On the sixth day, God created bugs, animals and humans. Those three groups were added to the fish and the birds who could convert time and space into motion and sound through an act of their will.

Out of the five categories, God selected mankind and gave them the Dominion Mandate to “rule over” the fish, the birds, the bugs and the animals.

In many ways, the other four categories of creatures are vastly superior to us in terms of motion. Which of us can soar like an eagle or flit like a hummingbird? Who is as big as an elephant or as evasive as a gnat? Who can celebrate motion like a porpoise?

Yet, while we are markedly inferior in motion we have the mandate to rule over their motion. Sadly, most of what we do is lock them up and deprive them of access to space and motion.

We as humans have some kind of access to the time/space alignment of heaven as we are taught to pray God’s reality from heaven down to earth. We also have a redemptive calling to undo much of what went wrong with the fall of man. This would include extending the alignment of time/space to the four kingdoms of living things.

Think of all the examples we have of mysterious disasters happening to creatures, such as whales beaching themselves.

At present we all have facets of time and space that are not in alignment in our own lives. We tend to focus on our own hurts and limitations and wish we could grow into enough dominion to handle our own affairs effectively.

But I think we are called to steward the animal kingdoms as well, extending the protection of God’s righteous alignment of all things to them.

Every kind of brokenness the enemy can create empowers his kingdom. I wonder what the world would be like if the sons of God walked in such dominion that they could align time and space for the animal kingdoms, depriving the enemy of this source of power.
We are not there yet, but we need to set the bar that high, and not just high enough for our own comfort.

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