spiritual Nature & Importance [1/25/12, DKeeler]

Wed Svc [Hymns 83, 317, 275]

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SECTION I

BIBLE

1 | Gen 1:20-22(to 4th),24

20 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.

21 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.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply,

24 ¶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.

2 | Ps 104:5,10(to,),11-14,17-18 the birds,20-24,25 wherein,30-31

5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys,

11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

17 the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

31 The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

3 |

Gen 6:8 Noah,12,14(to 1st),18 thou shalt, 19-22

- 8 Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.
- 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.
- 14 ¶Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark,
- 18 thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.
- 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.
- 20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.
- 21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.
- 22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

4 | Gen 8:1,6,7(to a),8 dove,11,15,16(to 1st.),17

- 1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;
- 6 ¶And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:
- 7 And he sent forth a
- 8 dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;
- 11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.
- 15 ¶And God spake unto Noah, saying,
- 16 Go forth of the ark,
- 17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

5 | Prov 30:24-28

- 24 There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise:
- 25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;
- 26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;
- 27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;
- 28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

6 | Num 22:21-33

- 21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.
- 22 ¶And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the Lord stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.
- 23 And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

- 24 But the angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.
- 25 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.
- 26 And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.
- 27 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.
- 28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?
- 29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.
- 30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.
- 31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.
- 32 And the angel of the Lord said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:
- 33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

7 | Isa 11:12 (to ,),6-7

- 12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations,
- 6 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.
- 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 | Job 5:23 thou

- 23 thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

1 | SH 326:8-9 (to ,)

- All nature teaches God's
9 love to man,

2 | SH 516:9-19

- 9 God fashions all things, after His own likeness. Life is reflected in existence, Truth in truthfulness, God in goodness, which impart their own peace and
12 permanence. Love, redolent with unselfish-
ness, bathes all in beauty and light. The grass beneath our feet silently exclaims, "The meek shall inherit the
15 earth." The modest arbutus sends her sweet breath to heaven. The great rock gives shadow and shelter. The

Love imparts
beauty

sunlight glints from the church-dome, glances into the
 18 prison-cell, glides into the sick-chamber, brightens the
 flower, beautifies the landscape, blesses the earth.

3 | SH 70:12-20 np

12 *The divine Mind maintains all identities, from a blade
 of grass to a star, as distinct and eternal. The* *Real and*
questions are: What are God's identities? *unreal identity*

15 *What is Soul? Does life or soul exist in the thing
 formed?*

71:1 *Nothing is real and eternal, — nothing is Spirit, — but
 God and His idea. Evil has no reality. It is neither
 3 person, place, nor thing, but is simply a belief, an illusion
 of material sense.*

*The identity, or idea, of all reality continues forever;
 6 but Spirit, or the divine Principle of all, is not in Spirit's
 formations. Soul is synonymous with Spirit, God, the
 creative, governing, infinite Principle outside of finite form,
 9 which forms only reflect.*

*Close your eyes, and you may dream that you see a
 flower, — that you touch and smell it. Thus you learn
 12 that the flower is a product of the so-called* *Dream-*
mind, a formation of thought rather than of *lessons*
matter. Close your eyes again, and you may see land-
 15 *scapes, men, and women. Thus you learn that these*
also are images, which mortal mind holds and evolves
and which simulate mind, life, and intelligence. From
 18 *dreams also you learn that neither mortal mind nor*
matter is the image or likeness of God, and that im-
mortal Mind is not in matter.

4 | SH 511:19-513:3; 513:14-514:21(to :)

*Genesis i. 20. And God said, Let the waters bring forth
 abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl
 21 that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of
 heaven.*

To mortal mind, the universe is liquid, solid, and aeri-
 24 *form. Spiritually interpreted, rocks and mountains stand*
for solid and grand ideas. Animals and mor- *Soaring*
tals metaphorically present the gradation of *aspirations*
 27 *mortal thought, rising in the scale of intelligence, taking*
form in masculine, feminine, or neuter gender. The
fowls, which fly above the earth in the open firmament
 512:1 *of heaven, correspond to aspirations soaring beyond and*
above corporeality to the understanding of the incorporeal
 3 *and divine Principle, Love.*

*Genesis i. 21. And God created great whales, and every
 living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth
 6 abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after*

his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Spirit is symbolized by strength, presence, and power,
 9 and also by holy thoughts, winged with Love. These an-
 gels of His presence, which have the holiest **Seraphic**
 charge, abound in the spiritual atmosphere of **symbols**
 12 Mind, and consequently reproduce their own character-
 istics. Their individual forms we know not, but we do
 know that their natures are allied to God's nature; and
 15 spiritual blessings, thus typified, are the externalized, yet
 subjective, states of faith and spiritual understanding.

