

# Job 41:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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"By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning." Leviathan's sneezing produces light (possibly spray in sunlight), and eyes resemble dawn. The poetic description emphasizes glory even in this fearsome creature. God designs beauty alongside power. This teaches that divine creation integrates aesthetics with function—even the terrifying displays artistry. Nothing God makes is merely utilitarian; all reflects His creative excellence.

## Historical Context

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Ancient poetry often compared brightness to dawn. Attributing such beauty to Leviathan elevated it beyond mere monster to magnificent creation. This taught that even fearsome aspects of creation reflect divine glory and deserve appropriate wonder alongside fear.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does finding beauty in fearsome realities expand your appreciation of God's creative artistry?
2. What threatening aspects of life might reveal glory upon contemplation rather than only fear?

## Interlinear Text

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By his neesings	doth shine	a light	and his eyes	are like the eyelids	of the morning
H5846	H1984	H216	H5869	H6079	H7837

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 3:9** (Light): Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day: