

Cornucopia

by Patch Blakey

God's creation is a cornucopia of ideas, words, and implementation. If we pause to contemplate *creation* as described in the first two chapters of Genesis, it can be a fairly daunting yet delightful undertaking for our finite minds. How do we conceive of "nothing?" From our first moments of recognition in this life, we have only known "something."

Then we might wonder at the work of God's Holy Spirit moving on the waters, the first inklings of this solid planet. We also might reflect that water comes from rocks (Ex. 17:6). Yet in Genesis 1:1–10, it appears that rocks came from water.

Further in this artistic description, we find darkness; but then at the mention of God's word, we have something entirely new: light. We see from these verses what appears to be the "birthing" of the earth. As humans, we were conceived in our mother's womb, and dwelt for a period of time in the waters, in darkness. But at the right time, we came forth from the waters into light—a new and incredible experience.

Then what follows is even more fantastic. We see the formation of land and seas, and the first sign of life in the growth of grass, herbs, fruit-bearing plants and trees. This is indeed the beginning of a vast and wonderful cornucopia. It is further compounded with lights in the heavens to light the earth by day and by night: sun, moon, and stars. They were also signs for seasons, days and years. They were to mark our time, to be our calendar.

Incredibly, as though all

that had transpired were not enough, God caused the seas to abound with an abundance of living creatures, and the skies to be filled with every winged bird. These He commanded to be fruitful and multiply, not unlike a "horn of plenty." God further filled the earth with every kind of living beast, and all that God had done He declared to be good.

Last of all, God created man in His own image. I should note that this is a "plural" image reflecting the triune nature of God, not a singular monad. As a consequence, He created man both male and female, plural. At this point, God noted that all He had

done was "very good." At the end of His busy work week, God rested.

My attempt at reflection above is admittedly stilted and truncated, but it hopefully gives you a remote sense of the majesty of God's work in the cornucopia of His creation. In a vastly smaller sense, this issue of *Classis* is a bit of a cornucopia in itself. It covers a wide range of topics and is not focused on a single theme as it often is. I hope you find the variety of topics that follow both stimulating and helpful. Also, after reading it, I hope you find a moment to rest and can at least say that it was good!



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