

Thank God for Worms

Worms are a much maligned species, and I'm sorry to say the Bible is no exception. I looked for worms in scripture and all I could find was insults:

Worms are often accused of destroying crops, and to call someone a worm is not a compliment:

"I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by people" (Psalm 22:6).

BUT, if you look more carefully at the creation story in Genesis, you will see that on the fifth day, God made living creatures of every kind, including the animals of the earth, in other words earthworms.

And it was a very good thing that he did because when God gave Adam the job of tilling and keeping the earth, that would have been an impossible job without the presence of earthworms.

Lowly though they may be, worms are engineers of the underworld, and a vital part of the ecosystem, recycling dead plants, fertilizing the soil, and aerating it with their burrowing. Without them, Adam would have found the earth virtually dead.

So the next time you are digging in your garden try counting the worms. The more you find, the healthier your soil is. So let us give thanks to God for the humble earthworm.