

Explore the Theme — The 13.8 Billion Year Story of Wheat

video of cosmologist Linda Gibler, OP on learning to read the book of Creation & its Wisdom
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WATCH: *The Wisdom of Wheat*, particularly from 15:23 to 28:25. Philosopher/Cosmologist Linda

Gibler, OP urges us to learn to listen to creation and read the “book” of nature as a story of wisdom & hope. Within that frame, she tells the story of the evolution of wheat from creation’s beginning 13.8 billion years ago to today’s eucharistic bread.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iL-P3eEUw28s>



“Everything in the universe will teach us a story about God when we ask. Then give to others the fruits of your contemplation.

Read that book [of nature] if you want to know God! Read that book always, often! A supernova explosion that tears a star apart, but that is required for trees, birds, bushes ... to happen!

The universe itself is embedded in the paschal mystery — life, death, new life over and over again in unimaginable ways permeates the entire story of the universe.”



Unless the great star explodes into myriad particles,
is annihilated & re-formed,
it remains a single star; but if it follows the process of creation,
it yields a universe of life in all its forms

“... wheat [is] ... the center of Christian sacramental life if you’re Catholic or any other variety of Christian.

HAVE I READ THE BOOK OF NATURE TODAY?

Eucharist is the center of what we do so **why wouldn’t we understand wheat from its cosmic origins all the way to our sacred banquet**, and then ... see where we find hope; where do we find wisdom? ...”