

Reflections While Walking **An Engineer's Perspective**

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One responsibility of the development lab I worked in was to verify that the introduction of a new product worked as specified before it was approved for manufacture. We dealt with semiconductor products and great care had to be taken that the equipment used was properly calibrated prior to beginning any evaluation. The measurement capacity of each instrument had to be matched to the item evaluated regarding its range, accuracy, repeatability and other factors. In preparing to investigate a new product or any item for that matter the task becomes less complex when the intent of the designer is known so that there are expectations regarding satisfactory results. Another important factor to consider was how the physical act of making the measurement affected the behavior of the item being measured.

The instruments we have for viewing the world are our eyes and ears and they must be properly calibrated to enable us to perceive the goodness and wonder in all people and the things surrounding us. Patience, understanding, compassion, and mercy are some of the means of calibrating our instruments of observation properly in order to properly perceive the world and the good that's in it as God intended. Should whatever we encounter have been distorted by worldly temptations and seem at first to be not so good, eyes and ears calibrated with truth and honesty will enable us to see the good God intended in his creation.

As we interact with our material and physical world a fundamental awareness of our surroundings must be that everything in it has been created by God and is good. Whether it is a blade of grass or a giant sequoia, a rain drop or an ocean, a cave or a castle, or a newborn or a centenarian all are parts of God's creation, and our expectation must be that it is good.