

Christ of Creation

Introduction

1. John 1:1-3 Colossians 1:16-17; Genesis 1:26
2. How did we get here? How did we get on earth?
3. These may be some of the questions we are ready to ask; there may be others.
4. I want us to look at these questions, in a different way; I want us to consider the Power of Christ; the Proof of that power; and then the position that puts you and I.

II Discussion

A. The power of Christ

1. Christ was there when things were made. John 1:1-3; Gen 1:1, 26; Col 1:16-17
2. "Come see the mystery of the word Elohim; there are three degrees, and each degree by itself alone, and yet notwithstanding they are all one, and joined together in one, and are not divided from each other." Adam Clarke's commentary Vol. 1, pg. 28; John 17:20-21
3. The power of Christ has been declared. Job 42:2; Luke 1:37; Matthew 19:26
4. His word is powerful. Psalm 33:6-9; Hebrews 4:12; Romans 1:16

B. The proof of that power

1. Evolutionist Horold Morowitz has estimated that the probability for the chance for the smallest, simplest form of living organism known is one in $1 \times 10^{340,000,000}$ [that is 1 followed by 340 million zeros] (Energy Flow in Biology, Academic Press, New York, 1968, p 99). Do you know what a staggering figure this is? The entire Universe is said to contain only 10^{80} electrons! Dr. Carl Sagan has estimated that the chance of life evolving on Earth is one in $1 \times 10^{2,000,000,000}$ [1 followed by 2 billion zeros]. It would take 6,000 books of 300 pages each just to write that number! Yet they expect us to believe it just freakishly happened! Professor Edwin Conklin of Princeton University put it this way: "The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing show" (Reader's Digest, January 1963, p 92).

2. Man is proof. Psalm 139:14; 1 Cor. 12:18

- a. Do you realize that the human body is composed of multiplied trillions of cells? In the nucleus of each cell, hundreds of thousands of genes are present. Each gene consists of a complex chemical called deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA). DNA has a complicated code for the mapping out of the entire development of the individual. If the coded instructions of a **single human cell** were put into English, "they would fill a 1,000-volume encyclopedia" (R. Platt, Reader's Digest, October, 1962, p 148). It is estimated that the total DNA in a human body would span the solar system (John C. Kendrew, The Thread of Life, Harvard University Press, Boston, 1966, p 63). Without this intricately designed process of replication, life could not be passed along with continuity. DNA is the language of life.

Dr. James Coppedge, a Director of Probability Research in biology, raises this significant question: By all the rules of reason, could there be a code which carries a message without someone originating that code? It would seem self-evident that any such complex message system, which is seen to be wise and effective, requires not only an **intelligence** but a **person** back of it. Who wrote the DNA code? Who is the author of this precise language? There is no evolutionary explanation that even begins to be an adequate answer (Evolution, Possible or Impossible? Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1973, p 138, emp. in orig.).

In discussing the complexity of the DNA function, evolutionist C. P. Haskins notes that "the most sweeping evolutionary questions at the level of biochemical genetics are still unanswered..." He then concedes that were it not for evolutionary bias, "this puzzle would have been interpreted as **the most powerful sort of evidence for special creation**" (C. P. Haskins, American Scientist, Vol. 59, May/June, 1971 p 305, emp. added).

- b. The heart- "The myocardial muscle cells are unique. They physically resemble skeletal muscle, but they have electrical properties like smooth muscle. Within the myocardial cells are specialized structures which promote the rapid spread of the myocardial electrical impulse from one muscle cell to another." (Brady Paramedic emergency Care by Bryan Bledsoe, Robert Porter, Bruce Shade.) "The heart and how it works. The heart is a 4-chambered double pump that beats 100,000 times a day while moving 4,300 gallons of oxygen-rich blood through the circulatory system to the entire body. As the heart beats, contractions of thick muscle wall (myocardium) pump blood from the heart through 60,000 miles of blood vessels. The heart rests only a fraction of a second between beats. The normal adult circulatory

system contains about 8 pints of blood, recirculating continuously throughout the body. The heart has 2 pumping stations. The right heart pump receives the blood after it has delivered nutrients and oxygen to the body tissues, then starts on its journey to the lungs. The lungs cleanse the blood of waste gas (carbon dioxide) and provide it with a fresh supply of oxygen. The left heart receives the recycled blood from the lungs and pumps it through the circulatory system to its eventual return to the right heart. This recycling process is activated by a small node in the upper right chamber of the heart-actually an electrical impulse center- that normally regulated the heart to 60 to 80 beats a minute. The node sends out electrical impulses which travel through the heart's own intricate nervous system. This is the power source, the heart's own "pacemaker." (Prehospital Emergency Care & Crisis Intervention Second Edition)

- c. The pH balance. The pH of water is 7.0 water is a neutral pH. The pH of the body is normally 7.35 to 7.45. A variation of only 0.4 of a pH unit in either direction (6.9 or 7.8) can be fatal. There are three major mechanisms to remove acids (hydrogen ions) from the body. The buffer system is the fastest-acting of the three defense mechanisms, responding within a fraction of a second to prevent large shifts in hydrogen-ion concentration. The respiratory system is next with the third being the renal system. (Brady Paramedic Emergency Care)
 - d. The human body is a veritable galaxy of related systems (skin, skeletal, muscular, digestive, circulatory, respiratory, excretory, nervous reproductive, endocrine) that affirm design. Each of the body's systems is composed of millions of interrelated components, and each system is dependent upon the others for its function. Did it all happen just by accident? Consider this analogy: a Boeing 747 is a collection of 4 ½ million non-flying parts, yet when they are organized according to a pattern of creative design, they fly! How is the infinitely more complex human body able to function, unless by creative design?
3. The universe is proof. (Psalm 19:1)
- a. Rotation of the earth. Rotates on its axis every 24 hours at approximately 2,400 kilometers per hour. (About 1,000 miles an hour at the equator)
 - b. The right distance from the sun. The earth is estimated to be 93 billion miles from its source of heat (12,000,000°F). That distance happens to be just right!
 - c. The right tilt. The earth is tilted at an angle of 23 degrees. This makes our seasons possible. If it had not been so tilted, the poles would be in eternal twilight. If this were true, water vapor from the ocean would rush north and south, piling up vast continents of ice.
 - d. The moon is at the right distance about 400,000 kilometers and this allows the tides to work twice a day. Any closer and the tides would wipe out mountains!
 - e. The correct atmosphere. It is composed of about 78% nitrogen and 21% oxygen. Anything else such as 50% oxygen and all combustible substance would burst into flames, if it was less you and I could not live! (These points came from two sources. There is A God in Heaven by Gatewood; and A Study Course in Christian Evidences. There is a lot more that could be shown in both of these areas but this will show that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made.")
- C. What position does that put you and I in?
- 1. Christ is preeminent in the material universe: He created, controls and sustains it. Heb. 1:2-3
 - 2. However, in this universe man has sinned or missed the mark or has become disobedient. Is 59:1-2; Rom. 3:23.
 - 3. Christ has paid the price to reconcile us to himself. Col. 1:14,20.
 - 4. What will you do? Ignore this information or act upon it?
 - 5. Does this information matter? Where do you want to be for eternity? John 14:1-3

III Conclusion

- 1. Christ has the power and we have seen the proof of that power what will you do?
- 2. Why not act upon that which is true and obey.
- 3. If you have been a child but disobedient remember this power and its proof and come back to Christ.
- 4. Come now!

Sources: Some are given in this sermon; Complete in Christ by Thomas Holland; Great Lessons from Ephesians and Colossians by Andrew Connally.