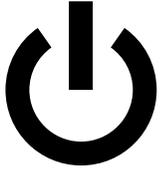


Title: God's Creation... Our Reaction **Speaker:** Don DeYoung & Nate Bosch

Key Verses: Genesis 1-11; Psalms 8; 19; 24:1; 104; Acts 14:17; 17:24

Summary: The best reactions to God's creation are wonder and care.



Power Up: Take a moment to prepare

Nate mentions enjoying the beauty of Yellowstone National Park with his family. What beautiful parts of God's creation have you enjoyed?



Replay: Take some time to watch

Note the flow of Don and Nate's talk: **1)** Everything in creation is interconnected; **2)** creation bears God's fingerprint; **3)** God owns, sustains, and values creation; **4)** we steward creation happily, humbly, and selflessly.



Comment: Take some time to talk

Nate shows a video of life in Yellowstone after wolves are reintroduced.

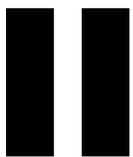
What chain reaction follows their reintroduction? What does this tell us about the natural world? How is tropic cascade a similar example?

Don shows the usefulness of a spiral (designed by God) for making water pumps (designed by humans). ***What are other examples of human's using God's design to create useful products?***

What are the reasons Don provides for God giving us the moon?

What does it mean to be a steward of creation? How well has the church talked about this? How can we do this better as individuals? What role should the government play in environmental care?

Of the four responses Nate suggests for our relationship to the natural world, which one do you excel at? What response needs work?



Pause: Take a moment to pray

Thank God for the creating and sustaining the natural world. Ask Him for contentment as a created being and humility as a steward of creation. Ask Him for opportunities to tell others about his glorious design.



Take Action: Take a step forward

Nate mentioned an 18-year study of the Scriptures to catalogue its teaching on God's and our relationship to creation. He cited Psalm 104 as a favorite. Bring a copy of Psalm 104 to a favorite outdoor site and read it aloud as you take in the glories of creation all around you.

Bonus Features | Additional Notes and Quotes from Drs. DeYoung & Bosch

Power Track Summary: How should God's creation impact us in 2018? This Power Track unpacks the wonder, relationships, and care of His creation.

About the Speakers: Drs. Don DeYoung and Nate Bosch are professors at Grace College. DeYoung specialized in astronomy, geology, and creationism. Bosch leads the Center for Lakes & Streams, focusing on environmental care.

"Everything in the natural world is interconnected. Even species that do not interact directly can be connected by shared environmental features."

What does this tell us about God?

1. His creation inspires wonder.
2. He values relationship. When our relationship with him was severed through the fall, he quickly put together a redemption plan through the sacrifice of Jesus.

Example 1 of Interconnectedness: Wolves reintroduced to Yellowstone (1995)

Wolves → reduce deer population and changed their eating habits → increased vegetation → increased tree growth → changed soil quality → changed river/stream patterns → increased population of numerous animals (rabbits, birds, beavers, hawks, bears, etc.)

Example 2 of Interconnectedness: The curve of the earth allows us to enjoy CA beaches.

Winds and ocean currents result from differences in solar radiation across the Earth's surface. Solar rays in the center are less diffused. Westerly winds are prevailing because the rotation of the earth → upwelling, where deep, nutrient rich ocean water rises to the surface → kelp → sea urchins increase (to eat them) → otters increase (to eat them) → orcas (to eat them or seals) → kelp forests in CA help cut down on beach erosion. This is called **tropic cascade**.

'You can see God's fingerprint all through nature... It's amazing to look at.'

- Seeds of a Filaree plant in AZ desert are self-planting.
- Spiral is a common design in nature—shell; galaxy; lily—now used for water pumps

6 Big Ideas from Scripture:

1. God is the creator and sustainer (Psalm 104, cf., Colossians 1:15-20)
2. God maintains ownership of the natural world (Ps. 24:1); we're stewards (Gen. 1:26-28)
3. God values His creation ("it is good" - Genesis 1; flood account – 2 of each kind)
4. Natural world bears witness to God (Psalm 19; Acts 14:17)
5. Stewardship of the natural world was established by God (Gen. 1-2; Psalm 8)
6. Our attitude toward the natural world should be one of contentment (Gen. 3; 11; Deut. 22:6-7), unselfishness (Deut. 15; Matt. 22:36-50; 25), humility, and principles are for our flourishing (Ps. 8), witness (Acts 17:24)