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“WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT, BUT JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING.” PSALMS 30:5

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The Latest Scientific Discovery—God

In the 20th century many traveled the road of science to atheism. Now many of these same atheists are traveling the road of science and are becoming theists—believers in God. The latest scientific discovery is **God**.

The Public Broadcasting System in billing their 2001 seven-part television series, *Evolution*, asserted “all scientific evidence supports evolution” as does “virtually every reputable scientist in the world.” That pompous statement lit a fuse that exploded in an indignant reaction that appeared as a two-page ad in a noted national magazine.

The ad was signed by 100 scientists—biologists, chemists, zoologists, physicists, anthropologists, molecular and cell biologists, bio-engineers, organic chemists, geologists, astrophysicists, and other scientists. Their doctorates came from such prestigious universities as Cambridge, Stanford, Cornell, Yale, Rutgers, Chicago, Princeton, Purdue, Duke, Michigan State, Syracuse, Temple, and Berkeley. They included renowned professors and researchers on the cutting edge of science.

These scientists wanted the world to know one thing—that evolution, the purported emperor of science, had no clothes.

Defiantly they asserted, “We are skeptical of the claim of the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexities of life.” These were not

fundamentalists or misguided religious fanatics—they were respected world-class scientists.

Background

In their quest for evolutionary life on other planets, agnostic and atheistic scientists in the 1960s began to document parameters of tolerance of properties and forces in the universe within which life could exist. What a shocking disappointment they experienced. By 1990 they discovered 100 parameters for life that had to be met in various parts of the universe in order for life to happen on Earth. The tolerances of each parameter were so exacting that they could not have happened by chance.

The yeast of doubt began to ferment in the minds of crystallized atheistic evolutionists. In 1993 scientists and philosophers from major academic centers of the world gathered incognito in the relatively obscure village of Pajaro Dunes, California. There they shared their mutual doubts about evolution. In the discussions they pursued, a concept began to form—a concept that would challenge the intellectual world—Intelligent Design. Yes, the universe and life on Earth was the design or plan of an intelligent creator. Consequently, the majority of astrophysicists and cosmologists now agree on over 190 parameters for life that have to exist in the universe before life can occur on Earth.

The Ripple Effect

Christianity Today (March 2005), the noted periodical of evangelical scholars, contained an article entitled “The Twilight of Atheism.” The main point of the article was that atheism is no longer a philosophical influence in our society.

The April 2005 issue of Christianity Today featured an article “Thinking Straighter: Why the World’s Most Famous Atheist Believes in God.” Anthony Flew, one of the world’s leading philosophers, has changed his mind about God. He attributes the Intelligent Design concept he encountered in the 1990s as influential. Yes, the latest discovery of science is God.

In the Christian culture of a century ago that would have raised no problem. But in the multi-religious culture of today, some of our best neighbors are Indian, Chinese, Arab, etc. Buddhist, Hindu, and Islamic places of worship dot the landscape. Today the question is which god or gods provided the intelligent design for our universe and life on planet Earth.

The God of Science

Science is a systematic knowledge of the physical or material universe gained by observable facts. The sacred writings of all world religions are a system of faith. Yet each does make statements within the province of science that provide a uniquely valid test to prove their authenticity. If their scientific observations are, in reality, superstitions reflective of the culture in which they were written, these so-called sacred books are disqualified as the inspired Scripture of God.

If, indeed, the scientific observations of any of these purported Holy Scripture agree with the facts of science today, then that Bible is the inspired Word of a true and living God. Why? The Creator and God of the universe is the God of science—the author of the scientific laws that govern His universe. Only the God of science could cause scientific facts to be recorded in a book—the Bible—hundreds or thousands of years before scientists discovered them.

Only the Judeo-Christian Bible contains scientific facts that anticipated scientific discovery by hundreds and in some cases several thousand years. The following are examples of these remarkable scientific observations.

What Holds the Earth Up?

Three thousand years ago Hindu Scripture recorded the Earth was resting on the backs of several huge elephants. The elephants were resting on the back of a very large turtle that was swimming in a sea. Greek mythology claims that the god Atlas was holding the Earth on his shoulders. But our Bible says in Job 26:7— “[God] hangeth the earth upon nothing.” What a remarkable statement of fact. The earth is suspended in space. Nothing is holding it up. Job wrote about the same time the Hindu Scripture was written. How did Job know this scientific fact? Only God could have revealed this to Job. The Old Testament prophets wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). The Judeo-Christian Bible is the inspired Word of God.

Sun, Moon and Stars—Who? What?

Ancient people were afraid of the sun, moon and stars. They thought they were alive—that they were gods. But over 5,000 years ago, the Judeo-Christian Bible in the first chapter of Genesis pointed out that the sun, moon and stars were created by God. Remember, our God states that He is the one and only God. This proves the sun, moon and stars that He created are not gods.

Eclipses are an example of what people feared. An eclipse happens when the sun’s light is blocked by the earth or moon. The moon is bright because it reflects the sun’s light. But when the earth blocks that light, the moon looks as if it is disappearing. Also, when the moon comes between the Earth and the sun, it looks as if the sun is disappearing.

This was frightening to people long ago. Some thought eclipses happened when the moon was mad at the Earth and turned its face away. The Chinese believed that an eclipse was caused by a demon or some huge animal that ate the sun and then would give them up again. God told

Jeremiah (10:2 KJV): “Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.” God went on to reassure Jeremiah that the universe is under His control.

Later, scientists learned that heavenly bodies were not alive and that man need not fear them. Thousands of years before scientists discovered that the planetary bodies were inanimate, the Judeo-Christian Bible contained this scientific fact.

The Bottom of the Ocean

Until modern times people thought the ocean floor was sandy like the desert and saucer shaped—deepest in the middle. This was even true of the pre-1900 geologists. But in the 1900s oceanographers found that the sea had many deep valleys or canyons. The deepest canyons are called trenches. The Marianas Trench in the Pacific is so deep that if Mt. Everest (29,000 feet high) were dropped into it, the peak would still be a mile below the water’s surface. There are also underwater mountains. The Atlantic Ocean contains an undersea range of mountains 10,000 miles long.

In addition, 3,000 years ago the Judeo-Christian Bible spoke of the valleys and mountains of the sea. In Psalm 18:15 (NIV) David wrote of God being the creator of “the valleys of the sea.” God asked Job (38:16, NIV): “Have you...walked in the recesses [valleys] of the deep [sea]?” The prophet Jonah was thrown

off a ship and spoke of falling to the “bottoms of the mountains” in the sea (Jonah 2:6).

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Which Bible Is Inspired By a Living God?

The Judeo-Christian Scripture made scientific observations that have been confirmed centuries later by modern science, while the sacred scripture of other world religions merely reflected the unscientific superstitions of their culture. How could the Judeo-Christian Scripture anticipate scientific discovery by 3,000 years? It was written by men inspired by the Creator and God of the Universe—the God of science. Only the Judeo-Christian Bible is the Divine Revelation provided by our infinite Creator to direct us on the path to eternity. Therefore, the God of our Christian Bible is the Intelligent Designer who created the universe and life on planet Earth. The time is soon coming when Satan’s deception of these false gods will be revealed. Then all the families of the earth will know and worship the true God in His 1000-year Kingdom.



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