

a peanut kind of faith

"assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'move from here to there,' and it will move." matt 17:20

a man of God - george washington carver. george credited divine inspiration for giving him ideas regarding how to perform experiments. "i always look forward to introductions as opportunities to learn something about myself ..."

he continued: "years ago i went into my laboratory and said, 'dear Mr. Creator, please tell me what the universe was made for?' the Great Creator answered, 'you want to know too much for that little mind of yours. ask for something more your size, little man.' then i asked, 'please, Mr. Creator, tell me what man was made for.' again the Great Creator replied, 'you are still asking too much. cut down on the extent and improve the intent.' ... so then i asked, 'please, Mr. Creator, will you tell me why the peanut was made?' 'that's better, but even then it's infinite. what do you want to know about the peanut?'"

'Mr. Creator, can i make milk out of the peanut?'  
'what kind of milk do you want? good jersey milk or just plain boarding house milk?' 'good jersey milk.'  
and then the Great Creator taught me to take the peanut apart and put it together again. and out of the process have come forth all these products!"

on january 21, 1921, carver addressed the united states house ways and means committee. george expounded on

the many potential uses of the peanut as a means to improve the southern economy. while scheduled for 10 minutes, he spoke for one hour and forty-five minutes, explaining the many food products that could be derived from peanuts...

the committee chairman asked carver: "dr. carver, how did you learn all of these things?" carver answered, "from an old book." "what book?" asked the chairman. carver replied, "the bible." the chairman inquired, "does the bible tell about peanuts?" "no, sir" carver replied, "but it tells about the God who made the peanut. i asked Him to show me what to do with the peanut, and He did."

"God is going to reveal to us things He never revealed before if we put our hands in His. no books ever go into my laboratory. the thing i am to do and the way are revealed to me the moment i am inspired to create something new. without God to draw aside the curtain, i would be helpless. only alone can i draw close enough to God to discover His secrets."

"God cannot use you as He wishes until you come into the fullness of His Glory. do not get alarmed, my friend, when doubts creep in. that is old satan. pray, pray, pray. oh, my friend, i am praying that God will come in and rid you entirely of self so you can go out after souls right, or rather have souls seek the Christ in you. this is my prayer for you always."

"my beloved friend, keep your hand in that of the Master, walk daily by His side, so that you may lead others into the realms of true happiness, where a

religion of hate, (which poisons both body and soul) will be unknown, having in its place the 'golden rule' way, which is the 'Jesus Way' of life, will reign supreme ... then, we can walk and talk with Jesus momentarily, because we will be attuned to His will and wishes, thus making the creation story of the world nondebatable as to its reality."

"we are finite, surrounded and often filled with hate. we can only understand the infinite as we loose the finite and take on the infinite. thank God i love humanity; complexion doesn't interest me one single bit. the man is unwise who does not cultivate in every manly way the friendship and goodwill of his next-door neighbor, whether he be black or white. great men cultivate love and only little men cherish a spirit of hatred."

"it is now long ago that i learned this lesson from general samuel chapman armstrong, and resolved that i would permit no man, no matter what his color might be, to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him. with God's help, i believe that i have completely rid myself of any ill feeling toward the southern white man for any wrong that he may have inflicted upon my race. i am made to feel just as happy now when i am rendering service to southern white men as when the service is rendered to a member of my own race. i pity from the bottom of my heart any individual who is so unfortunate as to get into the habit of holding race prejudice."

"the son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself,

and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself." eze 18:20

in 1939, george washington carver was awarded the roosevelt medal, with the declaration: "to a scientist humbly seeking the guidance of God and a liberator to men of the white race as well as the black.

human need is really a great spiritual vacuum which God seeks to fill ... with one hand in the hand of a fellow man in need and the other in the hand of Christ, He could get across the vacuum ...

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we all need to travail that "vacuum" of space. satan is employing all his tactics of warfare to distract and instigate hatred and confusion among the races. oft times it is extremely difficult to "turn the other cheek" but we have the commandment to do so. you see, "if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." matt 6:15 and which of us do not have trespasses that need forgiven? i would venture none! he who is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone. "if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 john 1:8