



The Great Event

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Thinking Outloud!

It was a different day for us here in the south central portion of the state of Kentucky. We had cloud cover so thick that you couldn't even see the sun, much less see the eclipse of the sun. Even if we could have seen the sun, we would only be able to see a 90 percent coverage. However, the news coverage of the event brought many questions to my mind. Here are just a few thoughts.

How many people across this great land thought about the majesty of God in creating such an event? If everyone who watched thought about the beauty and the awesome ability to even imagine such an event, they should all concede that a total solar event has to be under the command of a mighty God. There is no possible way that evolution could have influenced such an event. At the same time, every person who denies the existence of a living God must admit that mankind could not have created, or even thought about the complexity of mathematics, physics and weather forecasting it took to even begin to view such a dynamic illustration of God's handiwork.

Consider the mathematics, physics and weather factors it took to achieve such a display of the celestial sky scape with a full solar eclipse. Our sun is millions of miles away from the earth and hundreds of times larger than our planet. Our planet's orbiting moon is even smaller than that. Think carefully how the moon can circle our planet and at an appointed time, the orbit of the moon places it between the earth and the sun to cast a shadow upon the earth. The aspect ratios alone should give you some insight of the majesty of God. God created the cosmos in such a manner that the proportions and ratios are so precise that a total eclipse could even be possible. Every person who watched this event should praise God for allowing them to even witness the great beauty and majesty of this event!

Think about this! There were people traveling by many means in order to arrive at a selected viewing location. Some flew by plane and rented a car, some came by car or personal RV. It was reported that one couple rode their bicycles from California to a mid America location to see this. They took 30 days to make the journey. Some flew to Mexico to be able to see the eclipse before others would see the eclipse later. It was stated that the eclipse covered five different time zones, across two different nations and across 15 of our states. It was even said that ninety percent of all Americans would be able to have seen at least a partial eclipse. Only the extreme western states would have been left out of this event's coverage area. Maybe that was a signal from God, that the left's woke ideology and disparate thinking is not the correct thinking of Almighty God who created all people equal. It is the element of mankind that is distorting the facts. There was an article in *Imprimis*, the newsletter of Hillsdale College dated February 2024, that reviewed the situation of disparate thinking and how it is destroying our civilization. In the article, it explained the factor of 13 percent. Their meaning was, if 13 percent of a workforce was not black, that company was racist due to 13 percent of the population is black. That could be illustrated in the following manner: if 13 percent of doctors were not black then the medical profession was racist. Or, it could be that, if 13 percent of lawyers were not black that profession was racist. With regard to this segment of our society, there was an example that there is growing pressure to eliminate the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) requirement because it, too, has a disparate impact. The statement following this admission was that the assumption was: The problem always lies with the testing, and never with the test taker. Here is my question: Did 13 percent of the black population of the United States see this eclipse? If not, then the idea is that the United States, as a whole, is racist. Let's go one step further. Our southern border has now been an open wound for three years. Additionally, we have millions of people who were not born in this nation somewhere, all over

our land. How many of these immigrants saw the eclipse? Are we racist in this area because a certain number of these people did not see the eclipse?

What about those who owned businesses that were in the totality viewing area? What was their mindset? They have known about the forecasted eclipse for some time. Did they have new souvenir items created just for this event? Did they raise the prices on any item just so they could make a little bit higher profit margin? Did the hotels, inns and airbnb (America online platform for rental accommodations) increase their rates for this event? Is that cheating in God's sight? Or, maybe the view is that, this was a blessing.

Consider something else, there were school teachers and children all through the viewing area. Was there educational items taught or even discussed between the teachers and the children? Was there any illustration of the dimensions involved? Could the use of a marble, a BB and a basketball present the concept to the children? How could a BB, in between the marble and the basketball, teach anything to the children. The basketball is the size of the sun and the marble is the earth. How could the BB, representing the moon, cause the basketball to disappear? It's all a matter of distance. I have another thought. All groups of people were across the totality viewing area. How many people took the time to greet others? Did you get the names and hometowns of the people around you? Did you give them your information in exchange? Why not, if you didn't? We are the people of one nation, created equally by God, why not speak encouraging words to each other?

I have brought up questions. I have not gone into the area of politics, nor the upcoming election that will occur in seven months. Shouldn't every adult, in this nation, say a prayer and ask God to show them who He has chosen to be the next elected President of this nation? There are those passages in the Bible that show that it is God who places kings and who removes kings. It is also stated that in times of warning and God's wrath that, He will give a nation the king they deserve. Think about that and pray that God will give you insight, and not allow Satan to distort and deceive many from truth. I know even Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" This is the only verse of Scripture I'm using in this writing, it comes from John, chapter 18 and verse 38, ³⁸ Pilate said to him, "**What is truth?**" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him." (ESV)

God alone created the heavens and the earth. Man did not create any part of the cosmos. Yes! God allowed mankind to increase in knowledge and understanding, and allowed us to use this knowledge to understand the events in the heavens. We should all view this wonderful event to praise God and thank Him for allowing us to see the great beauty and power of His creation and His control over the weather. Every person who witnessed the eclipse should say a prayer of thanksgiving to God, repent of your sins and follow the teachings of Jesus in your daily life.

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