

Psalm 104

Psalm 104:1-9

Creator and creation:

- Transcendent
- Indwelling
- Dominant

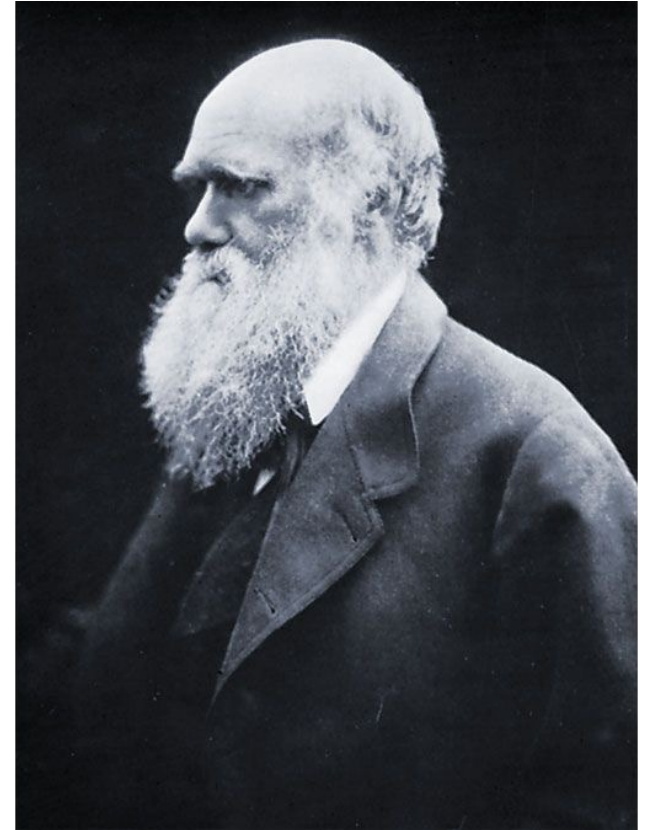
Psalm 104:10-23

Creator and creation:

- Creation organized to sustain life

“As many more individuals of each species are born than can possibly survive; and as, consequently, there is a frequently recurring struggle for existence, it follows that any being, if it vary however slightly in any manner profitable to itself, under the complex and sometimes varying conditions of life, will have a better chance of surviving, and thus be naturally selected. From the strong principle of inheritance, any selected variety will tend to propagate its new and modified form.”

