



The Bumblebee Conspiracy

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29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

I. There are some things we will never understand about God and His ways.

understanding... A. In all of mans wisdom, knowledge and

complexities of space travel and heavier than air flight... B. With mans ability to understand the

flies. C. We still cannot explain how a bumblebee

D. Is it possible God did not create the
bumblebee for any other reason but for a conspiracy against our intelligence?

II. The modern minds of science tell us it is impossible for the bumblebee to fly.

A. The aerodynamics of the body of the bumblebee are not suitable for flight.

B. The wings are too small and the body too large for flight.

1. Scientists have tested the bumblebee in wind tunnels.

2. Measured the oxygen usage.

3. Tested how many times the wings flap.

4. The calories a bumblebee consumes in one hour of flight equals 180 candy bars.

C. By mans standards the bumblebee cannot fly.

D. By Gods design...it can!

E. I'm thankful the bumblebee cannot understand the negative influence of mans reasoning.

III. By contemporary thinking, we will not be able to grow without cell groups.

A. Our building is not pretty enough.

1. Our music is not professional enough.

2. Our pastor is not polished enough.

3. Our leadership is not trained enough.

B. Yet I don't find any of those qualifications in the Bible for a growing, thriving, powerful church.

1. What I find in the Bible is a church that is full of the Holy Ghost.
2. Not ashamed of this great message.
3. Submitted to the ministry.
4. Full of love for each other without gossip, backbiting, or hurt feelings.
5. Not taking credit for what God does.
6. Prayer and fasting is part of a growing, thriving, powerful church.

C. Remember our scripture text:

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D. God has hand picked the foolish things of the world to confound and mystify the wise.

1. The bumblebee is a prime example.
2. The common cold that man cannot cure.
3. The rotation of the earth and its axis.
4. Time itself. (Try to explain the paradoxes)
5. The color black is the presence of all color and white is the absence of all color.

E. God has weak things that confound things which are mighty.

1. You can't hold the wind, yet it can demolish buildings.
2. The ant can carry up to 52 times its own weight...that is over 5 tons for me.
3. Water can carve rock.

F. Base things and despised things are Gods chosen vessels.

G. Creating and making things out of nothing is Gods way.

H. All for the purpose that no flesh should glory in His presence.

III. You've heard me ask before:

\$ How can the artist glory in the presence of the One who uses the sky as His canvas?

\$ How can the pilot glory in the presence of the One who causes the bumblebee to fly?

\$ Can the inventor really glory in the presence of the One who uses nothing to create everything?

\$ Can the doctor glory in the presence of the Healer?

\$ Can the attorney glory in the presence of the Advocate?

\$ How can the ministry glory in the presence of the Greatest High Priest?

\$ How can Bill Gates glory in the presence of the One who owns the universe?

\$ How can the generals glory in the presence of the One who commands stars to shine?

- \$ How can the carpenter glory in the presence of the One who designed the Old Rugged Cross?
- \$ How can the engineer glory in the presence of the One thought up, formed and fashioned all things?
- \$ How can the politician glory in the presence of the One who sits on the throne of the universe?
- \$ How can the plumber glory in the presence of the One who flooded the earth...then drained it?
- \$ How can the tailor glory in the presence of the One who clothed the earth?
- \$ How can the census people glory in the presence of the One who named all the stars and numbered all the hairs of your head?
- \$ How can the musician glory in the presence of the One gives a new song?
- \$ How can the author glory in the presence of the One who is the Author and Finisher of our faith?
- A. Shall I continue?
- \$ How can the carpet layer glory in the presence of the One who carpets the earth with grass?
- \$ How can the psychologist glory in the presence of the One who gives us a sound mind?
- \$ How can the teacher glory in the presence of the Rabbi?
- \$ How can the general contractor glory in the presence of the One who prepares a place for us?
- \$ How can the chef glory in the presence of the One who prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies?
- \$ How can the military glory in the presence of the One who will orchestrate Armageddon.
- \$ How can the athlete glory in the presence of the Champion of Calvary?

IV. So, what does all this have to do with us....His church?

A. Remember, the bumblebee conspiracy makes the negative influence of mans knowledge and philosophy seem foolish.

B. Israel was promised great victory.

1. God gave them all the land they could every want or need.
2. They were told the land flowed with milk and honey.
3. These people saw the red sea part.
4. They ate of the manna.
5. They drank of the water from the rock.
6. It was obvious they were blessed and chosen by God.
7. Nothing could stand in their way.

C. But when it came time to finally take what belonged to them, they failed.

Numbers 13:32-33

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

1. They spoke against the promises of God.
2. They saw the insurmountable problem of conquering giants.
3. These people were trying to understand Gods promises with mans thinking.

Numbers 14:1-4

- 1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.
- 2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!
- 3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?
- 4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

D. Because they refused to see and believe Gods way, they lost the blessing and promise.

E. If they only would have looked at the bumblebee.

1. They would have known, what is impossible with man...is possible with God.

V. When others tell you it is impossible to have victory...remember the Bumblebee conspiracy.

- A. If someone tells you deliverance is not real...remember the Bumblebee conspiracy.
- B. If you start thinking your praise accomplishes nothing...remember the BBEE conspiracy.
- C. If you think your prayers don't go anywhere...remember.
- D. What we think is impossible...God makes possible.

1. He proved it with the bumblebee.