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2. Since God has given pre-eminence to man over the animal kingdom, what freedom does man have to use animals for their benefit? Should stewardship be an issue when addressing the environment and endangered species? What balance should be practiced when the advancement of humanity seems to endanger animals?
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