

## Meditation: CREDO

*By Verna Kwiatkowski. Sky View. Sharing my faith with a friend.*

I believe in God, the one who, in the beginning,  
created the heavens, the earth, and everything in them, including us!

PLUS – I believe with all my heart the things usually held by those  
who are convinced that God is the Creator,  
namely the Trinity,  
the incredible incarnation (God's "Plan B"),  
the crucifixion of the perfect Lamb of God,  
the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ,  
and salvation, including a permanent home with Him  
in Heaven that He promised to all who believe.

IN ADDITION, I believe the Bible is the inspired word of God. Inspired, I say, not dictated,  
thinking of the Apostle Paul's words: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,  
rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that God's servant may be thoroughly  
equipped for every good work." I never grow tired of its story, and I won't, even in Glory.

After placing our ancestors in the perfect Garden of Eden,  
God then – knowing what would happen – gave us Free Will! Imagine that!  
With it, one command: do not eat the fruit from that tree!  
Both the humans broke the rule, bringing sin, violence, and death into the garden.  
If you don't know the story, read Genesis 1, 2, and 3.  
If you want to know more, read Genesis 4.  
To think about: would we be human without choice?

At the same time God revealed His heart, the awesome reason for creation –  
He wanted an intimate relationship with each one of us!  
"I'll meet you in the garden in the cool of the day,"  
in effect, we hear God say. Will we run TO Him, or turn away?

I realize I could never list all that I believe, but this I must say:  
while we enter God's family as spiritual babies,  
it is not God's intention that we stay that way.  
Instead, go on to MATURITY! On to INTIMACY!  
Let's become the people God created us to be!

I wouldn't trade my personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ  
for all the health and wealth in the world.  
Jesus is the joy of my life, and the BEST is yet to come! THIS I BELIEVE! Amen.