Genesis i. 22. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruit-
 18 ful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas; and let
 fowl multiply in the earth.

Spirit blesses the multiplication of its own pure and
 21 perfect ideas. From the infinite elements of the one
 Mind emanate all form, color, quality, and **Multiplication**
 quantity, and these are mental, both primarily **of pure ideas**
 24 and secondarily. Their spiritual nature is discerned only
 through the spiritual senses. Mortal mind inverts the true
 likeness, and confers animal names and natures upon its
 27 own misconceptions. Ignorant of the origin and opera-
 tions of mortal mind, — that is, ignorant of itself, — this
 so-called mind puts forth its own qualities, and claims
 30 God as their author; albeit God is ignorant of the ex-
 513:1 istence of both this mortal mentality, so-called, and its
 claim, for the claim usurps the deific prerogatives and is
 3 an attempted infringement on infinity.

Genesis i. 24. And God said, Let the earth bring forth
 15 the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing,
 and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

Spirit diversifies, classifies, and individualizes all
 18 thoughts, which are as eternal as the Mind **Continuity**
 conceiving them; but the intelligence, exist- **of thoughts**
 ence, and continuity of all individuality remain in God,
 21 who is the divinely creative Principle thereof.

Genesis i. 25. And God made the beast of the earth after
 his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that
 24 creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that
 it was good.

God creates all forms of reality. His thoughts are
 27 spiritual realities. So-called mortal mind — being non-
 existent and consequently not within the range of im-
 514:1 mortal existence — could not by simulating deific power
 invert the divine creation, and afterwards recreate per-
 3 sons or things upon its own plane, since noth- **God's thoughts**
 ing exists beyond the range of all-inclusive **are spiritual**
 infinity, in which and of which God is the **realities**
 6 sole creator. Mind, joyous in strength, dwells in the

realm of Mind. Mind's infinite ideas run and dis-
port themselves. In humility they climb the heights of
9 holiness.

Moral courage is the lion of the tribe of Juda, the
king of the mental realm. Free and fearless it roams in
12 the forest. Undisturbed it lies in the open *Qualities
of thought*
field, or rests in green pastures, . . . beside
the still waters. In the figurative transmission from the
15 divine thought to the human, diligence, promptness, and
perseverance are likened to the cattle upon a thousand
hills. They carry the baggage of stern resolve, and
18 keep pace with highest purpose. Tenderness accompa-
nies all the might imparted by Spirit. The individ-
uality created by God is not carnivorous, as witness the
21 millennial estate pictured by Isaiah:

5 | SH 514:26-10

Understanding the control which Love held over all,
27 Daniel felt safe in the lions' den, and Paul proved the
viper to be harmless. All of God's creatures, *Creatures of
God useful*
moving in the harmony of Science, are harm-
30 less, useful, indestructible. A realization of this grand
verity was a source of strength to the ancient worthies.
515:1 It supports Christian healing, and enables its possessor
to emulate the example of Jesus. And God saw that
3 it was good."

Patience is symbolized by the tireless worm, creeping
over lofty summits, persevering in its intent. The ser-
6 pent of God's creating is neither subtle nor *The serpent
harmless*
poisonous, but is a wise idea, charming in its
adroitness, for Love's ideas are subject to the Mind which
9 forms them, — the power which changeth the serpent
into a staff.

6 | SH 515:22

All that
God imparts moves in accord with Him, reflecting good-
24 ness and power.

7 | SH 340:12

12 Divine Love is infinite. Therefore
all that really exists is in and of God, and manifests His
love.

