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WHY Human Suffering?

A personal message from the Editor in Chief, Roderick C. Meredith

An amazing number of explanations—many of them contradicting each other—have been offered as to why God “allowed” the terrible suffering resulting from the earthquake and tsunami that struck Southeast Asia last December. Of course, we should ask many of the writers holding forth against God: “Why do you, of all people, suddenly bring a real God into the picture when most of the time you totally deny His existence.

Stop the hypocrisy!

The next question we should pose, to those who complain about a supposed irrational or malevolent God, is: “Which God are you talking about? The actual God who reveals Himself in the Bible? Or a god of your own **un-biblical** teaching or human imagination?”

What does the Bible *actually say* about our modern society and human suffering? First, it tells us that our world today is **not** “God’s world,” Notice: “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds *the god of this age* has **blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (2 Corinthians 4:3–4). So the “god” of *this world* is Satan the devil! Even Jesus Christ stated, near the end of His human life: “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30).

The book of Job makes it abundantly clear that God sometimes *allows* Satan to afflict human beings. As many of you know, God allowed Satan to *viciously strike* at some of our supporters in Wisconsin last March. This has driven us to our knees in prayer. As with the martyrdoms of Stephen, the Apostle James and others, *we are deeply humbled by this tragedy*. But God’s inspired word is the ultimate **Truth**. And the **major** prophetic events we have written about are *continuing right on schedule*. So we will **not** shirk our responsibility to teach God’s *way of life*, or to **warn** of the momentous events just ahead!

Many who are quick to say “God is dead!” quickly bring Him back to life when tragedy strikes! Then they have someone to **blame**! The truth of the Bible—which *very few* believe—is that the Creator of heaven and earth is trying to teach humanity “lessons” for *all eternity*. He has made mankind in His “image” (Genesis 1:26–28). As I explain in “Your Incredible Future” on page 4 of this issue, God wants to give human beings *power, glory and eternal life*. But, with our vain and self-willed human nature, we are not ready for such power and responsibil-

ity *until* we have truly learned awesome lessons through the crucible of human experience and suffering. Only **after** he had suffered and was *deeply humbled* did Job say: “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes” (Job 42:5–6).

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul was inspired to proclaim: “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now” (Romans 8:18–22).

The very real God of the Bible is certainly hearing the literal “groans” of the suffering people of Southeast Asia. As they—and we—are deeply humbled by the awesome forces of creation that God has set in motion, we will begin to realize that human life apart from the *true* God is futile. This may seem “cruel” or “unfair” to those who lack understanding of the awesome power and glory that God has in mind for those who truly serve and obey Him. But it is often the **only** way human beings are willing and able to learn.

Another basic point that even many professing Christians are not willing to face is that God specifically **promises**—again and again—to intervene and bring about **terrible punishments** on individuals and nations who *refuse to obey Him*! To those of you who have read the Bible at all, this should seem obvious. But many people, seemingly, “avoid the obvious!” For instance, in dealing with the Israelites, God promised manifold blessings if they would truly serve and obey Him (Leviticus 26:1–13). However, God also *promised* specific punishments **if** the people of Israel would turn aside from Him: “But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant, I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and

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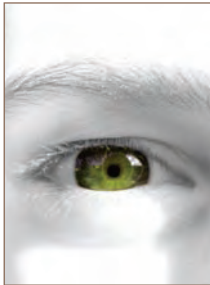


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YOUR INCREDIBLE FUTURE

By Roderick C. Meredith

Is there an awesome purpose for your life? Is there a “reason for being” that goes far beyond what this world’s philosophers and theologians have understood?

Millions of professing Christians *assume* that they will somehow “float off to heaven” when they die. They are told about playing on harps or staring at God’s face for all eternity. Few have dared to rigorously question or seriously try to prove these quaint theories, so most do not realize that these ideas come *not* from the Bible, but from human imagination.

Most of you reading this article believe that God inspired the Holy Bible. That is good. For that is the fundamental starting point for any truly intelligent discussion of life’s purpose. As most of

you know, scientists freely admit that they do not understand such matters. “That is **not** our field of study,” they say when asked about the *meaning* or *purpose* of life.

True enough.

