

# Challenge

*Creation wasn't perfect*

We all know the verses:

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 1:31 (NKJV)

**Does “very good” mean ‘perfect’?**

That’s what we’re taught by Bible teachers and concordances

Let's see what an ancient Semitic linguist says:

*In context, describing the creation as “very good” means that the creation was fit for human habitation and the perpetuation and survival of Earth’s creatures. Had the biblical writer wanted to convey a situation of perfection—where nothing was lacking or in need of any improvement—he would have chosen a word other than **tob** (“good”). Hebrew words such as **tom** convey completeness.*

Heiser goes on to say:

*The claim here is not that creation failed to conform to God's will. Indeed, the creation was precisely what God wanted at the time. Rather, creation was not all that Eden was, a contrast that God intended and which informs the biblical-theological story.*

Michael Heiser "The Unseen Realm"

So, again, Bible teachers & theologians interpret scripture from their modern perspective, not with the worldview of the writers of the text.

**The Bible must be understood from its cultural context, as well as its literary context.**



**So, it's your challenge to get to grips with these points**

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