

“Thinking God’s thoughts after him”. What a beautiful and compelling idea that is; that we who are “made in God’s image” can follow in his footsteps, retracing the foundations of Creation itself.

That God gave us such deductive abilities at all in and of itself speaks of his goodness, and love for us. He has blessed us beyond compare, exalting us far above the animals and all of the created order. For while other beings can enjoy creation, we have been blessed with the ability to investigate, and to some degree, understand God’s miraculous creative beauty.

Let us start this out, by looking at a tree.

When God created trees, he had to “think” of how he wanted them made. While we cannot fully understand the workings of God’s mind, it is a must that he in some way “thought up” the various structures and functions of the basic tree. The colors, textures, and systems of its various parts were carefully put into place by the Word of the Creator. He also developed the ecological systems in which it would dwell, and the contributions that it would serve in a carefully balanced cycle of nature.

As scientists (whether professional or amateur), it is our job to study things such as trees, to test them, and to “discover God’s thoughts”. When we do this, we find such things as photosynthesis, which allows the tree to use the energy of the sun. This process leads to conversion of carbon dioxide into its requisite parts; one of which is oxygen. This oxygen is then used by animals, who transform the oxygen BACK into carbon dioxide.

Now we can see not only the individual function of the tree (photosynthesis), but also its place in the ecological cycle of life within which God placed it (to create oxygen for animals and humans). When we perform such inquiry, we are not “inventing” any new technology, nor are we imagining new thoughts; for God has thought of all these things in eternity past. All that we, as humans created in God’s image can do is to “know the mind of God” as well as our finite brains can.

Undoubtedly, such marvelous organization points to our Creator; the God of the Bible! This idea is perfectly summed up in Romans 1:19-20,

**For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.**

**For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.**

Let us all seek after the glory of God, demonstrated throughout his creation!