

“Then God said, “Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.” And that is what happened. The land produced vegetation—all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.” Genesis 1:11-12 NLT

## lectio // Genesis 1:1-19

It's really almost UNFATHOMABLE, what God did here in the beginning. Oh, how I wish those who spend their lives studying the “natural” sciences would drop their arrogance for one moment and join in with the rest of history to marvel and learn from these passages that God gave Moses to write down. NO ONE was there but God. No eye witnesses of these extraordinary events. As God spoke all the living things into existence, he spoke entire systems and order of how they worked, and as we find out, as they reproduce themselves. God instantaneously created highly technical, deeply profound sciences within and around these living things. And the entire ecosystems that must exist for these living things to get along with each other, help one another and be one unified system to not only cooperate with each other, but to coexist with the non-living, non-reproducible things as well. Many of the “mysteries” of how each of these living and non-living things work (and work together) have been studied and partially understood today. After backward hacking everything from the smallest cell to the largest mammal, even to the ecosystems of other planets, smart humans have learned so much! Alas, we have learned so much that we've been able to “hack” some of God's orderly and sustainable systems to “make” things happen that weren't originally designed to happen at all. Take, for example, seedless watermelon. For our own selfish comfort, we hacked a reproducible fruit into a sterile, one time use product! Don't get me wrong, I love seedless watermelon and grapes, but everything that is alive was designed to reproduce. And not just for that system, like fruits, but for the WHOLE planet! One phrase that kept popping up to me is this, “produce...of the same kind.” God said it of vegetation, sea and sky creatures, all live stock and land animals and finally of human beings. Not only did we hack God's original design of reproduction, we arrogantly boast about doing it, give “evolution” the credit (mocking God in the process) and then blame each other and God for all the ways the planet and its unified ecosystems are jacked up! God help us!

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Dad,

What have we done with all the beauty, wonder and astoundingly perfect order that you designed in the beginning? Our sin eventually led us far beyond murder, corruption, selfishness and consumption - it led us to hacking the very core existence of every living thing! Then we're surprised when our little toys cause havoc and make other living things stop working properly. How can you stand our mockery and arrogance? Please forgive us! Our knowledge of evil has tainted and twisted the very nature of all living things - especially ourselves. Help us oh God. Restore your order and justice!

## contemplatio

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root