

# Genesis 1:20-23

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*On the fifth day of creation, God creates the creatures of the sky and sea.*

God continues to bring order and balance to nature. The waters and the air that was separated on the second day, are filled with their respective inhabitants on this day. God saw that all the *creatures* of the sea and all the creatures of the air that He created were good, and blessed them saying, “*Be fruitful and multiply.*” In other words, to reproduce and become numerous. Day five of creation ends with God filling the earth with all that was needed for what was coming next in day six.

It is worth noting here that God made different “kinds.” It is observable in nature that there is great diversity within “kinds.” However, there is no “mixing” observed between the various kinds. There are many types or kinds of a dog, whose lineage can be observably traced. But we never consider a dog giving birth to a cat. This becomes important when God preserves the land animals from destruction in the flood of Noah. At that time, God preserves two of every “kind.”

## **Biblical Text**

**<sup>20</sup> Then God said, “Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup> God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.**