

The other morning I woke up thinking “If God created everything in the universe, did He create other beings on other planets?” And if so what might they look like? (Call me weird if your wish.)

*For this is what the Lord says— **he who created the heavens**, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; **he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited**— he says: “I am the Lord, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:18 (NIV)*

*Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who **created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it...** Revelation 10:5-6a (NIV)*

So I thought it was a reasonable question and spent some time thinking about what they might look like. Would they have a humanoid appearance or would they look totally different than we do? (Not like the monsters that movies and TV like to present to us.)

If He did, then the question becomes: “did they exist in the past, do they exist now, or will they exist in the future?”

Since I was not able to answer that question, I realized that He had created many different life forms here on earth right now, all with their unique characteristics.

As God sometimes does, He directed my morning TED views to two talks, one on Dung Beetles and the other on Insect Flight. Both the beetle and the fly have brains of around 100 thousand neurons compared to a mouse with 100 million neurons and our 100 billion neurons. Yet each has all that it needs to function within the parameters it was designed to live in.

The small brains do more with less. The ratio of the behavioral repertoire to the number of neurons is considerably higher in small brains than in large brains. Even though God created these creatures to be small, He didn't scrimp on their capabilities. What I learned was that: “small is not simple and too often I think less of small things when God has created a masterpiece in each of them”.

So if God was so meticulous in creating the world we live in, did He just ignore the rest of the universe and concentrate all of His attention on the

Earth? Or are there other worlds with examples of His creativity? A question we cannot know at present. However, astrophysicists are beginning to find planets that they think may have some type of life on them. There are tentative signs that life could exist beyond this planet.

King David said in one of his psalms that we are wonderfully made and the more we look – *really look* – around, we see that he was spot on.

For You shaped me, inside and out. You knitted me together in my mother's womb long before I took my first breath. I will offer You my grateful heart, for I am Your unique creation, filled with wonder and awe. You have approached even the smallest details with excellence; Your works are wonderful; I carry this knowledge deep within my soul. You see all things; nothing about me was hidden from You as I took shape in secret, carefully crafted in the heart of the earth before I was born from its womb. Psalm 139:13-15 The Voice

Probably “*heart of the earth*” is a reference to mankind being created from the dust of the ground in Gen 2:7.

Then Paul speaks of the entirety of creation – visible and invisible – on earth as well as in heaven {*Shamayim the Hebrew word for "heaven" (literally heavens, plural), denotes one component of the three-part biblical cosmology, the other elements being erets (the earth) and sheol (the underworld)*}. Paul covers all the bases and then tells us that it is all created and supported by God.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17

I think that what we will ultimately learn is that God has created much more than that which we see in our own little spec of the universe, and that He is busy directing and supporting much more than we currently give Him credit for. I believe that He is intimately involved with the whole of His creation and not forgetting or ignoring any part of it.

The next time you see one of God's creations – stop and really see it. See it for what it is – a glimpse of our Creator.