

The Jubilee of Creation

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As we celebrate the Jubilee of creation. We thank God for the daily beauty we experience from our flower garden and the potted plants in almost every part of our house. We appreciate the wonderful weather and space to Grow and nurture these plants that constantly remind us of God's providence and care as we water them and remove the weeds.



Our beautiful Vegetable garden over years proved a reliable source of nourishment not only in our community but even beyond. We thank the Lord for the fertile soil, the favorable weather, the energy , the human power we are all His creation.



A Reflection on Mutualism of Creation

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The diversity of creation brings about beauty that is beyond our imagination and that is absolutely pleasing to God, since all He created was good. The numerous non-living things that deliberately support the diverse life forms ranging between 5 million to 30 million species gives no doubt that God is ever interested in His creation. Mutualism and absolute inter-dependence of both living and non-living things constitutes God's creation that is perpetually self-sustaining.

The words of Mary Ward (1585-1645) our foundress, "God is rich enough for us all," reflects her acknowledgement of the diversity of God's creation. Her call on us to empathize, support and accept one another in this journey of life perhaps reflect God's call to all created things and beings that each has a place in its creator. And so Just like God, the call dawns on each one of us to accept and accommodate all creation. The jubilee of the earth equally reminds us to become interested with creation since our relationship with it is purely symbiotic; that none of us can do without the other. In this 'exciting era' when nature seems to be paying back for the harm done to it, we are more than drawn to a realization that mutuality is the only way we can co-exist with creation.

In the past few decades, we have increasingly become interested in creation and as a result have made scientific explorations to space, spent sleepless nights and days in laboratories, libraries just to make more discoveries about creation so that we can understand even the smallest sub-atomic particles that constitute matter. Evidently, it takes us, personally and vicariously into jungles, deserts, seas, the moon and other environments where creation occurs. So whether we like it or not, there is always the human tendency to feel connected with and curious about all creation and thus the need to rise up to task in our time.

It amazes me how much we appreciate diversity in our gardens. The more the variety of vegetables, fruits, flowers that a garden holds, the more self-sustaining, beautiful and productive the garden is and the more the value the owner attaches to it. Additionally, no matter how many varieties of flowers a garden holds, it is usually hard for the owner (s) to do away with one particular species of flowers in a garden and so also it is hard for God to do away with any of His creation. The attachment of God to all His creation is evident since the genesis. We also know well that even the smallest microscopic organisms in nature have an immense contribution to the sustenance of other creatures. So, let's take our place in God's creation as co-creators and in our small ways participate in letting creation be. Certainly God's desire to draw us closer to Him over ages is for us to mutually co-exist as His creation. Let us therefore contribute positively to making environment more accommodative to all creation. This will not only please God, but I assure you that we and the generations to come shall profit from it a hundred fold.

