

The Rarest  
CREATURE ON EARTH

People might well picture almost anything after reading the title of this article.

Ask yourself what first popped into your head when you first read the above title.

Perhaps some exotic and nearly extinct species of animal.

Or, perhaps it could be some strange crossbreed offspring of two different species?

The path to our learning the answer to our question may well take some very strange twists and turns, but in our patience lies our success.

Let's begin our search by first eliminating all things that are so commonly in abundance that they have little or no value.

You see, the word ABUNDANT and the word RARE are exact opposites.

Rarity 'increases' value and an 'over abundance' of anything can only end with that THING becoming worthless, or, at the very least 'taken for granted'.

Please understand that this article is not speaking of elements necessary for sustaining the life of living things.

A couple of good examples of this would be air, water and food. These things of course are not worthless but are often treated as though they were, unless they somehow come to be in short supply.

The most ABUNDANT 'thing' in this earth can be described with ONE word, "OPINIONS". OPINIONS are undoubtedly the most abundant

'thing' on earth by reason of being also  
the MOST PROLIFIC.

This word 'PROLIFIC' means fruitful, and, as  
you will soon learn, opinions are the most prolific.  
The only thing necessary for 'an opinion' to multiply  
is for someone to share it with another person.

One could accurately say then, that considering  
there are more than 6 billion people on this earth  
and each of them has hundreds, if not thousands  
of opinions, well, that would involve numbers far  
beyond my skill at math.

The biggest catch to placing some great value  
on any opinion is that they are subject  
to change. Because of this fact, an opinion  
one might be willing to 'die for' today  
becomes absolutely worthless the instant  
it is no longer believed and held as TRUTH.

Let it suffice to say there are LOTS of  
opinions in this earth.

Now, if the opinions of mankind were of any value the  
inhabitants of planet earth would be  
in wonderful shape. Unfortunately however,  
because of their TEMPORARY nature  
OPINIONS can 'NEVER' have any Eternal Value.

All opinions that is, except one, and the one  
of which I speak, is GOD'S.

PERMIT me to give a short example.

Let's say that I (one person) give 'my' opinion  
to you. The results will immediately be, a new  
opinion and that being 'yours'.

Your opinion may well be, "I don't believe  
what you said for one second."

Now, that one opinion has quickly become TWO.

I could carry out this seemingly ridiculous  
example forever, but that should not be necessary.

All that IS necessary is for you to understand  
that for every opinion shared with someone

else, it will be, self generating.

Consider that there over 6 Billion people on this earth, and each one having hundreds, if not thousands, of their own opinions, well, you will find it impossible to number them, due to the fact that that number is increasing continually at a rate impossible to keep up with.

As stated before there is only ONE opinion that does have eternal value and that OPINION, is God's.

God's opinion 'NEVER' changes and it is the ETERNAL NATURE of HIS opinion that gives it such great value.

Now, having said all that, we can continue our search for the RAREST creature on earth.

St. John Chapter 1: Verse 1,  
"In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was 'WITH' God, and the Word 'WAS' God."

Verse 2: "The same (WORD) was in the beginning with God."

Verse 3:

"All things were made by 'HIM': and without 'HIM' was not anything made that was made."

( An interesting note) In this verse, this same 'WORD' was identified twice with the pronoun 'HIM'. Apparently 'THE' WORD we are examining is a person and obviously male in gender.

Verse 3:

"In 'HIM' was life: and the life was 'the' LIGHT of men."

Please do 'NOT' overlook the small word before the word 'LIGHT'.

This little word 'the' is so often overlooked, but suffice to say, that 'the' anything

denotes it as being, 'ONE OF THAT KIND'.  
 If this were not true, God would have had  
 written 'a light' not 'THE LIGHT'.  
 ( Note: Right about at this point one might  
 begin to wonder if we haven't abandoned  
 our search for, "THE RAREST CREATURE  
 ON EARTH." Time and patience however, will prove that  
 to be untrue.)

Verse 5:

"And 'the LIGHT' shineth in darkness:  
 and the darkness comprehended it not."

