



Take Time

I recently have been challenged to consider the Creation accounts in Genesis in a different light. While I have been on this journey the time I have spent on this topic has opened my eyes to the glorious nature which surrounds us.

Having grown up in the plains of Texas, I became amazed by the big beautiful sky that stretched from horizon to horizon. At the end of most clear days, the sunsets painted the sky a brilliant orange, pink, purple, red and yellow. Not only do I find flat lands of Texas remarkable but the magical mountains of the Rockies are incredibly breath taking as well. The mountainous snow capped peaks mysteriously float above the horizon off in the distance and worshipfully point upwards to our Heavenly Father. Yet here in our beautiful land of Virginia we have marvelous rolling mountains covered with a fur of green trees and often times blanketed with a thin layer of snow.

Think about it, all of this and so much more, God created for us to enjoy and to be a part of. God loves the mountains, the trees, the seas, and the beaches because when God created it God said that it was "good," just as God said when humankind was created. So my question for us is do we really take time to enjoy what God created or do we just drive by these things swallowed up in our own little world?

I hope we do take time to just look around us and observe the beauty that is around every bend and over every hill. Not only do I hope we observe it but acknowledge that fact that God made this for us to live in and be a part of. I hope that this reassures us and confirms even more in our hearts there is an incredible God who loves us and wants the best for us.

I know I will be doing this. In April I will be on an 18 mile hike on the Appalachian Trail with my dog Bama, and a friend of mine with his dog in tow as well. We will be totally entrenched in God's creation surviving off what we have in our packs and where we can find water. We will set up camp at 3600 feet on the top of Humpback Mountain with an amazing view of the stars above and the valley below. I can say that for me I will be glorifying God and it will be a time I will never forget. I hope that all of us have experiences that are major markers in our lives. Remember, God is our creator, let us praise God in and through everything.

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Useless Fact of the Month

Time Magazine's Man of the Year for 1982 was the computer.