Charles Darwin, “The Origin of Species”, 1859



inheritance

the strong principle of

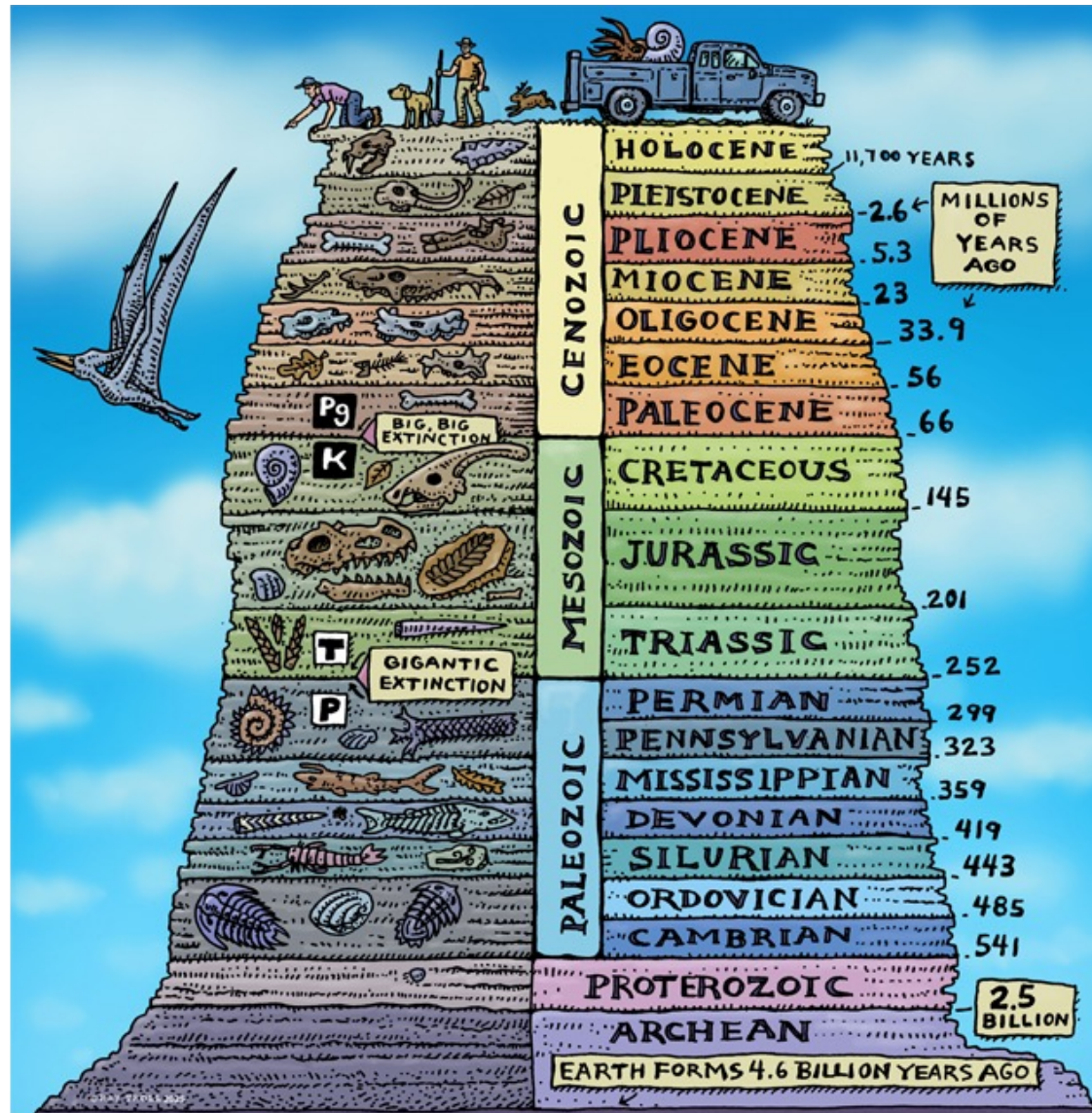


Gregor Johann Mendel

Psalm 104:24-30

Creator and creation:

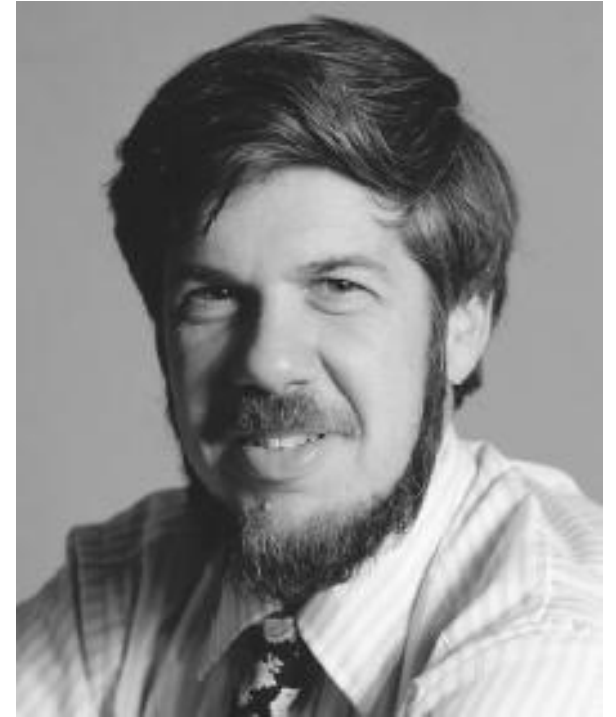
- The Creator is Lord of life, death, and renewal.



Ray Troll

“Our failure to discern a universal good does not record any lack of insight or ingenuity, but merely demonstrates that nature contains no moral messages framed in human terms. Morality is a subject for philosophers, theologians ... indeed for all thinking people. The answers will not be read passively from nature; they do not, and cannot, arise from the data of science. The factual state of the world does not teach us how we, with our powers for good and evil, should alter or preserve it in the most ethical manner.”

Stephen Jay Gould, “Nonmoral Nature”



Psalm 104:31-35

Creator and creation:

- The Creator's joy in creation

²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number—
living things both large and small.

²⁶ There the ships go to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

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