

Why Some Are Pushing Space Exploration

by Bill Crews

It seems that most Americans, according to various “polls,” believe (better, have the opinion) that there are many planets somewhere out there in the universe inhabited by intelligent beings and that those extra-terrestrial beings are probably more intelligent than we earthly beings. This they have been hood-winked or brain-washed into believing by the ever-promoted theory of general (or macro-) evolution. It seems that nothing would please evolutionists so much as to find proof of life forms, no matter how small or few, past or present, somewhere in the universe besides right here on earth where all kinds are found in profusion. Somehow that would prove once-and-for-all, to their satisfaction, (1) that the Bible is a fraud, (2) that there is no God, and (3) that the great theory of general evolution tells where man came from. They do not care how long it takes or how much its costs, so they are pushing space exploration, planet-probing, star-gazing, and sound-monitoring, at tax-payers expense, to this end. Reader friend, how do you feel about paying the bill for all the ventures that have been and are being undertaken to prove that there is no God and that we are not therefore creatures of God accountable to Him? How foolish, vain and blind men can be! For what? To justify doing as they please without feeling guilty about it. They want to prove that we aren’t going anywhere beyond this life and that we aren’t going to be anybody except in this life, but we are, and for all eternity! Please get your Bible and read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; John 5:28-29 and Matthew 25:46.

Enthusiasm

by Wayne Goff

Enthusiasm is defined as “intense and eager enjoyment, interest or approval.” Synonyms include fervor, passion, zeal, gusto, zest and fire. Furthermore, enthusiasm is demonstrated by the dispositions of wholeheartedness, commitment, and devotion.

Now the question is this: “Are you enthusiastic in your worship and service to God?” If so, then you are thrilled to go to church. You are excited about being around the brethren. And you are devoted to God and His people in the church.

We see this *enthusiasm* in the prophet David: “*I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the LORD’*” (Psalms 122:1).

And we see the lack of enthusiasm by those Jews in Malachi’s day when we read: “*You also say, ‘Oh, what a weariness!’ And you sneer at it, says the LORD of hosts. And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; thus you bring an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?’ says the LORD*” (Malachi 1:13).

The difference between the two dispositions is one of **truth, conviction and faith!** If you believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He came to earth to die for your sins, then you will have a heart full of love, appreciation and devotion! On the other hand, if you believe that religion is just a man-made trivium that is done just to keep your friends and family happy, then it will become a drudgery to attend worship.

Enthusiasm is contagious. Zeal is the proper disposition as we come before God Almighty to honor Him in our work and worship. It is my hope and prayer that these brief thoughts will cause you to reflect **before** you come to the House of God. Be excited to have the privilege of worship!

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