But if you believe in a *real* God—the God of the Bible—and if you believe that the Bible is God’s revelation to man, then why not really **study** what the Bible itself says about mankind’s origin and destiny—about **why** you were born? I *challenge* you to open your mind and be willing to “see” the awesome **purpose** for every human life—the purpose that has been revealed in *your own Bible!*

Satan’s Massive Deception

Do you realize that God Himself—in the Holy Bible—states again and again that the *entire world is deceived*? However, *any* of you whom God is calling can become “undeceived”—*if* you are truly willing to open your minds and believe what God says in His inspired word.

Notice! The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians of his day: “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (2 Corinthians 4:3–4). The real “god” of *this age*—the “god” to whom most people are now paying attention—is Satan the devil, who, as Paul wrote, has “blinded” those who do not believe the Truth. Paul describes Satan as: “The prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobe-

dience” (Ephesians 2:2). *Satan is busy*. He is “working” constantly in this world’s atmosphere, confusing, deceiving and misleading people by spreading wrong attitudes and ideas. He often does this through the media and through this world’s religious and educational establishments. As “prince” of this society’s atmosphere, Satan virtually controls the media; he heavily influences the vile images of immoral sex and violence that spew forth from our television sets and now, increasingly, from the *mis-use* of the Internet and almost every other form of communication.

Describing this “time of the end,” the Apostle John wrote: “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who *deceives the whole world*; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:9). Please try to wrap your mind around these inspired words—“Satan, who deceives the *whole world*.” Of course, most people assume that they, somehow, are not deceived. But a deceived person *does not know* that he is deceived! Otherwise, he would “know better” and he *would not* be deceived, would he?

WHY You Were Born

If you want true understanding of a deep or complicated subject, it is usually wise to go back to the very beginning and look at its foundation. To understand why we were born, we must go to the beginning of God’s inspired word—the Holy Bible—and begin our study in the book of Genesis. There, God tells us: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the

Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light” (Genesis 1:1–3).

The Hebrew word for “was” in verse 2 is properly translated as “became.” The phrase “without form and void” is better translated as “chaotic and confused.” Following the initial creation billions of years ago (v. 1), the earth “became chaotic and confused” after a cataclysmic devastation, probably caused by Satan and his demons. In response, approximately 6,000 years ago, God re-created the earth, brought forth light, separated the seas from the clouds above and began creating plant and animal life on earth (vv. 2–25).

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth’” (vv. 26–28). As God added to His creation by making human beings “in His image,” He was certainly creating something *vastly different* from the rest of His creation. For the plant and animal creation has a very limited scope of accomplishment.

By making human beings “in His image,” God showed His desire to create beings who could *relate to Him!* These human beings were given “dominion”—a capacity to think, plan and rule *like God Himself*, though to a limited degree.

They were given real *mind power* and *creative imagination* as no other beings were given. And the “dominion” they were given—the responsibility to govern the earth, to be “in charge” over the plant and animal life—was a remarkable responsibility that would certainly prepare them for *far more* responsibility in the future.

Most people—even most theologians—have not fully thought this through. They just *assume* that man was made to be a kind of “super animal” and *remain* on a lower level than God for all eternity—eventually “floating off to heaven” with virtually **nothing** to do and no really big challenge ahead! But, in fact—from the beginning—God had *far more* than that in mind!

Another vital phrase in the above verses is: “Let Us make man in Our image” (v. 26). When you put this clear statement together with *many other* biblical verses, you can begin to realize that, from the beginning, *both* the Father and the Word (who became *Christ*) were together in the God family. How does this relate to human beings’ destiny? King David of ancient Israel, the “man after God’s own heart” (Acts 13:22), was inspired to write: “What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet” (Psalm 8:4–6). David explains that God made mankind “a little lower” (Hebrews 2:7, RSV)—or, as more properly translated, “for a *little while* lower”—than the angelic hosts. David, paraphrasing Genesis, was inspired

to write that God has given human beings “dominion”—**rule**—over “all things.”

The Apostle Paul would greatly enlarge on this understanding, revealing to New Testament Christians the amazing purpose for mankind’s creation. After paraphrasing Genesis 1, and showing how “all things” were put under mankind’s feet, Paul wrote: “For in

Eventually, however—in *God’s* time and in *God’s* way—mankind *will* have the capacity to “conquer” the entire universe! God will allow His children to join Him, and Jesus Christ, in ruling this earth (Revelation 5:10) and the whole universe! Christians who are willing to *totally surrender* their wills and their lives to God, through the true Jesus

believe that the Bible says what it means and *means what it says*, you will have to face this fact!

As the *first-born* Son of God, Jesus Christ should certainly know where we are headed and what our destiny involves. Jesus described the coming resurrection from the dead in this way: “But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection” (Luke 20:35–36).

