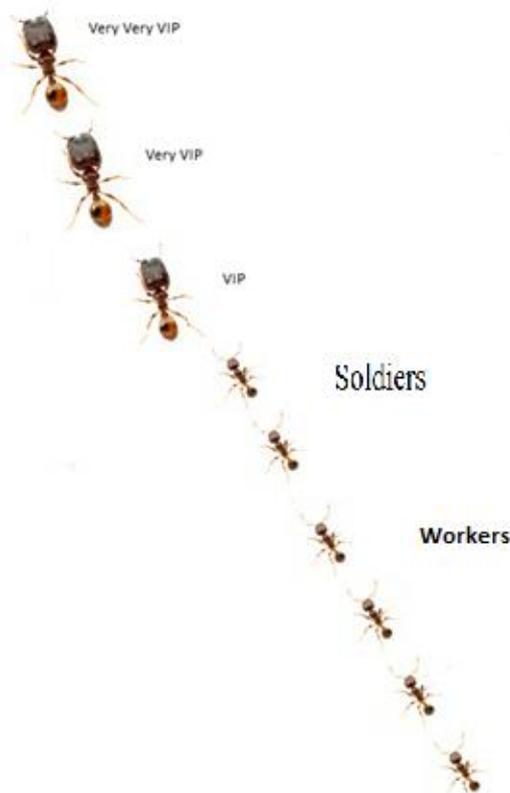




# THE BIGHEAD ANTS FROM ANTWORLD



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## OBJECTIVE

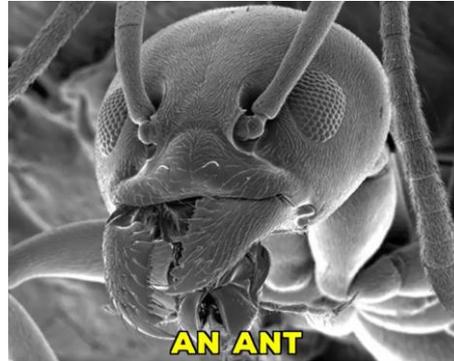
*A short article aimed at reminding us of the fact that some people considered important on earth are actually nothing in the bigger scheme of things.*

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## 1. A STORY:

There was once a unique ant colony with ants having many different social statuses. These included a President, a Queen ant, a numbers of senators, many leaders and owners of “farm land” living in their mud mansions. They were all considered either VVVIP (very very Very important ants), VVIP or VIP ants, depending on their social status. There were also millions of normal worker ants, soldier ants and even homeless ants living under leaves, not worthy of being housed with the colony.



The worker ants were going about doing their daily chores aiming to make a living, while the “VIP” ants aimed to “prosper” (a “swearword” to me, because many link this to money only). The VIP ants all had bigger heads (**Literally**) than the rest and stood out from the rest. All the ants were totally focussed on their tiny “3 dimensional” world (they were able to see 50 cm ahead of them and 50 cm on either side, but only 20 cm up in the air before everything became bury).

The VVVIP, VVIP and VIP ants were in charge of the other ants, dictating to them what to do and what not to do. The bigger their heads (**Literally**), the more important they were considered and felt. These Bighead ants (most also had big heads **figuratively**), were basically worshipped by the other ants and even if all of them had some sort of weakness, the “normal” ants just did not notice any of their weakness or chose to look past these. The VIP ants were considered so important that when these Bighead ants walked down a path, others had to move out of their way. The ants believed that their small world was the only one in existence and that the Bighead ants were most important.

The Bighead ants felt so important that they almost never spoke to normal ants, they abused the poor worker ants and expected them to work 20 hours a day to make them “rich” in food. Most of the Bighead ants held elaborate parties and believed that they had “arrived” in life. There were however some very rich ants in leadership positions that somehow did not grow Big Heads (**Literally** and **Figuratively**) and just blended in amongst the other ants, living almost unnoticed.

The ant colony was not aware of the fact that someone was watching them... They only experienced vibrations from time to time and the odd “miracle” from time to time when colleagues were miraculously saved from a pond close by, because somehow a leaf moved in under them, picked them up and made them land softly and safely on dry ground. You see, an Entomologist came across this special colony and



started studying them, but the ants were not able to see him, because their 3 dimensional world did not allow for this, all they felt was the presence of someone or something...

The Bighead Ants continued running and ruling their “world”, collecting as much food and debris (“Wealth” to them) and guess who did all the work? Yes, the normal worker ants did all the hard work, while the Bighead Ants did most of the talking and delegation. Most of the young teenage ants dreamed of becoming a Bighead Ant! The ants were totally consumed in their work, focussing on living and collecting wealth. They performed the same routines day in and day out and the Entomologist eventually saw that they were very predictable, almost boring, and stopped focusing on them.

One day a giant Anteater came along and the Entomologist decided NOT to intervene to chase it away.

The Anteater immediately targeted the large juicy Queen and all the other Bighead Ants, because they looked tastier and had more meat. It demolished the mud mansions and the ants screamed at the soldiers ants to help, but they were useless against this “**demon**” amongst them.



