

Thoughts On God's Presence In Nature - Where I Can Revel In God's Creation

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I think we are all imprinted with impressions we receive during our time growing up. I spent a lot of time outdoors in excursions that were physically refreshing but also precious times to reflect on my life and find balance. When we are in nature, we can see and discover in new and fresh ways.



I enjoy fishing, hunting and hiking where I can revel in God's creation. Here I experience the spontaneity of God. God is present in the moment without competition from any of the daily distractions of life. Knowing this Principle inherent in pure, simple, natural existence opens one up to a deep experience with God. As a child, I had unforgettable experiences of beauty, wonder and discovery in nature; as an adult, I

continued to have these experiences at yet deeper and deeper levels. And after joining the church and understanding the Divine Principle, the experiences became even more profound.



My love for the outdoors is precious to me, and it is therefore something I love to share with others. Sharing an experience in nature with others multiplies the meaning for me and for the other person, as it becomes our experience together with God. When you go fishing, hunting or hiking together in nature with someone, you are in a neutral environment so that even just being quiet together becomes meaningful. I think we underestimate the value of quiet reflection.

Especially as a result of the COVID pandemic, many people are rediscovering nature and the outdoors. God works in strange ways - the pandemic has in certain respects given everyone a chance to reboot. And when we rediscover the outdoors, we're just cracking it open a tiny bit, and the sun is just peaking over the top!