( Note: Pay particular attention to this word  
 COMPREHENDED. This word is normally understood  
 to mean 'to understand'. It might therefore  
 be worthwhile to understand the difference  
 between LIGHT and DARKNESS.)

The natural state of all things (before being changed  
 by God) is darkness, not LIGHT. DARKNESS was not  
 created because it did not NEED to be.

Without God that is simply ALL there is.

Notice that here, this  
 verse speaks of DARKNESS as though it were  
 a living entity. Hopefully we should understand  
 that some things (including many people)  
 are only comfortable in the Dark.

Darkness creates the ILLUSION , or , (perhaps  
 even more accurately) we could say, the DELUSION  
 that their deeds and actions can NOT  
 be seen by others.

Some creatures were created to live in darkness.  
 They will never, nor can they EVER, be comfortable  
 or feel safe in THE LIGHT.

God did not intend it to be so with his  
 most beloved creation, 'MAN'.

The first man Adam was created 'in the image'  
 of God himself, a creature of light,  
 a being of light, the originator therefore

of LIGHT.

Recall now to yourself the story of Adam's sin. What was the first reaction after that act of disobedience? The answer is simple and obvious. Fear came immediately as Adam sought to hide himself from God. Adam had chosen Darkness over LIGHT. We are speaking of course of Spiritual LIGHT, not the natural light of the sun. To use once more that old saying, "I said all that to say this"; We are seeking to understand THE LIGHT, The ONE TRUE LIGHT, as written of in John 1: 9.

Why (someone might be asking themselves) do we need know all this to continue our search for the rarest creature on earth? The answer is simply to make certain that all might understand what a mighty and powerful thing THIS LIGHT is. It is 'one of a kind', it is another name for THE WORD, which was 'with' God 'IN THE BEGINNING'. We are speaking of 'a being', 'a person', A ONE OF A KIND 'SOMEBODY'. Would not this fact alone make it RARE?

Think about what you have just read. It is possible for ANYTHING to be more Rare than something which is a ONE OF A KIND? Less than that (one), it would NOT, could NOT be RARE, because it would be 'non existent'.

Verse 9:

"That was the TRUE LIGHT,  
which lighteth every man that

cometh into the world."

Verse 14:

"And the Word was made flesh,  
and dwelt among us,  
and we beheld HIS glory,  
the glory, as of, 'THE ONLY' begotten  
of the Father, full of Grace  
and Truth."

(Note - These two words "THE ONLY",  
can ONLY mean ONE, ONE of a kind.  
Can anything be more rare than this??  
To be the ONLY ONE of anything?)

Now, consider this fact.  
There is 'nothing' higher than The Word of  
God as spoken of here.  
God has spoken MANY words BUT, each one  
individually can only be, small parts  
of a much greater whole.  
We are however, looking for a person,  
a ONE OF A KIND.

Before rejecting these words as being  
only MY opinion, it would be best if you understood  
that this opinion is NOT mine, but 'God's'.

God himself is The One who declared  
His 'WORD' to be 'equal  
to' HIMSELF and every bit as much  
God as he himself.

'Please re-read verse 14'.

I will repeat that verse but with the more  
literal translation.

"The Word became flesh (took upon himself flesh),  
and dwelt among us."

Think about what you have just read.  
The Word of God, THE LIGHT, 'This person', went  
from being the highest being in the entire  
universe, to the lowest person he could become,  
'A MAN'.

Now ask yourself this question. Did this HIGHEST  
being come into this earth as a king?

You might think so, but not  
the case here.

Why, you might wonder????

(I'm 'so glad' you did.)

Had this person, THE WORD, THE LIGHT,  
taken upon himself the form of a Great King,  
then he would have been received, ONLY  
because of his position of great power  
and authority.

Remember we are trying to see this  
thru God's eyes and not man's.

Suppose that God HAD sent Jesus as the  
Greatest King this earth had ever seen.

It would NOT have served God's purpose  
at all.

The reason for this is very simple.

Had he done so, where would the hope have been  
for the lowest of men? Men like you and I,  
for example.

Hopefully you will understand  
that the word "men" has nothing to do with  
gender, but means "mankind".