In many places, the Bible itself indicates that we are not “born again” through some emotional feeling generated in a revival or evangelistic campaign. Rather we are finally “born of God” through the coming *resurrection* from the dead. Then, as the above verse clearly indicates, we will have power to live forever and to travel throughout the universe as do the angelic hosts. Yet we will have *much more* power than angels, because we will be *full* sons of God at that time. The angels will be “ministering spirits” to serve us in the coming spirit life, even more than they do today (Hebrews 1:14). In fact, as the Apostle Paul plainly wrote: “Do you not know that we shall *judge* angels?” (1 Corinthians 6:3). Just before, Paul had asked: “Do you not know that the saints will *judge the world*?” (v. 2).

For, in the resurrection, the true saints will assist Christ in **ru**ling the entire world—and, by implication, the *entire universe*—as Hebrews 2 plainly shows. Also: “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels”

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that He put *all* in subjection under him, He left **nothing** that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him” (Hebrews 2:8).

Many biblical commentators have puzzled for hundreds of years about that verse. For the Greek used here, *ta panta*, refers to the whole cosmos—the *entire universe*. Yet Paul acknowledges that “we do **not** yet see all things put under Him.”

Not yet.

But even *now*, mankind is constantly *trying* to take to itself God-like responsibilities and powers. We want to “conquer” the universe. We want to “play god” by introducing the process of “cloning”—fashioning life out of a test tube! Mankind wants to do *all kinds* of things that are frankly God’s prerogative. For, from the beginning, man has been given God-like qualities and creative imagination—yet without the *full power* of God—and certainly without the Creator’s *full wisdom* to know *how* to use these powers!

Christ of the Bible, and to let God genuinely **rule** their lives through His Spirit, will have the honor of helping, healing, blessing and “straightening out the mess” among man’s nations in a way never accomplished before, even stopping would-be dictators right in their tracks (Psalm 149:5–9).

As full-fledged sons in the ruling Family of God, true Christians will become spirit beings with spirit bodies—*filled* with the *divine nature* of God—able to enjoy the wisdom, power and creative capacity of God. *That*, my friends, is your destiny—if you are willing. *That* is why you were born!

FULL Sons of God

Even many professing Christians find that this truth sounds “way out” or even “heretical.” This is because they have never been willing to *fully think through* the implications of being genuinely **born** of God Himself! However, if you are willing to

(Revelation 2:26–27). Those who truly “overcome” themselves, the world and Satan the Devil will be given unfathomable *power* as full sons of God. We will be given *honor* and *glory* far beyond what our human minds can currently grasp. Notice what the Apostle John reveals: “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that *when He is revealed, we shall be like Him*, for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2). Since we will be fully “like Him,” it may be helpful to understand *how* the resurrected Jesus Christ now appears: “His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp



HOUSES DESTROYED BY THE DECEMBER 26 TSUNAMI IN THE TOWN OF HAMBANTOTA, SOUTH OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA. TEN THOUSAND SRI LANKANS DIED IN THE DISASTER.

two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength” (Revelation 1:14–16).

Yes, the sons of God will have faces that absolutely glisten, and that radiate power and glory “like the sun shining in its strength!”

Most professing Christians—even most theologians—have

utterly failed to grasp this, because it has just seemed “too much” to their human imagination, and because Satan the devil has **blinded** mankind as a whole from grasping the **magnificent** reward God is offering those who genuinely serve Him!

Truly we have much to rejoice over, and much to anticipate, if we are genuinely willing to *surrender* our lives to God and *believe* what He says in His inspired word. For through His divine power, there have “been given to us exceedingly great and precious **promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the **divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:4). Certainly, most professing Christians have *assumed* that they have “a little” of the divine nature—which is certainly true in *this life*.

What most have failed to grasp is that Christians will be *born of God*—through a *literal spiritual birth* that is *just as real* as our birth from our mother’s womb. We will be **full sons of God**, not “pseudo-sons” of much lesser worth and stature!

