

## Object lesson – Photosynthesis

*Sabbath, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

What I learned this morning in the forest.

What is the most basic chemical reaction that is fundamentally important for life on this planet? It is photosynthesis. Light turning into matter. Becoming sweetness, sugar. Science cannot fully explain all its mechanisms, cannot recreate it in the lab. And yet we are depending on it and facilitate and enjoy it every single day.

What is the most basic event that is fundamentally important for salvation on this planet?

The incarnation. Mikael, "who is like God", becoming the man Christ Jesus, in flesh and blood.

Jesus Christ, the light of the world, becoming matter, turning into sweetness, salvation.

The most wise and gifted theologians cannot explain this mystery, we cannot search it out or reproduce it with our own works. And yet we are depending on it, and live by and through it.

So, next time you see a green leaf or grass or anything else that does photosynthesis, you know, that creation is proclaiming the incarnation of its Creator, divine light shining into our world's physical matter, bringing about the sweetest thing we'll ever taste: eternal salvation for all who believe.

Thus God speaks to us through nature.

Happy sabbath!

*Sabbath, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

What I learned this morning, photosynthesis, part 2

As the fundament for life on earth is glucose, which is a product of photosynthesis, and an object lesson of the incarnation of Jesus Christ as the fundament for our eternal salvation, sweeter than honey in our mouth,

so is another part of photosynthesis, which I was reminded of this morning on my sabbath walk.

The second product of photosynthesis, besides sugar, is oxygen.

Oxygen, air, breath, spirit, ruach in the Old Testament, pneuma in the New Testament. Without oxygen, that we must inspire on a very, very regular basis, we will die and return to the dust. It is refreshing the cells of the body, keeping the blood clean and healthy and is mainly responsible for sound cognitive function.

Jesus tells us in John 6:63, "the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

And this life, He will give us freely and without measure!

So after the incarnation, when the light of the world became a man, the man Christ Jesus, offered a perfect sacrifice on our behalf, He returned to heaven and was glorified, and sent his Holy Spirit to the world, that whosoever received and obeyed him, became part of the church, the body of Christ on earth.

And as Christ became one flesh with me (as in "the human race"), he forever sacrificed his Mikael body, and became a man for all eternity. Yes, glorified now, but the scars of his terrible humiliation are seen forever and ever in his hands and feet. As Christ became one flesh with me, so he offers to all who believe, that they may become one spirit with him.

As it is written in 1 Corinthians 15:45, "the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." And thus the mystery of God is accomplished, according to Colossians 1:27 "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

This is the spiritual breath we need on a daily basis, as much as breathing physically, so we need to be submerged in the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit.

Only as we become one in spirit with the Father and his only begotten Son, according to 1 John 1:3,

”and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.”, only when we have this personal experience of the unity in spirit, we are ready to experience the unity in faith.

Only by personal heart searching, daily devotion and endeavouring to be in union with Christ, to have his mind in me, can he prepare me through daily challenges and object lessons, to grow into the fulness of his stature, as oxygen cleanses and rejuvenates the physical body, so will the Holy Spirit strengthen and renew the inner man.

And only when we are in the unity of the spirit, doctrinal arguments and discussions will cease, because of the real experience of union with a holy God and his Son.

Then will we speak with one voice in love and truth, and the world will take notice, that we have been with Christ.

Happy sabbath, beloved.