Men can 'choose' a king or 'appoint' a king. They  
can vote for a ruler or draw lots for that matter.

The man chosen by men only,  
may become 'their king', 'their ruler',  
'their president',

BUT,

Only God can 'MAKE' someone a KING.  
He who God makes a KING is a  
King 'ETERNAL'.

There have been many kings, some good,  
some bad and some better than others,  
BUT STILL,  
'only A MAN'.

Because God's Wisdom is SO, SO, SO  
FAR ABOVE men's, he knew that all men  
are likely to worship a GREAT KING.  
To give honor and glory 'to' a great king.  
'BUT'

Who then, would have received the Glory  
and Honor meant 'ONLY' for God himself?

The Greatest king who ever lived "might"  
be able to save someone in certain situations.

Just for examples sake, let's say  
we use King Solomon.

Was he wise? Absolutely!

Was he rich? Without a doubt!

BUT...

Could Solomon  
give Life Eternal?

NO!

Because 'it' was NOT 'his' to give.

No king, no man can give to someone  
else, that which he does not have himself.

Another good question, how many KINGS  
have ever saved anyone, at the cost  
of their own lives?

It is possible that there may have  
been one or more

who gave up his (physical - temporary)  
life for his subjects.  
Those for whom he died would have still  
been subject to physical death.  
They would have still been in bondage  
to the fear of death. They would have  
still walked in darkness.

Why then, did God choose to send  
Jesus in the 'form' that he did?

Philippians 2: 5 - 8

"Let this mind be in you, which was also  
in Christ Jesus:

Who being in the form of God, (The Word)  
thought it not robbery to be EQUAL with God:  
But, made himself of NO reputation, and  
took upon him(self) the form of a servant,  
and was made into the likeness of men:  
And being found in fashion as a man,  
he 'HUMBLED' himself, and became  
obedient unto death,  
even the death of the cross."

Not only did this HIGHEST creature give  
up that station to become a mere mortal,  
but, to become the lowest of men,  
a servant (slave).

There is a story in God's Word about  
a very rich young ruler.  
Jesus said to this man, "sell all you have  
and give to the poor and come follow me."  
Guess what? This rich young man  
could not do it.  
This rich young ruler had a lot to  
give up, but, those were only temporary.

'All' earthly riches, power and glory  
are far, far from being 'ETERNAL'.

Why? What was missing in this man  
that was obviously 'NOT' missing in Jesus?  
Consider that Jesus was, in the beginning,  
THE Word of God. The highest creature  
in the universe. He, of his own free will,  
laid aside all the Glory of God and became but  
flesh and blood.

What Jesus gave up 'for us' were ETERNAL  
things, not temporary.

The entire point of this article  
was to find the rarest creature in this  
entire earth.

We are much closer to finding that answer  
than you might think.

It is the nature of mankind to seek power, wealth,  
and the praise and adulation of men.

That NATURE is the 'farthest thing' from  
being RARE.

It is common, it is worthless, it is at best  
temporary.

I can not help but smile when I hear  
any man of greatness (so called at least),  
saying, "I have dedicated my life to  
public service."

Listen and see thru God's eyes.  
These hypocrites serve only themselves and  
not others. They lie, they cheat, and they  
steal, from the poorest of the poor,  
to line their own pockets.

Has anyone reading these words ever  
saw a politician leave office with

less than they came with?  
I never have and neither have you.  
Kings and rulers and politicians desire 'only'  
the glory of this world.  
Humility?  
Hardly !  
Servitude?  
Who serves who?  
Thieves and Robbers !  
You better believe it.  
HUMBLE?  
RARE?  
Surprise, surprise.  
Those who seek power, worldly glory  
and the praise of men can NOT  
at the same time desire to serve others.  
These people have exactly the same value  
as do men's OPINIONS.  
NONE !  
They are exactly extreme opposites of Jesus.  
Not only are they opposite,  
but 180 degrees opposite.  
Jesus had nothing to gain because he  
was 'already' as high as it was possible to be,  
'in the beginning'.  
From the HIGHEST to the lowest.  
It is impossible for someone to do that  
and still hope to gain.  
What could there be, to be gained?  
Have you ever wondered why Jesus  
was willing to do this?  
This question can be answered in one word,  
LOVE !!!  
Because of HIS LOVE, 'not for himself',  
but for US.  
  
