



# THE WONDER OF IT ALL

Testimony of a Scientist/Engineer

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The Christian life is a wonderful life - a life of order in a confusing world, of joy even in sorrow, of peace in a world at war, a life of love and hope and faith. It is the only life that really works, because it is based on the one true revelation of the only God who really lives.

### **THE WONDER OF CREATION**

It has always been an amazing thing to me, as one who has been engaged for over forty years in the study and practice of science and engineering, that anyone (especially a scientist or engineer!) could ever doubt the existence of a great Creator God. Although I was a theistic evolutionist the first few years of my student and professional life, I could never have been an atheist or agnostic where

God was concerned. I knew how difficult it was even to design a simple machine which would work or a bridge which would stand. To think that the infinitely more intricate and complex, yet perfectly functioning, structure of even the tiniest insect or flowering plant could ever have happened, even in a billion years, without an omniscient Designer to create it seemed preposterous. The factors of time and chance never develop complex systems, but always work in the opposite direction, causing previously constructed complex systems to disintegrate and decay. At least that is what always happens in the *real* world of science and engineering!

Even the non-living universe is so vast and complex that it could never have happened accidentally. The Law of Cause-and-Effect is the most fundamental of all scientific principles. According to this principle (which states, in effect that no effect can

be greater than its cause), a universe which is boundless in spatial extent must require an infinite cause, and a universe which is endless in duration would require an eternal cause. An essentially infinite number of gigantic power plants (astronomers estimate at least  $10^{25}$  galaxies of stars in the known universe) demands an omnipotent cause, and the intricate precision and complex interrelationships of the (estimated) 1088 infinitesimal material particles of the universe surely speak of an omniscient and omnipresent cause. On this planet, the existence of a marvelous array of living creatures can only be explained by a cause which itself has life, and the succession of human beings who have known the meaning of thinking and willing, feeling and loving, must certainly mean that the cause which produced them is likewise a person who wills and loves. In short, the inexorable scientific logic of cause and effect

seems to require that this wonderful creation must be explained by a great First Cause who is an infinite, eternal, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, living, willing, loving Person!

And since this *universe* is not a “multi-verse,” that transcendent Person must be the one and only, true, God of all creation.

## **THE WONDER OF REVELATION**

Such a God—one who is both infinitely powerful and yet infinitely loving and caring—surely must have made Himself known to His creation, in particular to those human beings who were created to be like Him, thinking and feeling, choosing and loving. In fact, that must be the very reason why He created the marvelous and unique human ability (not shared in any degree with animals) of communicating in intelligible, abstract, symbolic speech.

Thus it is that we can know about Him, not only through the reflections of His nature in creation but by direct revelation in His written Word. Since the Creator is also the Revelator, the testimony of His Word and the evidence in His World will always supplement and complement each other, never contradict each other.

Further, since there is only one God, there can only be one true revelation of God. There cannot be many different revelations, all differing with one another and competing with one another. There may well be false gods and false revelations, pretenders to the throne as it were, but these are ephemeral. The true God and His Word will abide forever.

The Bible—unique in its content, supreme in its grandeur—is the complete and authoritative written Word of the living God. Whatever insights and attractions may be found in the other “scriptures” of the world, or in the writings of great philosophers and scientists, the Bible is incomparable.

Since God is the Creator of Time, only He knows the future, and it is only in the Bible that the future is revealed. It is well known, and thoroughly documented in multitudes of



books on Christian evidences, that hundreds of ancient Biblical prophecies have already been fulfilled, in meticulous detail. There is no other book ever written which exhibits this phenomenon.

God is also the Creator of Space and Matter and Energy, and it is appropriate and significant that the Bible alone has recorded, thousands of years in advance of their modern discovery, scores of scientific principles and truths, with not one demonstrated scientific error. The greatest scientists of all time—Newton, Kepler, Pascal, Faraday, Maxwell, Kelvin, Pasteur and scores of others of comparable calibre—have been Bible-believing Christians. Even today, in our skeptical age, there are thousands of fully qualified scientists who believe the Bible as the inerrant Word of God.

The history and geography of the

Bible have been thoroughly vindicated by archaeology. Its medical and psychological insights have proven true and effective. Even though written by forty different authors over a period of more than 1,500 years, the Bible is one book, with one unifying message from beginning to end, the theme of God's great plan of salvation as it has unfolded through the ages. There is no other book like the Bible, blessing the lives of many millions through the centuries and still as up-to-date, accurate and powerful today as in the past. Its writers claimed that they wrote their words under the guiding inspiration of God, and they commonly sealed that testimony with willingness to suffer and die for their conviction of its certainty.

## THE WONDER OF INCARNATION

Not only has God provided His written Word; He also has become the living Word, in the person of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures tell us about God and His plan; the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrates to us God and His love.

The Bible tells us that “the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Jesus Christ was both Son of God and Son of Man. He was man, as God had intended man to be, but as all other men have failed to be. He alone, of all men who ever lived, was a truly good man. All others have fallen far short of our Creator’s standard of absolute righteousness and holiness, but not He! Both intimate friends and bitter

enemies acknowledged His moral perfection. He always said exactly the appropriate words, and His works and deeds were always both righteous and effective. Even Pontius Pilate, who condemned Him to die as a criminal, acknowledged: "I find no fault in Him" (John 19:19).

