

God and Horses

I have been asked about what I think God's thoughts are on horses. The answer to this is in the Bible. God approves of horses. He made them. There are some people who think that God has nothing to do with horses. That somehow there was this "Big Bang" in the universe and energy and chemicals came together. These people think that over billions and billions of years, somehow horses have evolved into what they are today. Others think that God made the horse, but is far too busy to care anything about them. Both of these points of views are not true. God not only made the horse but since they are part of His creation He cares about every one. The Bible talks about this in Genesis 1:25.

"God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds and the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds, and God saw that it was good."

As you look at Genesis 1:25, which group of animals do you think refers to the creation of the horse? The term livestock refers to living creatures other than humans. But in Nehemiah 2:12 and 14 the term is used to refer specifically to an animal that can be ridden. Presumably a horse, donkey, or mule.

When God said "It was good", He means that his creation of the horse was a thing of beauty, perfection, the very best. He saw that his creation of the horse caused Him cheer or great joy.

Long before time began, God knew that his creation of the horse would be good for you. That through the horse you would experience God's loving ways and His awesome creative ability.

It was God who created all horses. He has ownership over all his creation. Therefore God takes pride and concern over all the horses that have ever been born.

Psalms 50 10 & 11 For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains and the creatures of the field are mine.

God owns everything and is in control of all his creation. He owns and watches out for your horse as well. God is deeply involved in all of His creation, and He cares about your horse. In Luke 12:6 Jesus talked to his disciples about sparrows. We know that sparrows are far smaller, and in many ways less important than horses. Yet, Jesus said, "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God."

All creation points to God. It was His plan that man would see His creation and think of Him. Romans 1:20 tells us; For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. God thought that His creation of the horse was perfect, even awe inspiring. Throughout the Bible there are many references to the horse. There are 148 verses that refer to the horse. God spoke about horses in a conversation He had with Job.

The book of Job tells a story about a man who suffered greatly. Poor Job, in all his pain, questioned God's wisdom. God answered him by asking Job to answer a few questions himself. One of those questions dealt with the awesomeness of the horse. In Job 39:19-25, God clearly spoke of many of the unique qualities of the horse. Read the verses and hear the characteristics of the "great war horse" in the descriptive words such as: Trainable Speed Splendor Nobility Confidence Fearless Keen sense of smell Willing to please owner Composure Beauty Strength.

God announced to Job and to us all that He sees and appreciates his own creation of the horse. God in his word tells us that the horse is beautiful, smart, strong, confident, fearless, and has a willingness to please his owner. He has a great sense of smell and once trained can show himself with composure. The answer to the question of what does God think about horses is: God loves what He has created and He has created the horse.

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