As God’s Plan plainly reveals, He intended *from the beginning* for each creature to reproduce “*according to its kind*” (Genesis 1:24). After stating this wish regarding *every other* creature, God then said: “Let us make man in *our image* according to *our likeness*”—according to the **God kind**! Do you “get it”? Can you wrap your mind around this awesome **reality**? **God is reproducing Himself!**

When you are willing to let your mind accept this magnificent *truth*, then scripture after scripture will begin to make sense. For instance, when you read that we are now children and heirs of God, “and *joint heirs* with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be **glorified together**” (Romans 8:17), then you may grasp that we will have to be *full* sons of God if we are indeed “joint heirs” with Christ and “glorified *together*” with Christ. As Paul meaningfully wrote: “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory** which shall be revealed in us” (v. 18). All the trials and tests and suffering that humanity has experienced—even the Holocaust, the Second World War and the recent terrible destruction and death caused by the Sumatran earthquake and tsunami waves—will seem as **nothing** compared to the everlasting and magnificent “glory” that all who enter the Kingdom of God will finally share! Things make *a lot more sense* when the **Truth** is fully revealed.

Consider, too, the analogy of the Church’s “marriage” to Christ. The Bible touches on this in several places. The Apostle Paul described: “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her” (Ephesians 5:23–25). Would Christ “marry”—even figuratively—someone *far below* Him in stature and level of existence? *Of course not!* The true Church of God is composed of human beings who, together, will become

full children of God—made on the *God level* and therefore worthy of “marrying” Jesus Christ!

What Kind of “Brothers” Does Christ Have?

In Romans 8:29–30, we read: “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the *firstborn* among **many** brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.” If Christ is, indeed, the “firstborn” among **many** brethren, then are His other brothers like chickens or goats by comparison? Or are they *real brothers*?

As explained earlier, when we are “born of God” we become *His real sons*, bearing *His* nature, just as at physical birth we bear the *full nature* of our human parents. In Revelation 1:5, we read of “Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the *firstborn from the dead*, and the *ruler* over the kings of the earth.” This clearly indicates that God’s *other* sons would literally be “born” from the dead—*by a resurrection*—just as Jesus was! Why do theologians and philosophers try to twist this to mean something it obviously does not? Why are they so embarrassed that God has chosen to make us *real* sons, with a transcendent *glory* and *power* that Jesus Christ Himself now shares with the Father?

Of course, the Bible clearly indicates that all true Christians must acknowledge, and *surrender* to, God and Christ as supreme—and *build within themselves* this attitude of surrender and obedience that will last throughout *all eternity*. God does not want to be creating more *Satans*—“adversaries”—rebellious personalities who would

cause dissension in His Spirit-born family throughout all eternity! We will have to become fully “one with God” long *before* we are born of God! But, nevertheless, the ultimate reward for those who are willing to give their lives to God unreservedly is indeed awesome!

So, as Jesus’ full “brothers”—*sharing* with Him the divine level of existence and *interacting* with Him and with the Father throughout all eternity—we will be able to exercise fully all of the hopes and dreams humanity has ever nurtured, and dreams and opportunities even *beyond* what the human mind has yet imagined! Then we will more completely grasp the significance of the Apostle Paul’s inspired prayer: “That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; *that you may be filled with all the fullness of God*. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen” (Ephesians 3:17–21).

How, indeed, could we be “filled with **all** the fullness of God” and not **be** a full member of God’s family—on His level of existence? *No wonder* we read in the New Testament so many statements about the “glory” that will come to the true saints in the resurrection. To those who do not understand, these statements may seem overly sentimental and almost exaggerated. But when you genuinely *understand*, you will come to realize that our reward *will*, in fact, be beyond all human comprehension.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus Christ taught us to pray, “Our **Father** in heaven.” Our Father in heaven will soon be our *real* Father. *If* we fully surrender to Him through Jesus Christ as our Savior *and Lord*, we will soon be His **full** sons and will bear His *name* forever. *This* is why **you** were born! This is the genuine reason *why* you and I have been given life and breath. God grant that we will surrender our lives to our Creator, through our loving Savior, in a more complete and understanding way than we have ever done before. We will, then—with Christ *living His life* within us through the Holy Spirit (Galatians 2:20)—be fulfilling the very **purpose** for which God created us “in His image.” ■

To Learn More...

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Questions & Answers

Question: Why does *Tomorrow's World* focus on end-time events more than on the gospel? Isn't your apocalyptic focus unhealthy for a Christian in today's world?

Answer: *Tomorrow's World* **does** focus on the gospel that Jesus Christ preached—the gospel of the Kingdom of God. That gospel is a message of hope, foretelling a time when mankind will live in peace and harmony, ruled by Jesus Christ. Many who call themselves Christians preach only one part of His message—a message about the *person* of Christ, rather than about *what Christ preached*. By contrast, *Tomorrow's World* strives to preach the “whole counsel” of God.

