

THE MYSTERY OF LIFE



Gen 2:7 *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.*

Rom 1:20-25 *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

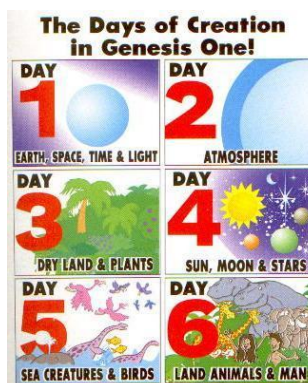
THESIS: To unlock THE MYSTERY OF LIFE as presented in the Bible.

INTRO.: A. Where does life come from? How did life begin? From the various kingdoms of animals, insects, plants, flora and fauna to the apex of human life the search for life itself is elusive – unless you believe the Bible. Philosophers have speculated concerning life's origin, scientists have cracked the DNA code, educators wax eloquent but fall short of explanations, theologians are at a loss to explain life's inexplicable origin. Of course, for the Bible believer we know that the origin of all life is God. We can't explain it because it is supernatural; we can't put the factors into a test tube or under a microscope and hope to be able to conclusively prove how God works this miracle, but we stand in awe of what God's Word reveals.

B. Before we delve into the subjects of origins and investigate what men have concluded concerning THE MYSTERY OF LIFE, we must first discard all non-biblical concepts and feeble attempts at "*science, falsely so called*" and humbly bow at God's revelation in His Word. Let it be clearly stated that we have no bones of contention against legitimate science where it can be proven, but we stop short of accepting the conclusions of science when it goes against the final authority of the Bible.

I. LIFE – IN THE BEGINNING: Gen. 1:1

NOTE: The very first verse in God's Word states that God is the original Creator. The Bible begins with a statement that must be taken by faith, but is harmonious with all we know about the universe and about mankind. It is a profound, all-encompassing statement of the origin of the universe and everything in it. It deals with the time, space, energy and matter continuum. "***In the beginning (time), God created (energy) the heaven (space) and the earth (matter).***" From that opening sentence, God reveals His unique plan for planet earth and His crowning achievement – man. He begins a narrative that opens our understanding to THE MYSTERY OF LIFE. **The answer to THE MYSTERY OF LIFE is – GOD!**



A. The Third Day of Creation Week:

1. As you can see in the above illustration, life, as we understand it, began on day three with plant life
2. The Bible alone gives authoritative information on how life began
 - a. Scientists cannot reproduce what took place in the distant past in the laboratory, they can only speculate
 - b. So THE MYSTERY OF LIFE remains a mystery to science
 - c. Scientists can place plant life or animal life under a microscope and dissect it and reduce it to its component parts, but stop short of explaining life itself
 - d. They can put all the components of life together again, but the result is a complete failure regarding the impartation of life

B. The Fifth Day of Creation Week:

1. The plot thickens and becomes even more of a mystery when it comes to the sea creatures and fowl of the air that were created on day five

QUOTE: Science defines life as “the capability of life-forms to be able to do some specific things that non-living entities cannot do. Life is defined as the ability *to respire*, that is, to take nutrients and life-giving sources from the environment and to be able to exploit those sources. To humans, that is eating and drinking and breathing. For a tree it means taking water and minerals from the soil, along with sunlight and carbon-dioxide from the environment. Another characteristic of life is the capacity *to reproduce* and *to replicate*. Obviously, life would not last very long were it unable to replicate its cells and eventually reproduce offspring to carry on the species. Life also requires that the organism be able *to react* and *to respond* to external forces in the environment. Animals fight or take flight. They hibernate, migrate and take shelter. Trees are given certain attributes by God that they might be able to respond in measure to the seasons, drought, fire or flood.” - Kyle Stephans, The Certainty of the Words, p.795