Jesus Christ was not only a good man, He was the God/Man, God in human flesh. This He demonstrated not only by His perfection of character and deed, but by many mighty miracles and prophecies, firmly attested and verified.

He came into the world from His heavenly glory, through miraculous conception and virgin birth. He returned to heaven by miraculous ascension back to the Father.

But first he died and rose again. His death on the cross was a death of terrible suffering, the death of a condemned criminal, though He was

spotlessly innocent of any crime save that of claiming to be God and thus speaking the truth. When every Biblical prophecy concerning His death had been fulfilled, He simply dismissed His spirit from its body, and they laid His body in a tomb.

Then, three days later, He returned to His resting body and rose triumphantly from the grave, conqueror of death itself! No other man in all the history of the human race has defeated the grave, but Jesus did! "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25).

The bodily resurrection of Christ from the dead is the best proved fact in history, attested by the impregnable evidence of: first, the emptied tomb; second, the many certain appearances after His resurrection to His disciples; third,

the unshakable testimony of these unimpeachable followers to the reality of His resurrection, a testimony sealed by their martyrdom; fourth, the age-long history of the multitudes who have believed their testimony and experienced the joys of assured salvation through faith in a living Savior.

## **THE WONDER OF SALVATION**

“We have not followed cunningly devised fables,” the Apostle Peter assured the early Christians (II Peter 1:16). The testimony of creation is clearly seen in all the systems and processes of nature; the truth of revelation shines clearly throughout the words of Scripture; the divine incarnation is demonstrated by all the canons of historical verification to be the most certain fact of history.

And the purpose of it all is salvation — eternal fellowship of the Creator with those created in His image.

This, in fact, was the purpose for which He created us in the first place, and God, by very definition, can never be defeated in His purposes. But true fellowship requires mutuality of love and trust, and these by

definition involve responsible freedom to love and trust the other person. The first man and woman, however, as well as every other person since, have “sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23), repudiating the love of their Creator and refusing to believe His Word, thereby becoming alienated from that fellowship for which they were created.

The wonderful means which God has provided to restore man’s lost estate is, as every one who has read or heard the New Testament proclamation of the Gospel must know, nothing less than the substitutionary, atoning, redeeming death of the incarnate Son of God. “Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures” (I Corinthians 15:3). He suffered the judgment of death and separation from His Father—our Creator—which we deserved, thus absolving us of guilt and enabling



us to be restored to perfect fellowship with God forever.

His resurrection from the dead was the seal of His complete victory over sin and death and hell, assuring all who place their trust in Him complete forgiveness and restoration. He died for us, and rose again, that we might live in Him.

Thus our great Creator has become our Savior and Redeemer. There is no longer any barrier between us and Him except our human pride and love of sin. To each person who will, in humble faith, believe His Word and trust the wonderful sufficiency of His substitutionary death, receiving Him personally as the Lord and Savior of his life, God both promises and conveys eternal salvation. I myself did this many years ago, and so have countless others, and we can testify with profound conviction that this is so.

## THE WONDER OF TRANSFORMATION

God's wonderful salvation is ours forever, by the assurance of His Word. Someday Christ will return, sin and its effects will all be abolished and the earth made new (Revelation 21:1-4). Then, "when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2).

This wonderful transformation will be consummated and perfected in that great day, but it begins at the moment each new believer first places his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17). A spiritual birth has taken place; he is born again" (John 3:3).

At this point, these great doctrines

of creation, revelation, incarnation and salvation become vibrantly real in human experience. We would not argue (as some do) that Christianity must be true because it works (there are other religions that seem to “work,” at least for a time). Rather, Christianity works because it is true! Furthermore, it will work not only for time, but for eternity.

Here is where I wish to share my own personal testimony. I began a serious study of both science and Scripture about forty years ago and soon became firmly convinced of the absolute truth and authority of the Bible, both in revealing sound doctrine and in providing infallible guidance for daily life. By God’s grace and help, I have sought earnestly since that time to believe and obey the Word of God as intelligently and completely as possible. My own failings and failures have been many, but God has nevertheless greatly

blessed, providing every need over the years and directing all my paths. Prayer has been a vital part of daily life, and answers to prayer have been legion. God led me to a wonderful Christian wife and then to six wonderful children—all now serving the Lord—and, at last count, to twelve fine grandchildren. Opportunities for service and testimony have been numerous and fruitful, so there now are also many spiritual children and grandchildren as well. There have been periods of sorrow and heart-searching, of course, but these always are followed by times of comfort and restoration. The Christian life has, indeed, been a wonderful life, and I would never consider any other way of life at all.

But my testimony is not unusual. Multitudes of Christians would give a very similar testimony—Christians of ancient times and modern times, men and women of every tribe and nation,

educated and illiterate, rich and poor, kings and servants, old and young.

The question now is: "How about you?" You who are reading my testimony, what about your testimony? Do you believe in the God who created you, in the Son of God who died and rose to save you, in the Book of God that He sent to guide you? If not, are you sure that your reasons for not doing so are good reasons? Some day you will have to explain to God, on His judgment throne, just why you rejected His love and all His promises, and I can't imagine any explanation which might prove acceptable, in that inevitable day.

A much better response would be: "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul!" And there is no better time—possibly no other time—than now. "Behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2).

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