

hour is a straightforward translation of the Word of God in its integrity!  
Let those who wholeheartedly believe in the truthfulness of the  
Scriptures set them forth truthfully!

But how, then, shall we translate this passage in Genesis 6 in a  
meaningful way, while simultaneously preserving its integrity? Actually,  
in the proper understanding of the inspired Word of God, these two  
purposes never conflict. Scripture can only be meaningful if its integrity  
is preserved; and if its integrity is preserved, it will be meaningful.

In this passage God told Noah that "from the bird, *according to its kinds*,  
he was to take two of each into the ark. "The bird according to its kinds"  
simply means "*various kinds of birds*" which Noah was to take into the  
ark. The correctness of this translation is reinforced by the clause, "two  
of each shall enter unto you." The phrase "two of each" certainly does  
not mean that only two birds, two cattle, and two creeping animals of the  
ground were to enter the ark with Noah, but rather that two of each kind  
of bird, two of each kind of cattle, and two of each kind of creeping  
animal of the ground were to be brought into the ark.

This translation receives further support from the record of fulfillment of  
God's command, as found in Genesis 7:13-14. This passage states:

In the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and  
Japheth the sons of Noah entered, and the wife of Noah  
and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark.  
They, and every living animal, *according to its kind*, and  
every cattle, *according to its kind*, and every creeping  
animals which creeps upon the earth, *according to its  
kinds*, and every bird, *according to its kinds*, every winged  
bird.

Here we do not read that Noah brought into the ark those animals which  
*came after* and *were similar* to their parents (the idea associated with the  
expression "after its kind"). We read simply that Noah brought into the  
ark two specimens of each kind of living animal, each kind of cattle,  
each kind of creeping animal, and each kind of bird. Thus the phrase  
"according to its kind" as the translation of *min* with the preposition  $\text{?}$  is  
not only the proper translation, it also makes good sense!

Proceeding now to Leviticus 11. we discover that *min* is used five times  
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