Later the Anteater moved on and started breaking the main anthill to get to the normal worker ants. The normal worker ants were scared to death and ran around in cycles not knowing what to do. They wished for another miracle **to get saved** just like some were saved from the pond nearby!

The Entomologist watched, but later felt sorry for them, especially for the normal worker ants that worked so hard. He decided to intervene and stop the Anteater by chasing it away and placed a boundary fence around the ant colony.

The normal worker ants no longer had Bighead Ants dictating to them (they were all eaten up) and each worked for the group with his/her specific function. The colony became one big happy and friendly family and less stressed.... Why did they get this right without any leaders? It was because they were all committed to being ethical and hard working, no matter what....! By the way, this only works in “Antworld”. In most other animal and human worlds, we do need Bigheads to guide and drive appropriate action (that is probably why Communism failed, because people were not self-motivated enough to work hard, no matter their income and social status).



The arrogant Bighead ants were all gone and nobody had any passion to grow big heads anymore, because they would be the first target of the “demon” Anteater. They could not stop thinking of that day when they were attacked and how another “divine” intervention saved them.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

In the above story, the Anteater is like the Devil, the Entomologist like God and the Bighead ants just arrogant rich leaders/business people. Compared to the Entomologist, the Bighead ants were actually nothing, just “useless” little ants and even relative to the Anteater, just an ideal opportunity to be eaten up, but they thought they were very important! In comparison to abilities and brainpower, the Bighead ants cannot be compared to the Entomologist, and could not protect themselves against the Anteater without the help from the Entomologist. The below picture puts things in perspective:



## 3. THE MESSAGE

Similarly in life, we have people who believe that they are very very important and who believe that they are more important than others, but relative to GOD, they (we) are all actually “nothing”. God however considers us all important, so we not really “nothing”, but in comparison to Him, we are. It is sad that when someone becomes



the president of a country, a leader, a Managing Director or they work their way into an “important” position, they develop “Big” heads, believing that they are terribly important and should earn the designation “VIP”, but relatively speaking, ...

Like **Albert Einstein** said: “*Let every man be **respected** as an individual and **no man idolized**....*”

#### 4. WHY SHOULD BIGHEAD ANTS NOT BOAST?

**Firstly**, if a person has a certain talent that allows or helps him/her to become a “VIP Bighead ant”, it is a gift from God, so no reason to get a Big Head about that. Look at this verse from the Bible:

*“Who says you are better than others? What do you have that was not **given to you**? And if it was given to you, why do you brag as if you did not receive it as a gift?”*

**1 Corinthians 4:7**

**Let us look at other examples:**

*In his grace, God has **given us** different gifts for doing certain things well. **Romans 12:6-8:***

*A spiritual gift is **given to each of us** so we can help each other. **Corinthians 12:7-11:***

*Each of you has **received a gift** to use to serve others. Be good servants of God’s various gifts of grace. **1 Peter 4:10-11:***

(I will not get into the “**to serve others**” part above, as this is an article for another day...)

**Secondly**, you were NOT responsible for your “good” DNA! It was the combination of your Mother’s and Father’s DNA mix that resulted in your DNA. This was mostly via “Free Will”, as your parents had Free Will to decide who to choose and marry, unless it was an arranged marriage or your parents asked God to intervene via prayer to help them choose the right partner.

**Thirdly**, there are many other factors such as your schooling you received (the type of school you attended, specific teachers you had), the opportunities you may have had in life, friends you mixed with, people that came across your life path and even being at “the right place at the right time”, etc...

So none of the above should give you a reason to develop a “Big Head”.



In fact, **God despises Boasting/arrogance** (he still loves people, but “hates” the act) and there are so many verses on this, just to show a few:

*“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned” - [Romans 12:3](#)*

*“I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless” - [Isaiah 13:11](#)*

*“Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips” - [Proverbs 27:2](#):*

*“But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” - [James 4:6](#)*

*“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom” - [Proverbs 11:2](#)*

*“Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him” - [Proverbs 26:12](#)*

*“Scoffer is the name of the arrogant, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride” - [Proverbs 21:24](#):*

Jesus came to earth to focus on the normal worker “ants” and the poor “ants”, just like the entomologist intervened and saved the normal ants! Jesus spent most of his time with the normal and the poor and very little time with the rich (the Big Head Ants) ...

*“God is against the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.” - [James 4:6](#)“*

*“He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, [Psalm 113:7](#):*

*I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted and justice for the poor.” - [Psalm 140:12](#):*

*“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” - [Matthew 5:5](#)*

**Fourthly**, Man (Woman) was created below Angels, but in charge of the animals and plants. We are thus just in charge of animals and plants, not much to get excited about, yet an important job, being in charge of God’s creation!