We started out searching for the RAREST

creature in the earth.

We are about to find our answer.  
I should better have said, God's ANSWER.

The most important thing God required  
of Jesus was that he 'HUMBLE' himself.  
AND HE DID !

Jesus himself said, "Greater Love has no man  
than this, that he lay down his life for a friend."

This is exactly what Jesus did.  
He HUMBLed himself and became obedient  
even unto death, even the shameful death  
of the cross.

In the beginning Jesus was the Word.  
The HIGHEST thing in the universe.  
He came into this world so he could  
be the LIGHT of this world.

He came to show us the WAY  
out of the great DARKNESS that  
filled this earth since Adam's sin.  
He laid everything aside and became  
the 'most' HUMBLE man who ever lived.  
There will never be another as HUMBLE  
simply because there will NEVER  
be another who had 'as much' to give up.

There are perhaps a few 'truly humble' people  
who have ever lived on this earth.

When I say 'few' I mean by comparison to  
the great multitudes who have lived  
and died on this planet.

I would not venture to name any because  
only God would know that.

One thing I do know, however, is this-  
A truly HUMBLE man ( or woman) is  
extremely rare.

Any person who has ever met someone

who truly was HUMBLE has been  
truly blessed by God.

I am certain that this trait (HUMILITY)  
by God's standard and definition, is a creature highly  
esteemed by God.

The proud, the greedy, the vain, the  
covetous, the self seeking, well, they  
are as plentiful  
as are men's OPINIONS.  
Worthless to the extreme.

It seems very clear to me that  
not only have we found our answer,  
but an extra bonus as well.  
Hopefully you will now be able to distinguish  
between the Priceless and the Worthless.

The answer to our quest is simple.  
The rarest creature in this earth,  
A HUMBLE MAN !!!!!  
The most HUMBLE man who ever lived, was  
'this man called JESUS'.

He alone could be the most humble  
because he had the MOST to give up.  
Jesus was, is, and will always be, the  
rarest creature ever to walk  
on the face of this earth.

(footnote)

Should any reader of these words still  
feel some 'bit' of pride in just how  
HUMBLE they are, there can  
only be one explanation.  
You have obviously looked around  
and compared yourself to other men.  
You're looking in the wrong place.

Unless you were once the highest  
creature in the universe and willingly  
laid that aside to serve others, even  
to the point of laying down your life,  
then you have missed the mark set by Jesus  
'so far' it's not even close.

Think about these words, and 'then' take a close  
look at Jesus.

The rarest creature on earth?  
Only you can answer that question  
for yourself.

If you think you have come close,  
then you've still got quite a ways to go.

God said, it was Jesus!

As for me, I have NO DOUBTS!!!  
There's only ever been ONE truly  
HUMBLE man.

He was in the beginning "THE WORD"  
He alone is the 'LIGHT' of the world.  
He alone is the WAY, the TRUTH  
and the LIFE.

He willingly laid aside all the Glory  
he had with God from the beginning.  
He was and IS, beyond a shadow of a doubt,  
THE MOST HUMBLE MAN WHO EVER LIVED!!!

He is indeed and in TRUTH,  
The RAREST CREATURE to ever walk  
on the face of God's  
green earth.

His name is Jesus!!!!

To our great God be all the Glory  
and Honor.

"Thank you Father for giving us eyes  
that can see and ears that can hear."  
Thank you Father for sending your Word,

The ONE true LIGHT into this world.  
Thank you Jesus for laying aside  
all the majesty and glory you had  
from the beginning.  
Thanks for being willing to come in the  
form of a servant rather than some  
great king. Because of your willingness  
to come in that form and fashion  
you have brought HOPE even to the lowly  
and the meek of this earth.  
Thank you Father for sending your only Son,  
thank you Jesus for being,  
“THE RAREST CREATURE”  
on earth.

AMEN and AMEN