

Connecting with God: The Creation Heart

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Ps 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Rom 1:18-20

18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 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 men are without excuse.

The Creation Heart Connects with God...

1. THROUGH CREATION (NATURE)

- This person feels closest and most connected to God surrounded by His Creation.
- Tend to grow best and relate to God most, surrounded by nature.
- Being in nature increases their awareness of God
- Often draw spiritual meaning from nature.
- Goes back to the creation: God placed Adam & Eve in a GARDEN
- Creation is God's "evidence" to Who He is (beyond a reasonable doubt)

Ps 14:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

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The Creation Heart Clearly Sees...

2. THE INVISIBLE QUALITIES OF GOD THROUGH CREATION

20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-have been clearly seen.

What is seen—CREATION. Reveals what is unseen—GOD HIMSELF

Matt 6:6

When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.

God is God! And creation demonstrates that to us.

The Creation Heart Clearly Sees...

3. THE ETERNAL POWER OF GOD THROUGH CREATION

20 For since the creation of the world God's ... eternal power -has been clearly seen.

Omnipotence: unlimited power

Gen 15:5 [God] took [Abraham] outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

How many stars are there?

128 BC: Hipparchus = 1,026 1600 AD: Kepler = 1,005

2003 AD: Hubble telescope = 70 sextillion

Million, billion, trillion, quadrillion, quintillion, and sextillion
70,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (21 - 0's)

(includes over 1 billion galaxies)

(more than the grains of the sand in every dessert and beach on earth)

The Creation Heart Clearly Sees...

4. THE DIVINE NATURE OF GOD THROUGH CREATION

20 For since the creation of the world God's...divine nature-have been clearly seen.

Ps 86:10 For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

Isa 55:8-9

8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,"

declares the LORD. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

The Creation Heart can be vulnerable to...

5. WORSHIPPING THE CREATION RATHER THAN THE CREATOR

Rom 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised.

Amen.

CONCLUSION:

God has revealed His • Qualities, • Power and • Divinity through His Creation.

He has revealed His LOVE through JESUS CHRIST!

2 Tim 1:10 [God's grace] has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.