



Day 2

God's Creative Power

Job 12:7-10:

But ask now the beasts and they shall teach thee and the fowls of the air and they shall tell thee. ⁸ or speak to the earth and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee ⁹ who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?

¹⁰ *In whose hand is the soul of every living thing. And the breath of all, mankind.*

I am driving on a quiet country road. Quiet.

The sky is a brilliant blue. The snow is sparkling and the trees are covered with ice crystals. I marvel at the beauty around me on the cold winter day. Suddenly a herd of deer crosses the road in front of me and races across the open field to my right. They are in a perfect row, following one behind another!

Of course I have seen many deer before - but never a herd in perfect sync. I was so startled that I stopped the car to marvel at the vision I had just seen. The next morning, the vision was still with me and I mentioned it to my Sunday School friends. I left the church and started home. Again, it is a beautiful day and I am alone on another quiet country road.

It happened in front of me. Again! Another herd of deer, approximately equal in number, cross the road. How can that happen? Is it a sign? Is there some profound meaning?

As I age and have more time alone, I find myself more aware of my surroundings: the beauty of the seasons, the stars in the sky, the birds and plants in my yard, and the incredible visions that I occasionally have as the one I have just related.

All expressions of God's creative power. I am in awe!

Dear Lord,

Every day we are humbled by your creations and the beauty that surrounds us. Let us "take time to smell the roses". We are in a time of worldwide turmoil, people suffering, inept politicians, greed, dishonesty, despair, but there is beauty & hope around us. Do not let us forget the majesty of your creation and that you are always with us. Amen.

– Helen Hazlett