

"Now those people who fly have a different point of view of the world from the people who spend their whole life on the ground.

Don Blanding wrote a poem once when he was flying, and he called his poem "The God's Eye View," and he said it was so different from the view he always had on the ground, which he called "The Bug's Eye View".

Now I thought about that "Bug's Eye View" when I was over in Teheran in Persia. They told me an old Persian legend. It was about a bug who spent his entire life in the world's most beautifully designed Persian rug. All the bug ever saw in his lifetime was his problems. They stood up all around him. He couldn't see over the top of them, and he had to fight his way through these tufts of wool in the rug to find some crumbs somebody had spilled.

And the tragedy of the story of the bug in the rug was this:

He lived and he died in the world's most beautifully designed rug, but he never once knew that he spent his life in something which had a pattern. That's why I want you to get up in the air tonight, to see something the old bug couldn't see in the rug. Because even he, this bug, if he had once got above the rug so he could have seen all of it, he would have discovered something - that the very things he called his problems were a part of the pattern."

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