

# Because We're All Forever Earthbound

## Discussion Study Guide

### Moderator Memo

- The introductions of each chapter suggest that the reader is on a sequentially progressive literary journey. However, the chapters (or any individual essay) need not be read sequentially. Indeed, we'd suggest you pick the topic(s) that are of most interest to read and discuss first.
- A Biblical reference is suggested for each section. If the moderator would like to include other Scripture references, this link may be helpful.  
<https://earthministry.org/worship/scripture/>
- The format suggested here is just that, a suggestion. Please modify to suit your situation.

### GENERAL DISCUSSION FORMAT

- A. Introduction
  1. Name exchange
  2. Biblical reference (optional)
  3. Theme-focusing fact or quote
- B. Central question(s)
- C. Christian Response (optional)
- D. The Take-Away
  1. Individual take-ways
  2. Housekeeping – next meeting details, readings etc.
  3. Closing prayer (optional)

**We hope you find this book and guide useful and Thank You for your partnership in building a livable world.**

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# THE LAST WORD

- A. INTRO
  1. Share your name with the group, and briefly mention a time you've enjoyed or marveled at some untamed animal.
  2. Leader shares this biblical reference - **Job 12:7-10** (Optional)
  3. Leader shares: The *Anthropocene* defines Earth's most recent geologic time period as being human-influenced, or anthropogenic, based on overwhelming global evidence that atmospheric, geologic, hydrologic, biospheric and other earth system processes are now altered by humans.
- B. CENTRAL QUESTION – Many of this section's stories are told from an animal's point of view. If we hope to preserve an environmentally healthy planet, what kind of relationship with the animal kingdom should we strive for? Consider both domestic and "wild" animal populations.
- C. CHRISTIAN RESPONSE (Optional) - Genesis 1:26 states, "And God said, Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." The author wrote this passage from a much different historical and cultural context than we find ourselves today. For an ecologically balanced and sustainable environment, how should we understand the meaning of "having dominion" over the Earth's creatures?
- D. TAKE-AWAY
  1. Individually, share a question, action, or response you'll carry into the coming week.
  2. Housekeeping - next meeting, suggested readings etc.
  3. Closing prayer (if appropriate)