WONDERS OF CREATION

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There are two texts. First:

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. Ps 139:14-16

Second: These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. Ps 107:24

In this message we begin by calling attention to the fact that Scripture declares everything that exists exists because God purposed it and He created it, Isa. 45:18:

For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

Everything He created was for His own glory! The angels were created for the glory of God! The earth was created for the glory of God! The heavens were created for the glory of God! All the creatures were created for the glory of God! Man was created for the glory of God. Everything that exists was created by God for His glory! He started with nothing. There were no materials visible or invisible. No matter. No atoms. No quarks. No light waves! Nothing! He made everything. Everything gives glory to God! Creation reflects the wisdom and glory of God and it is a great sin of detraction to give this glory to another, which is what those do who believe in Evolution.

Evolution teaches that every living thing that exists exists solely by chance. In this scenario God is excluded. He had no more to do with creation than the Hottentot had to do with development of the F-22 Raptor! But the Bible teaches that creation was a designed certainty, a necessity, a destined thing, a foreordained thing in the purpose and plan of God! The whole of creation was predestinated! Acts 15:8. God created everything by His plan and He was involved in every step of it. Instead of a creation of wisdom and design, the evolutionists maintain the whole observable creation was a chance thing, a fluke with no personal reference, a thing which is a purposeless consequence of nothing by nothing and for nothing!

The Lord declares that He not only Created the world and everything in it but he did it on a tight schedule of six days. He did not work nights nor any overtime! He never had one single failure. He did not have any flaws in the design. He never had to reorder materials. Everything He made worked on startup! He did not have to redo any thing He made. Everything He did was very good!

And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: Acts 14:15

CHANCE HAPPENS ONLY WITH EXISTING THINGS

Given gravity, water flows downhill. Given a copper wire with an electric charge introduced into it, current will flow. Given oxygen, fuel and ignition, fire results because of the law of combustion.

But nothing existed until God spoke everything into existence. Put all the elements of life in a bottle and churn it forever and you will never see life! Life is something more than the physical elements! It is not a natural thing but supernatural and life must be given and only God knows how to do it.

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Gen 2:7

CREATION DISPLAYS AND DECLARES A CREATOR

Wherever you look you see the wonders of creation. Look up into the heavens. Look down into the depths of the earth. Look within yourself. Look at your soul; look at your mind; look at your conscience and you will see the image of your Creator! Everything shows the wonder of creation and the glory of the Creator:

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. Ps 97:6.

GOD CREATED THE WORLD IN SHORT ORDER

God not only Created the world and everything in it but he did it on the tight schedule of six days!

He did not work overtime nor did he work on Sunday!

Ex 31:17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

HE CREATED EVERYTHING BY HIS COMMAND

There is no room either in time or space for an evolutionary process. Scripture maintains initially and constantly throughout that the origin of everything exists by a Divine fiat! It was not a big bang, but a big command!

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created. Ps 148:5

He created everything by His wisdom. This is the diametric opposite of the big bang! The word of God says he made the Heavens but Evolution says it blew up—without powder, blasting cap,

detonator—or anyone to push the plunger! Scripture says Creation was by Design; Evolution, by an accident! Our God made everything by His wisdom.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens. Ps 136:5.

The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. Prov 3:19.

This world system speaks of intelligence, design, and wisdom on every page and in every flower! It is opposed to blind chance. The Lord made heaven and earth by himself! He did not seek the help of Evolution!

Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein. Neh 9:6

When He calls to non-existing things they respond!

Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. Isa 48:13

THE LORD CLAIMS THE CONSTELATIONS AS HIS WORK

The astronomers now estimate that there are 125 billion galaxies and in our own galaxy there are said to be 100 billion stars! He created everyone of them and He calls them by name!

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Ps 147:4.

Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. 9 \	Which
maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. Job 9:8-9	

He made them with His own hands and fingers!

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; Ps 8:3.

I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. Isa 45:12

THE HEAVENS GIVE GLORY TO GOD

The heavens are a perpetual beacon! They are the strongest radio signal. You can hear it with a diode radio! It has no language barrier and crosses all boundaries. No one can jam this signal. It is a true science film constantly running.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Ps 19:1-3.

GOD NOT ONLY CREATED BUT HE PRESERVES WHAT HE CREATED

Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. Neh 9:6.

THE BIBLE COMMANDS US TO GIVE GLORY TO GOD

Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. 2 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Ps 29:1-2.

WE ARE TO GIVE GLORY TO HIM AS THE CREATOR AS DID JONAH

And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land. Jonah 1:9

EVEN THE EARTH AND THE CREATURES OF IT INSTRUCT US TO GIVE GLORY TO GOD FOR CREATION

But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: 8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. 9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? Job 12:7-9.

THE DESIGN OF MAN GIVES GLORY TO GOD

Man is made in the image of God according to Scripture:

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Gen 1:26-27

But how? Not in appearance. Man is made in the image of God in some other manner. Animals are not made in the image of God. Leupold suggests these differences between creatures and man:

- a. Man's countenance which directs his gaze is upwards
- b. A capacity for varying facial expressions;
- c. A sense of shame expressing itself in the blush of man;
- d. Speech

Then to the inner side of the divine image:

- a. On the material side of man's inner make-up stands immortality
- b. On the intellectual side is self-consciousness, reason, and abstract thought
- c. The ability to discern good and evil;
- d. The freedom of the will, conscience, the right use of moral capacities [L90].

I would only add two things:

Faith! First, man is to believe what God has revealed; second, man is a responsible creature.

