Genesis 1

Day 6 – Animals and Humans (vv. 24-31)

Do verses 24 and 25 make a distinction from the beginning of creation between domesticated and wild animals?	_
God says in verse 26, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." What meant by "our image" and "our likeness"?	is _

When considering verse 26 and its relationship with the rest of chapter 1 –

- (1) The creation account shows an ascending order of significance with human life as the final, thus pinnacle, creative act.
- (2) Of the creative acts, this is the only one preceded by divine deliberation ("Let us make" in v.26) This expression replaces the impersonal words spoken in the previous creation acts (e.g., "Let there be," "Let the earth")
- (3) Human life alone is created in the "image" of God and has the special assignment to rule over the created order (vv. 26–28)
- (4) The verb **bārā**' (form, fashion or to cut into shape) occurs three times in v. 27. Repeating something 3 times is a Hebrew form to show its importance. I wonder if they learned this form of writing from God?
- (5) This event is given a longer description than previous ones.
- (7) Unlike the animals, who are said to have come from the land in v. 24 (though v. 25 makes clear that God created them), mankind is the only creation referred to as a direct creation of God.