

Genesis

1:24

God said, 'The earth shall bring forth particular species of living creatures, particular species of livestock, land animals, and beasts of the earth.' It happened.

In the earlier statements, God created directly. In Genesis 1:24 God says that "The earth shall bring forth...". Does this mean that God's creation, earth, will now create the land animals?

1:26

God said, 'Let us make man with our image and likeness. Let him dominate the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock animals, and all the earth - and every land animal that walks the earth.'

Unlike 1:24, in 1:26 by saying "let us" God shares the act of creation. Is the following interpretation correct: "God was speaking to all the forces of creation that He had brought into existence (cf. *Targum Yonathan*; Ramban). Now that all the ingredients of creation had essentially been completed, all would participate in the creation of man, the crown of creation"?

In saying "with our image and likeness" is the following interpretation correct: "Man is thus a microcosm of all the forces of creation. A major part of the Kabbalah deals with explaining exactly how this is so (see *Nefesh HaChaim* 1:1). Moreover, of all creation, only man resembles God in having free will (Maimonides, *Yad, Teshuvah* 5:1)"?

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Is 1:24 an evolutionary process because God is not involved, while 1:26 is an intelligent design process because He is?

What is the moral and ethical downside to evolution?