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CREATION'S AMAZING ARCHITECT

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” Revelation 4:11

After the bleak days of winter, the coming of spring brings a feeling of joy and reinvigoration. Once again flowers and trees spring into bloom as nature re-awakens from its months of dormancy. The evenings are mild and lingering out of doors to view the night sky more inviting. The Psalmist David looked at those same stars and was moved to write, “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.” Psalm 19:1,2

Everything in nature bears the fingerprint of an intelligent Creator. From the workings of the smallest cell to the vastness of space, order and design are clearly evident. Scientists must admit that every aspect of the world is fine-tuned for the function it serves, but many would have us believe that it is all the result of some sort of cosmic accident. However, as knowledge of the intricacies of life and stellar constants increases, fewer and fewer scientists any longer subscribe to the theories of random chance and undirected evolution that have permeated academic

thinking. Acknowledgement that “Intelligent Design” is behind the precision and variety of life is a growing trend among scientists who have had the courage to espouse a position in opposition to the scientific establishment. The identity of the Designer, however, is left for the individual to determine.

For centuries men believed that the earth was the center of the universe. In 1543, Copernicus published a model of the solar system in which the Sun was the center. His work opened the way for modern astronomy. The study of the cosmos has expanded man’s understanding of the universe far beyond our solar system. The search for life on other worlds has been a large part of astronomical research in modern times. Ironically, while pursuing their quests to find life evolving on other planets, scientists found instead that evidence began to accumulate which challenged their once atheistic views. Physicist Paul Davies was forced to conclude that the whole universe was designed for life to exist on planet Earth. Research since 1961 has forced many agnostic and atheistic cosmologists to concede,

“Someone has fine-tuned the universe for life on earth.” (Paul Davies, *The Cosmic Blueprint*, New York: Simon & Schuster, 1988 p.203)

The overwhelming evidence shows that life on earth did not just happen. Most astronomers now agree that the universe evinces a unique design for life. Over 150 parameters for life within our solar system, and 38 elsewhere in the universe, have been identified and each is so exacting that it could not have happened by chance. If even one of these were to change by only one part in 10^{40} (that is, 10 with 40 zeros after it) life on Earth would be impossible.

For example, if the entire North American continent were covered with dimes stacked up to the Moon (230,000 miles), and there were a million other piles of dimes of equal size. Paint one dime red and hide it somewhere within the billion piles. The odds that a blindfolded person would pick the red dime would equal one part in 10^{40} . So small a change in just one parameter would make our earth uninhabitable for man. (James S. Trefil, *The Moment of Creation*, New York: Collier Books, MacMillan, 1983, pp127-137)

The eminent cosmologist, Fred Hoyle, aggressively opposed theism and Christianity, but from his research came to realize that the chance of life coming from a “prebiotic soup” has the same probability of occurring as that a “tornado sweeping through a junkyard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein.” (Fred Hoyle, quoted by Richard Dawkins, “Origins and Miracles.” *The Blind Watchmaker*, 1986)

Even Earth’s position within the Milky Way galaxy is uniquely advantageous. We are located away from the center of the galaxy between its spiral arms. Within the arms, star densities are high and could disrupt the orbits of planets such as Earth. Super-giant stars which dwarf our Sun also reside in the galactic arms. Their radiations would make life on Earth impossible. High concentrations of gas and dust within the arm would block our view of anything but the very nearest stars.



Our earth’s position between our galaxy’s spiral arms makes it possible for mankind to view the heavens and comprehend the grandeur of our God by the study of

his works. Therefore, David could declare, “The heavens declare the glory of God.”

Owing to the stability and precision of the laws of physics, we have been able to put men on the moon, land unmanned probes on Mars, and send probes to the outer edges of our solar system. With the launching of the Hubble telescope into orbit around the earth, we have been able to look out into the universe without the distortion caused by earth’s atmosphere.

Perhaps the most remarkable image ever captured by Hubble was the result of focusing the telescope on a seemingly empty part of the heavens. The startling result was the discovery of not only new stars, but myriads of stars in thousands of galaxies where nothing was thought to exist [see deep space image]. Scientists now believe there are billions of galaxies containing billions of stars, all operating under exacting parameters which keep them in their own place. Can there yet be a doubt that they are the work of a Master Architect?



