

How Great Thou Art Story

Terry and I made a new trail on our property last week that cut along the edge of some mature hardwood and well as several other mature trees species. Normally there are a few pockets of water that are visible in the low spots that run through that area. I think that it is one of the most beautiful sections of our property. I don't think that I have ever walked through that area without the song *How Great Thou Art* coming to my mind.



“When through the woods and forest glades I wonder,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees...”.

It is just awesome to have the overwhelming privilege to be able to experience, both visibly and emotionally, God's creation. It is just mind boggling to me to see all the different species of trees plants and animals in that one gorgeous, breathtaking area. The mighty Oak trees tall and powerful. However I notice at the base and small hole under its roots with shells from the acorns piled in front from the stash of a squirrel. In a clump of Maples there is a bird nest clinging to the end of one of

its budding branches. The White Pine branches give character and adds color to the terrain with the ground carpeted brown with last years' leaves. The frogs are singing in harmony. I saw a small brownish, one-inch, tree frog in the trail and gently put him in a safer place off the path. There is a night crawler on top of the ground from the leaves being pushed back during our excavating of the trail. I cover the little fellow up so that he doesn't become an easy prey for some hungry Robin and he can get back to work churning the soil. And of course the trip wouldn't be complete without seeing a Garter Snake cross your path, several deer scurrying away at a distance and ma and pa goose flying overhead with that ever familiar "honk, honk, honk".

What gets me emotional about this is the thought that all these things I mentioned and so many more that I could never describe them all to you, existing together, in harmony, each doing exactly what it was designed to do.

Theologians would say that this is evidence of Intelligent Design. Every item mentioned here was individually created with its own specific "DNA" and its own specific purpose. No two trees are alike. Not two squirrels are alike. No two night crawlers are alike.

No two people are alike.

Psalm 139:13; “For you created my inmost beings, you knit” (stitch by stitch) “me together in my mother’s womb”.

All of us have our own specific “DNA” for a specific purpose. Awesome isn’t it?

**“Oh Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all
Thy works thy hand hath made....”**

Intelligent Design, I like that.

God not only creates, but He sustains that which He creates. How He does all this is way above my pay grade. Let me share another experience with you that fascinating to me.



I was driving across the field this winter after a fresh snow and saw in the field what appeared to be some

fresh writing or scrolling. Being curious as to what it was I stopped and walked over to examine what caused the markings. The only rationale I could use to explain this that it was a field mouse running circles to keep warm or looking for Wheat sprouts for lunch. Think about it? This little guy, all 3-4 ounces of him, was running around in the snow in below freezing weather with no shoes on. Isn't that just crazy?



Let me share just one more fascinating experience. Again, after a fresh snow I was walking across our yard and observed some etchings under the outer branches of Terry's Snowball bush. I walked over to take a closer look and realized that they were probably tiny little Chickadee tracks in the fresh snow during subfreezing temperature and also no shoes on their tiny little feet. How do they do that? A Chickadee only weighs 2-2 ½ ounces, yet they hop around in the snow on the coldest days singing chic-a-dee, chic-a-dee, chic-a-dee. Surely,

Someone is watching over them enabling them to endure the obstacles they face.

“Then sings my soul, my savior God, to thee, How Great Thou Art, How great Thou Art”

