

THE TORAH OF LEADERSHIP

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Jacopo 'Il Tintoretto, "The Creation of the Animals," oil on canvas (151 × 258 cm) @ 1550, Gallerie dell'Accademia, Venice

Genesis 1:20-23

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִשְׂרָצוּ הַמַּיִם שָׂרָץ גָּפֶשׂ תִּגְהַ וְעוֹף יַעֲוֹפֶה עַל-הָאָרֶץ עַל-פְּנֵי רְקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם:

וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הַתַּיִמָּנוֹת הַגְּדֹלִים וְאֶת כָּל-גִּפְשׁ הַתִּיָּהּ וְהַרְמֵשֹׁת אֲשֶׁר שָׂרָצוּ הַמַּיִם לְמִינֵהֶם וְאֶת כָּל-עוֹף כְּנָף לְמִינֵהוּ וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי-טוֹב:

וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת-הַמַּיִם בַּיַּמִּים וְהָעוֹף יִרְבַּב בְּאֶרֶץ:

וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם חַמִּישִׁי

God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and birds that fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." God created the great sea monsters, and all the living creatures of every kind that creep, which the waters brought forth in swarms, and all the winged birds of every kind. And God saw that this was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fertile and increase, fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

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Reflective Question

Think of a leadership initiative that you helped create. Describe three stages of the work and what stage you found the hardest in creation and what was the easiest.

Leadership Challenge

Discuss a leadership initiative that requires your evaluation right now and why.