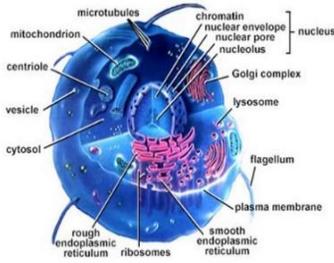
Today, scientists are busy scanning the heavens for solar systems with orbiting planets that they believe would be capable of supporting life. Their criteria are that the star be of a similar size to our sun and the likely planet be orbiting the star at about the same distance and at the same speed which the earth orbits the sun. In other words, just like the one designed for man by God. The object of their search is to find life in some primitive stage of evolution. Having failed to demonstrate their theory with any solid fossil evidence on Earth, they reach out into space in the hope of finding something that will support their claims and justify their conclusions.

While “the heavens declare the glory of God,” so also the earth shows His handiwork. After 150 years of trying to find empirical proof of undirected evolution, neo-Darwinists are at a dead end. The knowledge science has gained about the biochemical structure and functioning of cells since the 1950’s—information not known to Darwin and his colleagues—has placed enormous challenges before evolutionists.

Scientists once thought that the cell was just a gelatinous mass. With the development of electron

microscopes, we now know that the cell is in itself a complex factory producing the materials of life through complex processes carried out in specially designed bodies within the cell.

The Structure of a Cell



The discovery of the double helix DNA by James D. Watson in 1962, took the life sciences into a whole new realm. The experimental work done on the smallest known genome [a complete set of chromosomes necessary for reproduction], indicates that the simplest form of life requires at least 250-350 gene products, and these products must all be present at the same time for life to exist. Nature’s way is to discard what is not useful and keep only what works. That all these factors would be together at the same time is literally impossible.

Biophysicist Hubert Yockey has calculated the probability of forming a single gene product by chance as approaching infinity—10 with 75 zeroes following it. The 15 billion years scientists believe our universe has existed is only one trillionth of the time that would be needed to randomly produce even one of the 250 gene products necessary for **minimal** life. Independent life requires 1,500 gene products.

Dr. Stephen D. Meyer, author of *Signature in the Cell* and *Darwin’s Doubt*, wrote “Whenever we find functional information—whether embedded in a radio signal, carved in a stone monument, ... or produced by an origin-of-life scientist attempting to engineer a self-replicating molecule—and we trace that information back to its ultimate source, invariably we come to a mind, not merely a material process. For this reason, the discovery of digital information in even the simplest living cells indicates the prior activity of a designing intelligence at work in the origin of the first life.” (Stephen D. Meyer, *Darwin’s Doubt*, Harper Collins Publishers, New York, 2013, Prologue p.vi)

Astronomer George Greenstein wrote in his book, *The Symbiotic Universe*: “As we survey all the evidence, the thought insistently arises that some supernatural agency—or, rather, Agency—must be involved. Is it possible that suddenly, without intending to, we have stumbled upon

scientific proof of the existence of a Supreme Being? Was it God who stepped in and so providentially crafted the cosmos for our benefit?” (p.27)

Christianity and evolution are not compatible. The Psalmist David said, “The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.” (Psalm 14:1) In Proverbs 13:16 it says, “Every prudent man deals with knowledge.” There is overwhelming evidence for the existence of a Creator, yet the scientific community is wedded to evolution and our schools teach our children that life arose by blind chance. The language of evolution pervades every area of study while not one legitimate proof for it exists. (The purported proofs found in most text books have been proven to be fraudulent. See *Icons of Evolution* by Jonathan Wells) One might wonder why there is such a determination to ignore the facts that are so clearly demonstrated and hold on to a philosophy that has no resemblance to science.

When we look at the world around us, even the most skeptic atheist and agnostic must admit there is order, function and design. How it came to be is a matter of debate, but for more and more scientists, and for us, the mark of an Intelligent Designer is evident. We see God’s power in the vastness of space and the precision of cosmic movements. We see God’s wisdom in the intricacies of life and the cycles of nature. We see his love in the variety and beauty of creation that delight our senses. And, we see the love of God for man in the sacrifice of his Son for our salvation, and the promise of his Kingdom of blessing for all. When we study God through his creation, we can confidently say,

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TO TRUST GOD
FOR ALL THAT I HAVE NOT SEEN.

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