

“O Lord, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures. They all depend on you to give them food as they need it.”
Psalms 104:24, 27 NLT

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Darwinism has given me NOTHING but random, impersonal, machine-like theories that leaves a human empty, void of purpose beyond a selfish existence. Evolution has struggled with emotions and behaviors like love, kindness and forgiveness. The best it gives for finding love is the color of someone's lips and the size of their birthing hips - how ridiculous! Sorry for the negative rant, but God's overwhelming creativity, beauty and wonder are undeniably perfect. God created an ecosystem perfect for life and the psalmist declares that God is actively involved in it. The earth's creatures depend on God for food. All life lives and breaths because God wills it - “But if you turn away from them, they panic. When you take away their breath, they die and turn again to dust. When you give them your breath, life is created, and you renew the face of the earth.” We don't “make” our own air and water, seed and harvest. It is God who gives to us. And, it is good. Our issues, our problems are solely our own selfishness that drives harm to our planet, our ecosystems and life itself. God gives us life, even our very breath, and yes, he also takes it away and we die. However, we are eternal beings. The life and death here is an imperceivable flash when compared to eternity. And, this life is good but it is NOT our best life - that comes later. If all you have is this time, these short moments to live on a dark and fallen planet, then I understand why you might try to get all you can and hoard for yourself. I plan on living AFTER this planet dies, and I choose to live with the creator of all things - God.

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Dad,

What a place you made here on this planet! I have really enjoyed it. I've enjoyed the beauty and wonder of your creation seeing the spectacular vistas and places throughout the world. I've also seen your beauty in the the faces of humans from many different cultures and spots on the globe. Every single moment, and in every soul, I see you. You make amazing things and your creativity has no end. I love living this life, my biggest disappointments are not even things that have happened TO me, but rather things I have done or not done. I look forward to eternity and I am so glad you have set it (eternity) IN the human heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

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