

Beauty in the Bible and Science

Text: Ecclesiastes 3:11a *He has made everything appropriate (or beautiful in Heb.) in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.*

How do we know that there is actually eternal significance to everything?

What is beauty according to Ecclesiastes 3:11?

Dictionary definitions:

1. **Prevailing style or taste; rage; fashion.**
2. **A beautiful person, esp. a beautiful woman.**
3. **A particular grace, feature, ornament, or excellence; anything beautiful; as, the beauties of nature.**

Php 4:8 - *Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.*

4. **An assemblage or graces or properties pleasing to the eye, the ear, the intellect, the aesthetic faculty, or the moral sense.**

How should Bible believing Christians think about beauty?

1 Chronicles 16:29 - *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; Worship the LORD in holy array (in the beauty of holiness).*

Psa 27:4 - *One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.*

What is source beauty?

1Jo 3:2 - *Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.*

How do evolutionists explain the origin of beauty?

What do peacocks and peahens teach us about beauty?

“The sight of a feather in a peacock’s tail, whenever I gaze at it, makes me sick” (Charles Darwin in a letter to Asa Gray, April 3, 1860).

What is added beauty?

What two things are the hallmarks of God’s creative style?

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What is the message of beauty in creation?

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Mt 6:28-30 *"And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith"*

3.

Psalm 149:4 - *For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation.*

How did God use ugliness to bring us salvation?

Isa 52:14 *Just as many were astonished at you, My people, So His appearance was marred more than any man And His form more than the sons of men.*

Isa 53:2 *For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.*

Ga 6:14 *But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

Ro 10:15 *How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"*