In today's violence-plagued world, “apocalyptic” has taken on connotations of doom and foreboding. However, the Greek word *apokalupsis* simply means “revelation”—and is the title of the last book in your Bible! Christ's followers are peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). Christ's words in the four Gospel narratives—and the “apocalyptic” book of Revelation—make it clear that true Christians will never take up arms against other human beings. Christians defend themselves not with instruments of violence, but rather with the spiritual armor of God (Ephesians 6:11–18), even as traumatic events approach at the end of the age.

Christ's disciples asked Him how they could recognize the end of the age. He replied that “many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then

many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:5–14).

No true Christian can deny that Jesus foretold a time of great trouble for the world. But He did so for a *positive* purpose, to let us know that His second coming will **prevent** total cosmocide (Matthew 24:22), and will usher in a thousand-year era of happy and peaceful life on earth under His rule, after which God will resurrect all those who never heard His truth preached before, so that they may have their first opportunity for salvation (Revelation 20:5–6). That is a message of ultimate peace and hope!

There is an even more amazing aspect to Jesus' message of hope. Those who accept His sacrifice, and allow Him to live His life within them, will assist Him as kings and priests serving mankind during the millennium (Revelation 5:10). What does it mean to let Christ live within us? As the Apostle Paul wrote: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20, *KJV*). Christians who live by the faith of Christ today are experiencing a foretaste of what life will be like in the millennium under Jesus Christ's rule. That is a message of hope, and it is the true gospel—the gospel of the Kingdom of God—which Jesus Christ preached. That is the focus of *Tomorrow's World*.



Evolution: Fact or Fiction?

By John H. Ogwyn

In the nearly 150 years since it was first published in 1859, Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species* has certainly proven to be one of the most influential books of our time. Not only has it shaped modern science; it has had a far-reaching effect on society as a whole. Today, millions of people assume that Darwin's theories, and those of his successors, have established evolution by natural selection as an established scientific fact.

In its November 2004 cover article, *National Geographic* magazine asked the question: "Was Darwin Wrong?" Unsurprisingly, the author answered: "No!" As is typical with advocates of Darwin's theory, the article asserted that the evidence in favor of evolution is "overwhelming." Even so, debate continues between those who believe in evolution and those who find its assumptions flawed. Many proponents of evolution insist that

no educated person can deny its validity, but more and more scientists are finding fatal flaws in Darwin's theory.

What is the truth? Do those who dispute Darwin's theories have a leg to stand on? Can an educated person rationally deny the claims made by evolutionary theory? What does this mean for the creation account given in the Bible's book of Genesis? Does the Genesis account teach literal truth, or can a Christian accept the Bible as God's word, yet believe that evolution was God's chosen means of creation? Is it logical to believe in a Creator God?

The answers to these questions may surprise you. When you *really* look at the facts, you will find that it is the evolutionists who do not have a leg to stand on!

Make no mistake about it: the concept of evolution through natural selection is the basis of a particular worldview shared by most leading figures in both education and the media. Darwin and his successors have provided a theory that links a variety of biological facts together into a coherent whole that many find logical and attractive—even beautiful. *National Geographic*, in its November 2004 cover article, proclaimed: "Evolution is both a beautiful concept and an important one, more crucial nowadays to human welfare, to medical science, and to our understanding of the world than ever before. It's also deeply persuasive—a theory you can take to the bank" (p. 8).

Oh, *really*?

This "beautiful concept" has important implications that we need to understand. Also, far from being "deeply persuasive," evolution requires a

degree of “blind faith” far beyond what is asked of those who believe in the Bible’s account of creation. Notice *National Geographic’s* remarkable admission that “the fossil record is like a film of evolution from which 999 of every 1,000 frames have been lost on the cutting room floor” (*ibid.*, p. 25). While asserting that the fossil evidence proves Darwin’s theory correct, evolutionary theory asks its believers to accept a premise for which 99.9 percent of the data are missing! Ask yourself: if you tried to watch a film that contained only one out of every thousand frames, would you be able to follow the story or recognize the action that occurred? How much would you know about what really happened? Practically nothing! The “fossil record” to which evolutionists point consists overwhelmingly of “missing links.”

Understanding the Evolutionary Worldview

What do evolutionists mean when they declare that Darwin’s theory is crucial to our understanding of the world around us? Simply stated, they mean that evolutionary theory shows that we live in a world that is the result of *random chance*, *not* the result of a great plan and purpose. In other words, all life—including human life—is the byproduct of natural physical processes, and is not something bestowed by an all-powerful Creator.

