

We are taking a journey together, a journey through history as God sees it. Every journey has a beginning and the beginning of time is recorded in Genesis 1:1. “In the beginning God....” God is the uncaused cause of all things. Fellowshiped with Himself in the person of the Trinity, God was eternal self-sufficient. In that unimaginable state God made a plan to create all of what we see, and know, and hear. Everything came into being with the pronouncement of God, a single word of His mouth. God needed no elaborate machinery, no fancy tools, no colossal effort of His will, not so much as a snap of His divine fingers. God needed only to speak and all we see and hear came into being. He made this grand creation to show forth His own handiwork. God wanted nothing more than to show Himself to be the supreme and glorious Lord of all things. Whether you look into a microscope or a telescope God shows that He is truly astounding.

An example of God’s prodigality (*extravagance*) is found in the golden polypody fern, which is common in greenhouses as well as outdoors in such places as Florida. Each frond (a fern develops seven new fronds yearly) bears twenty-five leaflets. Each leaflet bears approximately one hundred sori (a sorus is a spore case). Each sorus contains an estimated 57,000 reproductive spores. This multiplies to a little less than one billion spores, each of which is a potential plant.

This is but one instance of the Creator’s bounteous mode of operation. He purposes a super-adequacy. He demonstrated it with quails and manna, fish and loaves.

—Virginia Whitmanⁱ

We learn from the astronomers that the Milky Way, the disc-shaped galaxy to which our sun belongs, is a family of more than 100 billion stars. And these scientists say there may be as many as 100 billion other galaxies in the universe. And they believe that the billions of these galaxies’ billion stars may have hundreds of millions of planets like our earth. God’s creation from a one-sentence command!ⁱⁱ

Psalms 19:1-6 says:

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

God created the universe and all that is in it to show His own glory. God revealed Himself and invited all of His creation to show forth His praise. And they did. What was it that God intended to show us all by His glorious creation?

Romans 1:19b-20 says...

Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead;

Let's sing about this power!

I sing the mighty power of God

*That made the mountains rise!
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey.*

I sing the goodness of the Lord

*That filled the earth with food.
He formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye.
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky.*

Pray together...

God, You are eternal.

 You are eternally powerful.

 You are forever the Godhead.

 Your creation shows that you are all that and much more.

You alone are worthy of our worship. You alone are worthy of our songs of praise. We begin this journey into your Word acknowledging that for our own lives. I humbly ask that you would show yourself to each reader. God, I pray that no one would leave this study and like the fool in Romans 1 decide to worship the creature more than You, the Creator. From this first study transform us from self-worshippers to true worshiper for Jesus sake. Amen.

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