



Snow Flake Game

Read the short story about the weight of a snowflake.

The Parable of the Snowflake. (adapted)

(From 18th Australian Jamboree Newspaper, The Jam)

There were two birds sitting on a tree, up near *the Mountain*, a Sparrow and a Kingfisher, when the snow began to fall.

"What's a snowflake?" asked the Sparrow.

"Nothing" replied the Kingfisher.

"What does it weigh?"

"Nothing more than nothing" came the answer.

Well the Sparrow sat there and watched the snowflakes falling on the ground and on a near by oak tree.

He counted the snowflakes.

He counted 4,637,815 snowflakes.

And nothing much happened.

The 4,637,816th snowflake settled on the tree.

The branch broke off and crashed on the ground.

"Mmm," said the Sparrow to the Kingfisher, "So that's what you say is nothing more than nothing."

As it takes time and reflection to see the power of snowflakes, so it takes time to discover what a Loving God has in store for us.

And it takes even more time for us to respond.

Related quote

"There is no greater impact than the accumulation of small actions over time." Wright

As you travel through the next 48 hours think about snowflakes that you represent relative to choices about 'impact' (both environmental and moral) in terms of leisure activity, work, eating, and helpfulness to your fellow human beings.

List 20 things that you did that added to the weight of the branch or that did not add to the branch. Examples? Use any behavior – they all have implications. (I turned my heat thermostat down, I said "thank you, have a great day" to the checker at Vons, threw my empty water bottle out the car window, donated money to . . .)

You don't get 'brownie points' for not adding to the branch. The purpose again is to understand our impact on the system in which we live.

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