

ON TAPS AND ABUNDANCE

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Turn on a tap, and mostly we would simply assume clean, potable water will flow.

How often do we really consider the engineering behind the creation of that tap, or the huge but largely hidden network of pipes, filters, pumps and dams bringing that liquid gold to our fingertips?

The catchment forests, mountain streams rising from mere trickles and the pure rainfalls that swell them?

Or even the complexities of the desalination and other plants that increasingly add to our often taken-for-granted water supplies?

Reflection:

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Then, after taking our relatively tiny sip, much of this water is in turn whisked away through another network of drains, pumps and treatments.

And all of this is usually just assumed, day after day, until possibly something goes wrong or some vision of how things are for less fortunate elsewhere forces a rethink.

It is good to stop, consider and acknowledge the many things we often take for granted.

To notice, appreciate and give thanks for the astounding dance of life that flows so abundantly around us throughout the majesty of God's creation.

Henry Williams Baker, 1821-77, based on Psalm 23

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