

Swat Away the Breath of a Bee¹

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you”
Job 12:7 Holy Bible, New International Version

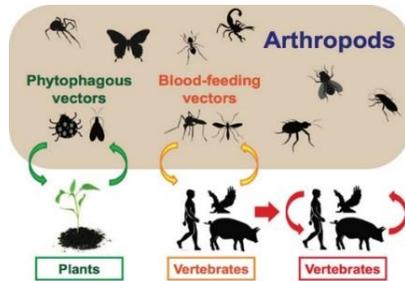
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Swat away the breath of a bee--
Likely forget it is beneficiary.
A pollinator of our provision,
Facilitating health before Heaven admission.
Yet we see harm,
Become alarmed,
When an alien creature
Returns home from outdoor greener
Via the unsealed windows and doors
To perform for us its universal chores.



Young boy and girl an ant had found,
But mommy curtly said, “Put the filth down.
Call in daddy to flood the hill out
Or use insecticide to bring the bout.”
Mother’s family grew up the same,
Killing innocent insects like game
No shame in wasting a minor life.
20 years go by, that daughter, now a wife,
Witnesses her child’s arthropod delight.
One maternal alert, he kills it in an uneven fight.

Behold an evolving behavior passed
Perhaps through fearful kin aghast
at shrubbery thickly filled with web spinners
forming silky, serene, anticipating rivers.
Pest maulers that save us landscape dollars.
Born we were to be curious of creepy
crawlers.
No evil found in tickling nor grasping legs
Nor in antennae nor pouches of eggs.
Still, installed in our young brains...
A phobia, prompting direct insect pain.



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We constrain our curiosity.
 Potential lacks the ensuing prosperity
 When we exclude insects
 As safe lifestyle insets.
 80% of florescent plants prescribe
 Natural insect attention to abide.
 With diets between 50 and 90 percent vege,
 question how so many people can pledge
 That insect eradication is swell,
 When it may render Earth as Hell.



Decrease discrimination to friendly tongues and
 fluffy fur.
 To exoskeleton, setae, nor spindly legs, do not
 demur
 To bestow deserved rights, like all other
 animals;
 We treat them “unanimal”, stomp them to
 “condemnables”.
 Perspective is skewed to surmise
 That human skill outweighs. No, we rely
 On them. Insects are essential
 For all to live, this is not inferential.
 Created to “have dominion” under heaven;
 Yet abandon ignorance, and remember Job 12:7.

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