

God's Creation

Communing with nature was what many of the students of the natural sciences used in an attempt to find out what life is all about. The study of Ecology and other biological science oriented course work was very popular when I was a college student. After my graduation, I still tried to maintain a "loving" relationship with God's Created Earth. I would try to interpret Genesis 1:26 as God giving man the position of caretaker for all the living creatures He had created and allowed to roam over the earth. To me, this meant that the responsibility for keeping any life form from becoming extinct rested on mankind. My specific role in this endeavor concerned me greatly. Therefore, in working as an Oregon State Park Ranger, it became easier to envision the role of man as a caretaker. Sometimes, however, it seemed to be an unappreciated role, except for those groups whose god extended only as far as the earth itself, and the natural processes and cycles contained therein.

Periodically, I would come into contact with these groups of persons who would elevate nature to the role of a god in and of itself. What they would do is to have ceremonies where the process of nature would be worshipped as a deity, and the favor of this "deity" would be entreated through the procedures carried out within the gathering of believers in this fallacy. Although the persons were sincere for the most part, they were falling victim to the master of deceit. They had "exchanged the Glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four footed animals and crawling creatures"[i] That is why I found the aspects of the ceremonies I observed to be intimidating and even repulsive in nature. They had "exchanged the Truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator".[ii]

The Bible is centered around God as Creator and Lord. A quick glance through almost any book dealing with any facet of science will give the reader an appreciation for the orderliness and harmony which is expressed by the created world and its place in the infinite universe. The physical functioning of the universe sometimes gives the impression that it has a mind of its own and man will concomitantly escalate the universe, impressive as it is, to an undeserved status which is higher than that of a creation. We must become aware that the heavens and the earth and the processes therein are declaring the Majesty of the Creator and not declaring their own alleged independence and asserting any statement of imaginary deity. We are privileged to inhabit this spectacular and unbelievably complex creation called the Universe, wherein this planet called Earth is hinged of what seems to be nothing[iii], and wherein the cycles of nature seem to be to total futility[iv] because of our lack of Spiritual Wisdom.

[i] Romans 1:23 NAS

[ii] Romans 1:25 NAS

[iii] Job 38:: 1-7 NAS

[iv] Ecclesiastes 1:4-11