## 5. THE BOTTOM LINE

In summary:

1. The Devil targets Bighead ants first, because they usually arrogant, usually loves Mammon (money), have less compassion and most important of all, their success makes them love this World and not realising it is a “pit-stop”. They are therefore “better” or easier targets and can negatively impact more people,
2. God has compassion for the poor (the worker ants);
3. If you actually turn out to become a “Bighead” ant (a VIP in life), make sure your head does not become big figuratively, stay humble, as God despises arrogance;
4. If you have a talent and “good” DNA which allowed you to become a VIP in life, realise that it is a gift from God;
5. Do not idolise “Bighead” ants, they actually nothing in life, nothing compared to God or even the Devil and Angels;
6. Every time a very important person walks past you or walks into a room or is featured in a magazine or on television, relative to God, he/she is still a small Big Head ant, one that can be eaten up or squashed in an instant. Their natural talents and those they developed further should be respected, but they should still not be idolized!

So whenever you see people who believe they are very important such as in a high position, a movie star, a sports star, a president, or any other person considered a “VIP”, just see them in your mind as “Bighead ants”, because in the bigger scheme of things, they actually nothing and should not be idolized.

Let us repeat what Albert Einstein said: *“Let every man be respected as an individual and no man idolized...”*

## 6. A STORY IN CLOSING:

I heard the following story – a farmer was ploughing a new piece of land to get it ready to plant maize. His son sat next to the field watching, but noticed a small ant-hill in the middle of the field. He went over to the ant-hill and watched the ants hard at work collecting food. Each one had his/her task and they were all running around doing their business. Suddenly the boy heard the tractor and realised that the plough would run over this ant-hill at some stage, not only destroying their home, but killing most of them! He knew that this piece of land had to be ploughed, as it had rich soil and they needed to plant the maize before the rainy season, so what could he do? He decided he needed to warn them, as his dad would get to this ant-hill with the tractor in an hour or two, so he kicked at the ant-hill, but it was hard as stone and in the process he hurt his foot.



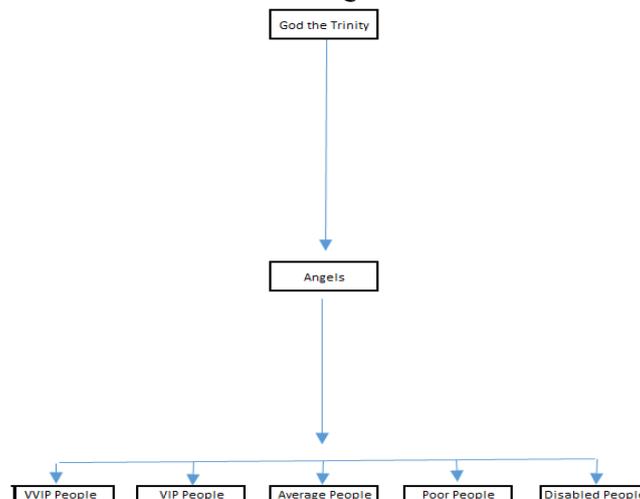
He screamed at them, but most were inside. He ran to his dad and told him about the ant-hill and his dad had sympathy with the boy's predicament. His dad said that the ONLY way he would be able to warn them was if the boy went down to their level and became an ant!. In this way he could mingle and warn them all. His dad said that even if he became an ant and went to warn all the ants, MOST would not listen and carry on, because the ants could only see and focus on their limited dimension and would not be able to see the tractor! They would thus not see the bigger dimension, as they could only see 50 cm ahead of them, 50 cm on either side and only 20 cm up in the sky before everything became bury. Because the ants could not see the other dimension, they would not believe the boy-ant, as MOST would want to see the tractor or see other evidence. It meant that only a few ants that had faith in the "boy-ant" would be saved.... This made the boy very unhappy, but he still wanted to become an ant, as he would at least be able to save the few that believed in him!

Is the above story not like Jesus who had to become a human (an ant) and then came to earth to warn all, but only a few believed and only few would be saved? ([1 Corinthians 9:22](#)). When he left earth, the warnings were written up in the Bible, but MOST still refuse to believe, because "seeing is believing" and it is too hard to remain good on this corrupt earth... So the "stairwell to heaven" is thin, small and hard to climb, but the "Highway to Hell" is much easier and faster to be on ([Matthew 7:13 and 14](#)).

Yes, we are all like ants compared to God and the Angels, but we still VERY important to him, so much so, that God sent his son to become an "ant" like us to warn us all. Are you listening?

Also remember not to become arrogant and get a Big Head if you doing well in life, because you are still just an "ant" in comparison.

### ALL HUMANS ARE EQUAL IN GOD'S EYE





## 7. RECAP QUESTIONS:

NO	QUESTION	YOUR ANSWER
1	Find and write out Jeremiah 10:12	
2	See if you can Google who wrote the following: <i>“It is about the greatness of God, not the significance of man. God made man small and the universe big to say something about himself.”</i>	
3	What does 1 Corinthians 1:25 say?	
4	Debate whether idolizing someone is like breaking one of the 10 commandments, namely: <i>“Thou shalt have no other gods before me”</i> ?	

## 8. RELATED ARTICLES:

NO	RELATED ARTICLES	COMMENTS
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