

**HALLELUJAH!**  
***Celebrate God's Creation of the World  
 Around You***



How many of you watch CSI shows on TV? Labs. Finger prints. DNA – hair. Fingerprints are unique. A fingerprint left on a murder weapon proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that a particular person held that weapon.

The world has the finger prints of God all over it. We see  
**Celebrate God's Design in our World.**

***“What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 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.” Romans 1:19-20***

We don't have to look far to see the amazing-ness of the world! The world around you, shows the touch of God. The beauty of creation, has God's fingerprints all over it. – “His invisible qualities – eternal power and divine nature.” That evidence is all over the place – it is “clearly seen.” No one is without excuse (it's obvious) , because it is “understood from what has been made.” Just look around – and celebrate – because *everywhere* you see the touch of God.

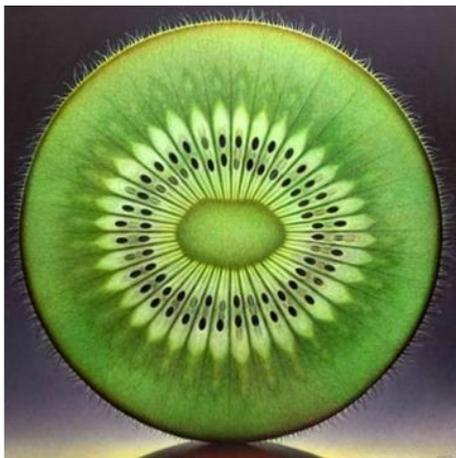
As we look at our world around us, we can celebrate God's design and that **God Designed the World with Order.** Our world isn't a random mess. But God put beautiful order into our world. Consider :



**a fern**



**a spider's web**



**a kiwi fruit**



flowers

**The pathway of a comet –Comet**

Neowise - taking years to circle the sun just once, but so predictable that we can calculate its position in space down to the second.

There's amazing order.

The laws of physics, chemistry, and mathematics. The rotation of the planets all show amazing order and precision.

The Bible says: ***“For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.”***

**1 Corinthians 14:33** In other words, there is order in our world because God is a God of order. He made the world to reflect His character. He is an orderly God, and His world shows it.

### **What are you worth? Really.**

A few years back, in New York, a homeless man, a train maintenance worker, and a dog were killed on the subway tracks. Ninety people telephoned the Transit Authority about the dog. Ninety people! Three called about the worker. Nobody called about the homeless man. It might seem that the men were worth less than the dog.

Figuring out the worth of something is difficult. Long ago a ship on an Atlantic crossing sunk. The crew acted fast and got into a lifeboat. The sea had huge waves – like on the TV show “World’s Deadliest Catch.” It seemed unlikely that the small lifeboat could stay afloat. Then the sailors saw another ship close by. A lantern with a candle was in the life boat’s emergency supplies. But there was no match. Every man rummaged in his pockets. No match. They checked again, and one sailor found one match. The man who discovered the match handed it, with reverence, to the mate; the mate, with the same respect, gave it to an officer, and finally the one match was gently placed into the hands of the captain. The sailors gathered around like a football team in a huddle, and held up their jackets to keep out the wind. The captain commented that he had handled precious cargo before, but none with greater care than that match. A worthless match had a new value because it meant the difference between life and death for them. A worthless match became more valuable than money could ever buy.

What are you worth?

"According to biochemists, the materials of your body are worth only 98 cents!" I remember my high school science teacher saying something like that. Is that what he and everybody else is really worth?

Several years ago, one man checked. He got out his chemical catalog and began looking up the prices of all the chemicals which make up a body. What he found was amazing! At the time, hemoglobin was selling for \$285 a gram. Insulin went for \$47.50 a gram. The real shocker came when he got to a follicle-stimulating hormone which was a steal at \$8 million a gram. And prolactin, the hormone that stimulates milk production for mothers, could be sold for \$17.5 million a gram. Taking all these costs and calculating the percentages of each of them in

the human body, subtracting a 68% water factor, a 168 pound man would be worth \$6,000,015.44!

How much are you worth? To the government, your value is a taxpayer. To the politician, your value is a vote. To the advertiser, your value is your spending power. To the credit card company, your value is how much debt you can incur. What are you worth?

Sometimes you might not feel worth very much. You've been scarred by hurtful words. Each of us has been hurt by others – either on purpose or unintentionally. And God knows you at your worst. He knows your most worthless thoughts and actions. And, even though God sees you for who you really are, He still values you. Why?

