



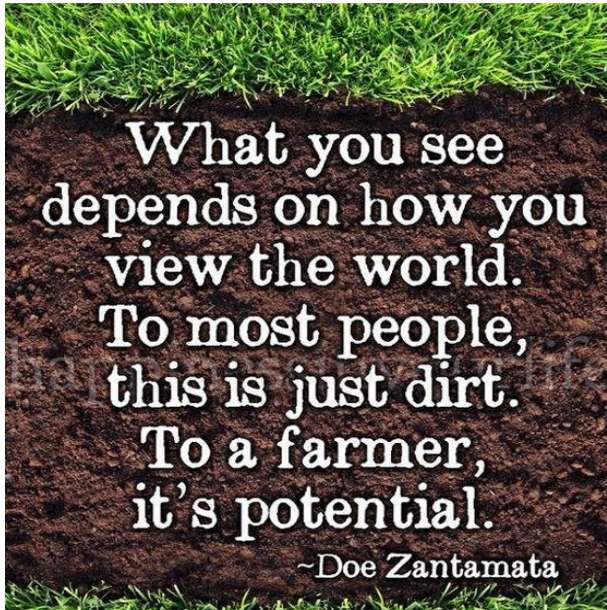
"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work." Psalm 19

When we think about God's creation, we wonder so many times about so many different things. First, I am awe struck with the variations of animals, birds, insects, plants, and even humans. I can't even begin to imagine what Noah's ark may have been like. We need to focus also on the vegetation created that we take for granted many times.

I would like to start with a story I have heard many times. The source is unknown but it says so much to me.

"A scientist says to God, "Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the beginning." "Oh, is that so? Tell me more," replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it and breathe life into it." "Well, that's interesting. Show Me." So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil. Oh, no, no," interrupts God. "Get your own dirt."

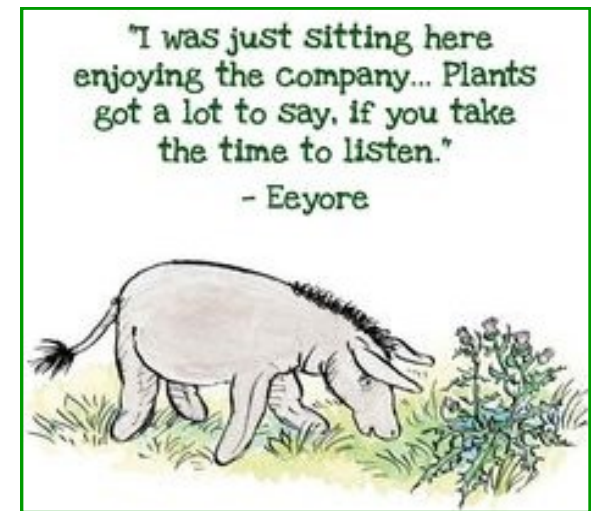


So often we forget that we created nothing. We have done much for centuries with what God has given us, but we created nothing.

I may make a cake "from scratch" but not really because God created all the ingredients that I have put into that cake.

The farmer plants the seeds, fertilizes and waters them, but God grows the corn! We often forget that God made the seed, the fertilizers, the water and the human who planted them.

People tell me they talk to their plants. If we talk to nature, are we talking with God? Who is listening?



I know there have been scientific experiments done on the reaction of plants to soft music, versus noise and silence. The plants surrounded by the soft music grew faster.

A study by the Royal Horticultural Society decided that talking to plants helps them to grow faster, and plants prefer female voices to male voices. The studies on details of plant growth seem to be endless.

Can flowers help people relax and feel better? Why do we take flowers to someone who is sick or in the hospital? I think it is two fold. The flowers show we care about the person but they are also something of beauty in

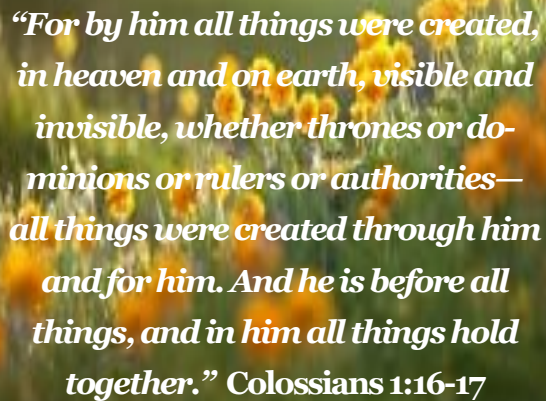


the room for the person and the others around to enjoy.

Many places in the Bible, the writers emphasize the power of God and our lack of any power. Paul who had never met the Romans, sent them a letter with a message *“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.”* Romans 1:20-21

The Bible tells us that everything was created by God. The universe had a finite beginning and we learn more about it every day. I believe God reveals to us as he sees we can handle it. We must admit that His power is omnipotent.

Many years ago I was in the woods behind our home with my grandson and



“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” Colossians 1:16-17

“My Big Back Yard.” One question in the magazine asked how many colors of green there were. As I asked this to my very young grandson he said “infinite.” I was really impressed. He was so right, but later on when I asked him to define infinite, he had no idea, but he had heard that word and thought it would fit. It fit so very well. I have never forgotten that moment.

Summer of 2019 saw wildfires destroying the vegetation on acres of land in Brazil. These fires were supposedly set by people who wanted to clear the land for ranching and to grow feed for their livestock since there is much money available to them for exporting beef. The results have destroyed precious Amazon rainforests and the release from plants of CO₂ into the air. The government has tried to step in and control the fires. It is interesting to point out that scientists think the rainforest in Brazil is responsible for releasing carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide into the air for much of the world. Do we ever stop to think that God created certain plants and trees to help create the air we breath?

In Hebrews 11 we read: *“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”*

That was written almost two thousand years before we even knew about atoms and molecules. Even today we are constantly finding things we had not known before powerful microscopes and research through many sources including The National Geographic. No wonder we say together “My God is an Awesome God.”

“If God had wanted to be a big secret, He would not have created babbling brooks and whispering pines.”
Robert Brault

Prayer: God, help us to praise your name and your handiwork. Help us to realize that you always know what is best for us, and loved us enough to give your life for us. Amen.

1. Did God create everything in the beginning or is He still creating today?
2. Why aren’t the treatments and medicines for various illness found sooner so they can work for those in the last generation who were infected or injured.
3. How powerful is your God?
4. Have you ever talked to a plant?
5. Have you ever received a blessing from being given a plant or flowers as a gift or even enjoyed the beauty of flowers or trees blooming that you have planted?

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