These things indicate the distinction between man and the other creatures and indicate the likeness which man has to God

THE CELL DISPLAYS THE GLORY OF GOD

The simple cell is not simple at all but marvelous factory and are unbelieveably complex. All eukaryotic cells are composed of a plasma membrane, a nucleus and cytoplasm. Some of the things of the cell are so minute that an electron microscope cannot see them. The membrane controls everything that comes into the cell and everything that goes out. The nucleus is the brain. It controls all activities of the cell and determines what is to be made and what is to be stored. The cytoplasm includes everything between the membrane and the nucleus. The cell takes in the raw supplies and converts them into products which the body orders.

But how do these products of the cell get to the rest of the body?

THE RIVER OF LIFE Or THE BLOOD

The blood supplies the vital gas, oxygen, to each of the sixty trillion cells in the body—a transportation system par excellent. It transports food, wastes and hormonal messengers. It rushes to the stomach after meals and to the lungs during exertion and to the face in embarrassment. It cools when and where there is overheating; warms where there is cold or danger of freezing. It defends the body-destroying alien invaders. If the wall of a blood vessel is sliced open with a knife blood quickly rushes to seal and mend.

Take for example the hemoglobin molecule of the blood composed of ten thousand atoms. It is built around four atoms of iron which act like magnets and attracts oxygen atoms but it can only attract four oxygen atoms. It must hold these oxygen atoms as it is pumped through the arteries and vessels. Yet at just the place where the body needs oxygen, it must be able to break this bond and leave the oxygen there!

But how is the blood manufactured?

BONE MARROW

Starling called this *the wisdom of the body* [Blood. 31]. Giving God's glory to the creature! It is the wisdom of God—not the wisdom of the body! In adults, the marrow of the skull, ribs and spine manufactures most red blood cells, but any bone marrow in the body can be called upon to contribute in an emergency. [I 31]. When tissue of the body runs short of oxygen it sends a messenger hormone to the bone marrow. Once there it signals a dormant cell to develop. This cell divides and divides again until there are 16 red blood cells. As it accumulates protein it does something else—it expels its nucleus, self-sterilization and it can never reproduce again. This cell is called a corpuscle. This cell can live only 120 days in an ordinary lifetime. The marrow of one person in a life time will produce more than a ton of these blood cells!

But how does the blood get to the whole body?

THE HEART

What machine lasts for 100 years? What machine that never shuts down lasts for seventy years? Yet the heart of man will beat 2 and 1/2 billion times in a lifetime! This pump drives five quarts of blood a minute to every cell in the body constantly cleansing and nourishing as it rushes through the body!

The heart has its own pacemaker which is set off by the sinus node causing an impulse which races down to another node and causes a contraction which makes the heart pump. If this sinus node fails, there is a back up system which takes over and begins the heartbeat! The valves are as thin as tissue but stronger than steel!

The heart must pump with great pressure to send the blood to every part of the body but it must send blood under lower pressure to the lungs. If the same pressure was sent to the lungs as to the other parts of the body, it would drown us in our own blood. Who planned that?

THE LUNGS

Capillaries in our lungs serve an essential purpose. They bring blood into such close proximity to fresh air that the carbon dioxide bound to the hemoglobin will exchange places with the oxygen from the atmosphere. Seventy times a minute the heart pumps a new supply of blood into the lungs. Its capillaries must complete the gaseous exchange in less than a second.

I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

We think of some other creatures which manifest the glory of God.

SPIDER'S WEB

The spider's web is stronger than steel. The spider can spin this web in very rapidly and some of them can turn out five strands at a time. If I were a young man I would set myself to find a method of cultivating spiders and weaving rope from their webs, much as silk from the silk worm. Such rope would exceed the strength of almost all other materials and it would be

extremely valuable for the military for parachutes mountain climbing, and a thousand other uses. Who taught the spider how to make his web?

ELECTRIC EEL

The electric eel is one of the few animals on the planet that can make, store, and discharge electricity.

Their bodies contain about 6,000 specialized cells called electrocytes that store power like tiny batteries. They can discharge these cells simultaneously, emitting a burst of at least 600 volts (five times the power of a wall socket)! The electric organs of the eel are located in its tail, which is roughly four fifths of the animal's body. These organs are made up of a large number of disks (as many as 200,000) piled in rows. The nerve endings located at the end of the electroplax discharge the electricity. The head is positive and the tail negative. No theory of evolution can explain the electric eel but God created this animal with his special features.

CREATION IS INSCRUTABLE

With all the knowledge man has accumulated, with all that he has learned especially in the last century, with his electron microscope, the discovery of DNA, with astronomy and thousands of other scientific discoveries, man is only barely able to peep into the creation of God! There are vast areas which man does not now know and never will know about the most basic things of creation.

Everywhere we look we see the Glory of God!

CONCLUSION

Why is it that man cannot see these things? The wonders of Creation preach, testify, and demonstrate the glory of our God and our Creator.

Robert Jastrow said: For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries. [http://www.godandscience.org/love/sld014.html].

After the bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon in 1983, a young Marine blinded by the explosion and unable to speak, was in a hospital in Germany. The commandant of the Marine Corps General Kelly (four star general) visited the wounded Marines in that hospital. When the general told this Marine who he was, he wrote on his tablet asking if he could count his stars. The General leaned over his bed and put his hand on his stars. When the Marine had counted them he took his pencil and wrote: *Semper Fi*! How is it that a blind Marine can count the stars on a General's uniform and recognize the Commandant and honor him as such but men see the glory of God in the wonders of creation and give praise to Evolution? Only Depravity can account for that!

Paul put it like this:

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Acts 17:24-28.