The Psalm read today asks that question. Why would God value any of us? The psalm said: *"What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet. . ."* Psalm 8:4-6.

### **Celebrate that God's Creation has Intrinsic Value.**

God doesn't value us because we've done a great job as a race of people. we haven't. Extinct species, racial hatred, continuous wars and a polluted environment tell us we haven't done a great job as a human race. That's not why God values us. Instead, He values each one of us, because, we're His – made by Him. If we weren't His creation, we'd have no values.

Life is not meaningless. You are Created by God – and that means you have value. You have Hope. You have a Purpose. **Value is not an Achievement. It is a Gift from God!**

Everything created by God has value. Each person created by God is His and has value. The person who is mentally, emotionally, or physically challenged is valuable – just as valuable as anyone else. Person old, young, disabled, unborn – valuable. Not because of what can DO or achieve, but because made by God.

Environment is valuable – for us to care and protect – because made by God. Value is intrinsic.

What's so amazing is that you are valuable to God, even though none of us deserve it. We are all of us, full of wrongs, sins, and selfishness.

We were destined for the eternal garbage can of an eternity without God and without hope. Except for one thing--God still loved us. Jesus once said, **"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, will not perish, but have eternal life."** *John 3:16*. It doesn't make any sense. But, even though God saw that sinful side of us, having seen that sinful side of our souls, God still loved us.

It's like this: Wives, does your husband have a favorite thing he wears should be put out of its misery? Maybe it's a flannel shirt or an old pair of tennis shoes? Probably, it's old, torn, and well-worn. You've thrown it out – maybe tossed it in the garbage five minutes before the truck is supposed to come, and it has somehow made its way back to his closet! Why does he love that thing? I don't know. You don't know. But beyond any logic, beyond any reason, that thing is loved.

In a much more awesome way – that's how it is between God and us. He looked into our hearts. He sees and knows all your wrongs, faults, and sins. God ought to throw us into the dumpster of being damned. But, instead, in His awesome love, He decided to save us. He pulled us from the garbage. He rescued us and He saved us. Even more than that, (and unlike a husband's favorite shirt), God fixed us, cleaned us, and made us more valuable than we were before.

How valuable are you? Listen carefully now, because it's important. You are so valuable to God, that He sent His Son to save you. God sent His Son to take your place. That's why Jesus was born. That's why He suffered for you. That's why He died--all for you.

God says in the Bible: **"You were bought with a price."** The price God paid, the value He placed on you, was nothing less than His only Son. God valued you so highly, in order to allow you to live, His Son had to die. That is your value.

What are you worth? Your forgiveness, and your hope are worth the price of Jesus' life.

Today, know your value. No matter what anyone has told you; no matter how you feel about yourself and your past, you've been made by God. You've been saved by Jesus. You're priceless! You're valuable! Believe it! And Live it!

**Celebrate that God Knows the Details of His Creation!** Just look at some of the tiniest details of the world around you! Look & be amazed!



Bee on a flower



Wings of a butterfly



Tiny caterpillar



A frog peeking at you!



A lady bug balancing on a blade of grass.



A drop of water on a leaf. Inside the drop is a whole other world – living organisms swimming around!

**God knows the tiniest details of His creation!**

***“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”*** *Matt 10: 29-31*

Jesus is saying to us: **God Knows!** He knows every bird, every insect. Not one lives or dies apart from His notice. -- He knows all about you. How many hairs are on your head. He actually numbers them – this one is # 953.

The point is – He knows you! He knows what’s going on in your life. He knows what you’ve gone through. He knows you better than you know yourself. and He cares!

So, since God knows EVERY detail of creation, and since you are so much more valuable to Him, the point, you see, is

**God sweats the small stuff, so you don’t have to worry about it!** He’ll take care of you. Don’t sweat it! “Don’t be afraid! You are worth more than many sparrows.”

Wow! What an AWESOME psalm of praise to an AWESOME God! That psalm CELEBRATES the world around us! – the sun, and moon, and stars; the flowers, and rains; the birds in the air and the fish in the waters; and PEOPLE – in all their diversity. Because of how God made this world, and because of God’s love for everything IN this world, we should just celebrate – with shouts and whistles, writing and painting, dancing and music, with bells and drums. Today ...

***HALLELUJAH! Celebrate What’s RIGHT in the World***

***Celebrate God’s Creation All Around You***