

God's Water Engine

Today, let's talk about the tremendous power in water.

Perhaps the first thing that you think of when the power of water is mentioned is the way it has cut and eroded the rocks of the Earth. But I am thinking of a power much more subtle than that. Some of the most impressive power of water is seen when it powers one of the water engines that God has created.

You see, there are certain substances, like the jelly mass in which frogs' eggs are suspended, which are hungry to absorb immense amounts of water. After a short amount of time in the water, a swollen mass of frog eggs may be larger than the mother frog from which they came. And this engine does its most impressive work when it is enclosed so that it cannot easily expand as it absorbs water. The resulting pressures have been measured at thousands of times higher than atmospheric pressure. In practical application, a small number of dry bean seeds, accidentally left under a concrete sidewalk, will, when they get wet, swell with such power that they will break the concrete!

God uses seemingly simple and powerless things to do incredible feats. His Word, even though it takes the same form as human words, creates worlds and galaxies. But more amazingly, and more powerfully, it changes human hearts and minds!

Genesis 1:2b

“And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, let me be reminded often by Your creation that You do what is impressive using those things which seem common and unimpressive. Do not let me neglect the simple power of Your Word in my life. Amen.

Ref: Steven Vogel. Life's Devices: "The Physical World of Animals and Plants." Princeton University Press.