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O LORD, how many are Thy works! In wisdom Thou hast made them all; The earth is full of Thy possessions. There is the sea, great and broad, In which are swarms without number, Animals both small and great. There the ships move along, (And) Leviathan, which Thou hast formed to sport in it. They all wait for Thee, To give them their food in due season. Thou dost give to them, they gather (it) up; Thou dost open Thy hand, they are satisfied with good. Thou dost hide Thy face, they are dismayed; Thou dost take away their spirit, they expire, And return to their dust.

[5] Nonpersonal beings are controlled by God

Job 38 (selected verses):

vv 1-4: Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, "Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge? Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me! Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell (Me,) if you have understanding,

vv 8, 11: Or (who) enclosed the sea with doors, When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;

And I said, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther; And here shall your proud waves stop'?

v 12: Have you ever in your life commanded the morning, (And) caused the dawn to know its place;

vv 22-23: Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, Or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, Which I have reserved for the time of distress, For the day of war and battle?

vv 25-29: Who has cleft a channel for the flood, Or a way for the thunderbolt; To bring rain on a land without people, (On) a desert without a man in it, To satisfy the waste and desolate land, And to make the seeds of grass to sprout? Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew? From whose womb has come the ice? And the frost of heaven, who has given it birth?

v 33: Do you know the ordinances of the heavens, Or fix their rule over the earth?

vv 34-35: Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, So that an abundance of water may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings that they may go And say to you, 'Here we are'?"