

NATURALISTS Loving God Out of Doors

Who Are We?

- We find God in His "cathedral" the out-of-doors.
- I feel closest to God when I'm surrounded by what he has made Mountains, forests, and the ocean
- I feel cut off if I have to spend to much time indoors

Psalm 23:1-3: Psalm 19:1: Romans 1:20: Psalm 23: 2-3

Naturalists in the Bible

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What Are Our Pitfalls?

: Jesus spent time outdoors to prepare to go back into the world. We must make sure we are not using creation to escape the duties of following Jesus.

: Anything "received" on a walk with God should not be considered authoritative, but merely advice that must be tested. The Bible is our only sure guide. Satan can provide counterfeit experiences that can lead us astray.

: Be wary of the heresy of pantheism – the worship of nature. It is not true that God is in all of nature, or that nature is God. The Bible teaches, "the earth is the Lord's." Pantheism twists it to "The earth is the Lord." Pantheism is a New Age philosophy. Nevertheless, do not allow the lie of pantheism rob you of worshiping God through an appreciation of what he has made.

Suggestions for the Road:

- Fully commit your life to Christ. The more you appreciate the Creator, the more you will appreciate His Creation.
- Consider the greatness of creation mountains, sky, and oceans all portray the immense power, wisdom & goodness of God.
- Consider the variety of creation plant & animal life have more variety that we could ever examine in a lifetime. God is capable of doing a multitude of things at once.
- Consider the beauty of creation beauty in God's world comes in many shapes, colors, shades. God's beauty cannot be revealed through one form.
- Consider the abundance of creation count stars in the sky, sand on the shore, trees in the forest. We serve a God of plenty whose love and mercy are inexhaustible
- · View God's world as His cathedral where He wants to meet with you and others.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- 1. Take your Bible outside and read it; meditate while feasting your eyes and spirit on natural beauty
- 2. Rest
- 3. Worship as the dawn breaks
- 4. Go for a walk

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