2. Voluminous amounts of data have been collected, examined and studied regarding THE MYSTERY OF LIFE and libraries devote shelves of material to attempt to explain life, but are unable to reproduce life
3. Science can take living things apart but cannot put them back together again to instill life into them
4. As man continues in his quest to define and reproduce life he runs into impenetrable barriers
5. Scientists have explored cells, nucleus, RNA and DNA, etc. but are stymied to replicate life itself
6. It is now possible, with advanced technology to examine, dissect and isolate the function of microscopically tiny parts, even down to atomic structure, but once a cell “dies” it cannot be resurrected

C. The Sixth Day of Creation Week:

1. Now THE MYSTERY OF LIFE becomes even more unexplainable, as God introduces animals and man into His Creation
2. Man still is clueless as to just how *that animating energy we call life* began and he is still incapable of reproducing it
3. Without the authoritative pronouncements on the subject of life in God’s Word the scientist is stonewalled and must resort to the fairy tale for adults called evolution
4. He must believe that all things organic came from inorganic and non-living sources: rocks, slime, ooze, etc.
5. He must take leaps of faith, against all known scientific laws, to explain how life came from non-life
6. He has to deny the very laws he works with every day to “explain” the unexplainable (apart from God)
7. The whole concept of “spontaneous generation” goes against everything he knows, has tested and experiences
8. The so-called “scientist” is baffled that with all his skill, intelligence, technology and centuries of trial-and-error experiments to create or reproduce life - failure is the frustrating end result

II. LIFE – ITS ROOT AND FRUIT:

A. The Root of Life:

1. Origins matter: what you believe about the universe, planet earth, life forms and man determine your worldview
2. If we discount God and His creation of the universe we must find an alternative explanation
3. Any explanation given must conform to known scientific laws
4. Without God as the Creator and the Bible as the foundational statements of origins we are left with few alternatives
5. Of course, without God, evolution seems plausible, though scientifically unprovable:

- a. The first question with origins without God is "What?" or "Who?"
- b. The issue of a First Cause is important:
 - a. What caused the first event?
 - b. If the universe began with a Big Bang, where did the matter come from to cause the "Big Bang"?
 - c. It is unscientific to postulate an effect without a cause

NOTE: If you didn't own an automobile and woke up one morning to find a brand new car in your garage, several questions would automatically pop into your mind. Where did this car come from? (It had to have come from somewhere.) How did it get here? (Someone or something delivered it to your address.) Who made it? (This car didn't suddenly appear from nothing.)

Using the logic of an evolutionist and replacing the car with the universe we know exists, these same questions need to be answered with plausible explanations. The universe didn't arise from nothingness. Someone or something delivered it. And someone was responsible for its existence – it didn't create itself.

B. The Fruit of Life:

- 1. Is the universe purposeless?
- 2. Are we humans here briefly and then simply disappear into nothingness?
- 3. Is all the work of humanity fruitless and without design or purpose?
- 4. Is this existence all there is?
 - a. If evolution is true then the answers to the above questions is "Yes!"
 - b. If the Bible is true then the answers to these questions is a resounding "No!"

QUOTE: "Everyone who is seriously interested in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that a spirit is manifest in the laws of the universe – a spirit vastly superior to man, and one in the face of which our modest powers must feel humble." - Albert Einstein

QUES.: Do you know of any building that didn't have a builder? ___ Yes ___ No
 Do you know of any painting that didn't have a painter? ___ Yes ___ No
 Do you know of any car that didn't have a maker? ___ Yes ___ No

TEST: The man who answers yes to any of the above questions is: ___ intelligent ___ a fool ___ has an ulterior motive
 Those are the options.

Do you believe that the complex universe didn't have a designer? ___ Yes ___ No
 Do you believe that the life you have is accidental and your origin was instantaneous without human parents?
 ___ Yes ___ No
 Do you believe that every intricate part of your body formed itself and simply evolved? ___ Yes ___ No

TEST: Same as above.

CONCL.: What follows in this study on Creation is an attempt to demonstrate the fallacies of evolution and the certainty of God's Word and words on this subject.

