

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Review Republican
10-26-17

By Pastor David W. Cheatwood
Of the Hedrick Church of God
info@hedrickchurchofgod.org

SHOULDN'T WE BE WORSHIPING OUR CREATOR?

William Jennings Bryan got more than refreshment from a piece of watermelon:

"I was eating a piece of watermelon some months ago when I was struck with its beauty. I took some of the seeds and dried them and weighed them, and found that it would require some 5,000 seeds to weigh a pound; and then I applied mathematics to that 40-pound melon.

"One of these seeds, put into the ground, when warmed by the sun and moistened by the rain, takes off its coat and goes to work; it gathers from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own weight, and forcing this raw material through a tiny stem, constructs a watermelon. It ornaments the outside with a covering of green; inside the green it puts a layer of white, and within the white a core of red, and all through the red it scatters seeds, each one capable of continuing the work of reproduction.

"Who drew the plan by which that little seed works? Where does it get its tremendous strength? Where does it find its coloring matter? How does it collect its flavoring extract? How does it develop a watermelon?

"Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty and say just what he would do or how He would do it."

Frankly I have never sat down and tried to figure out a watermelon. I do like eating one, but to think about it and the process it goes through to reproduce and produce its own kind is rather amazing. Thank you William Jennings Bryan for giving it some thought and sharing it with us.

Revelation 4:1-11 (NASB)

1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in

heaven, and One sitting on the throne. 3 and he who was sitting was like jasper stone and sardius in appearance; 4 And around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceed flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; 6 and before the throne there was, as it were, a sea of glass like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. 7 And the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and fourth creature was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD God, The Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come." 9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 "Worthy art Thou, our LORD and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

The Apostle John was shown a vision concerning the end of the age in which we live. In that vision He was standing at the throne of God and experienced His glory. This would be the Shekinah glory that represents none other than Yahweh, the Creator of the Universe. The Shekinah glory accomplished two things; it lets us know that God is present and it keeps us from seeing Him. John sees His Majesty and Glory and observes the Twenty-Four Elders laying their crowns before God Himself and giving Him the honor that is due Him.

I don't think we are supposed to wait until the coming kingdom of God to bow before our God and Creator. What amazes me is that man wants to think that the creation and all that is within it just happened one day. Even something as simple as a watermelon gives us cause to think about how it came about.

What we need to see in this scene is that man humbles themselves before the Creator. They give Him homage and the respect that is due Him. Should we do any less now while we have life and breath?

Have you ever thought that it was God's will to create the watermelon? Me either, but isn't that what verse eleven says? God's mind is way beyond our thinking. He is greater than we can imagine. We need to submit to Him and

recognize His glory. He is the master designer of not only the watermelon, but the entire Universe. I am in awe of Yahweh. How about you?

So What Shall We Do?

Take some time this week to stop and observe the creation. Be a kid again and discover the ant, the other bugs, the trees, the flowers, the crops; all this stuff God created for our pleasure. Think about it for a while and see if you don't have a higher view of God than when you sat down to think about Him and all He provides for us.

Then take the time to thank Him for that provision and His marvelous Creation we are a part of.

For more information, Pastor David W. Cheatwood may be reached at info@hedrickchurchofgod.org