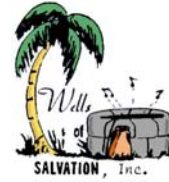


Perspective

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The more man learns about himself and his universe, the more we realize man is woefully incapable of fully understanding or appreciating God's marvelous creations. Foolish men, denying God's existence, attempt to explain all things as having "occurred" and "evolved"; but the fool has said in his heart there is no God.

While children chuckle as they reflect on how men once thought the earth is flat, they will likely proceed to study and accept as factual some current theory which will be similarly disproved down the road. A few years ago, the atom was characterized as having three components – i.e., electrons, protons, and neutrons. Have you seen a science textbook lately? Interestingly, the atom now has several “new” features!

We, as created beings, are miracles of our God. We are surrounded by a myriad of the miracles of our Creator. We train doctors to treat our physical needs, but doctors do not and can not heal us. They can prescribe medication; they can surgically remove or manipulate body tissue; they can instruct us to rest. But the healing in our bodies -- the regeneration and bonding of tissues is a miracle of the Creator and creditable to no man! The conception and birth of children, the germination of seeds in the spring, are likewise miracles of the Creator, and not the created.

While flying home from a business trip one evening, I viewed the clear night sky from four miles above Ohio. Entire cities -- Columbus, Cleveland, Youngstown, and others appeared as small clusters of light in the darkness. In those brief moments I was overwhelmed by the awesomeness of our God, and became keenly aware of the insignificance of man. As I prayed for a safe flight home, I realized that, while God was listening to my prayer, He was at the same time concerned for the others on the plane; He was concerned for the millions of souls represented by the clusters of light in the Ohio night; He was listening to and answering countless prayers and petitions of His saints; He was performing miracles and meeting the needs of billions of people on the other side of the planet.

We cannot humanly fathom the awesome nature of our God. We are told that innumerable millions of stars, solar systems and galaxies lie beyond the fringes of our Milky Way, representing time and distance beyond comprehension. My momentary nighttime glimpse of a small plot on tiny planet earth merits no comparison to His perspective as our Creator.

Who are we to receive unmerited favor from the Creator of all things? We are imperfect, often myopic, self-centered and selfish. We are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes (James 4:14). Yet, we are here by His grace; we have been purchased at a price by Jesus, His only Son. *"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."* (1 John 3:1)

We are here to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength. And we can look forward to sharing more of His perspective as He reigns in eternity!