Consider the great moral implication of this theory. If our lives are the result of a direct creative act by a real God, that God may have something to say about how we live those lives. He may hold us accountable for our choices. But if our lives are mere-

ly a fluke of biochemical processes, then there is no Supreme Authority to whom mankind is accountable, and no need to adhere to the constraints of biblical morality. After all, if human beings are merely animals, we should expect them to act like animals. Darwin’s biological theory of evolution naturally spawned the concept of “social Darwinism”—that society benefits when its weak and “unfit” members are not cared for, and even exterminated—as was the case in Nazi Germany when “survival of the fittest” became a justification for the systematic annihilation of Jews, Gypsies and other groups deemed “unfit” by those in power.

Does human life have a great transcendent purpose, or are we merely a blip on the screen of evolutionary time? Are we made in the very image of our Creator, or are we simply “trousered apes”? Do we have a Creator who has revealed definite laws defining good and evil, or are such codes of ethics and morality mere human constructs that have evolved and will continue to evolve along with human society? Will a Creator sit in judgment of His creation, or does all life meet a nihilistic end? These fundamental questions affect who and what we are, and how we live. Evolution provides one set of answers to these questions. The Bible provides a very different set of answers. How can we be sure which answers are correct?

Even before Darwin, scientists had discussed the idea that life

evolved from the simple to the complex. Darwin, however, added something new. Through his explanation of evolution by natural selection, Darwin sought to explain the appearance of design without having to acknowledge a Designer. The late Stephen Jay Gould, a noted Harvard University professor who for years worked tirelessly to popularize evolutionary theory, argued this

point in a famous talk titled “The Darwinian Revolution in Thought.” Gould told his audience at New Zealand’s University of Victoria that Darwin’s theory is inherently anti-

plan, anti-purpose and anti-meaning. Gould saw this as a *virtue* of the worldview that comes from accepting evolutionary theory.

By contrast, the Bible provides the foundation for a worldview vastly different from what evolutionary theory proposes. When human beings look at our world, filled with so much pain, sorrow and death, we naturally ask: “Why?” Evolutionary theory says that there is no plan, purpose or meaning to answer this question. The Bible, however, teaches us that sorrow and death are the direct consequence of *sin*—of disobedience to the Creator (see Genesis 3). In fact, as the Apostle Paul wrote: “Therefore, just as **through one man** sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned” (Romans 5:12). Paul further explained that there is *redemption* and *salvation* from death and destruction. “For since by man came death, by Man



also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:21–22).

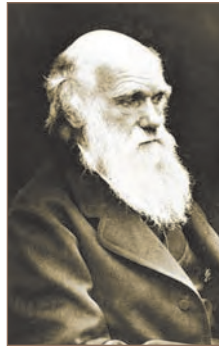
Evolution presents a materialistic worldview in which death has always accompanied life; death is seen as just another feature of the natural world. According to Darwin, there was no Adam nor an Eve. There was no serpent. There was no Garden of Eden. There was no first sin. But if we cannot believe Genesis 3 regarding the origin of sin and the current human condition, we have no logical basis to believe John 3 regarding God’s solution to sin and death by the gift of His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ! If one considers Genesis 3 a metaphor or a lie, then by definition Christ’s sacrifice is also reduced to a metaphor or a lie. Evolution and the Bible are simply **not** compatible. Any who claim that they believe in **both** simply show that they understand **neither**!

What Is the Evidence?

Anyone can invent a theory, as Darwin did. But a theory stands or falls based on the evidence. Does the evidence prove or disprove evolution? Can we see evolution currently taking place? Can it be replicated in the laboratory? If mankind and the other creatures that inhabit our world have gradually evolved from a one-celled life form over many millions of years, surely there should be fossil evidence of transitional species. After all, if changes occurred gradually, and “nature” selected only the most efficient while others died out, then the transitional species should **far outnumber** those with which we are familiar.

The physical evidence for evolution is so minimal (as noted

above, 999 out of 1,000 required pieces of evidence are missing) that evolutionists sometimes seem quite gullible in their search for evidence. Note, for example, the excitement that accompanied the 1999 discovery of fossil evidence



Charles Darwin

that supposedly “proved” a key step in the evolution of dinosaurs. In November 1999, a *National Geographic* magazine headline proudly trumpeted the news: “New Birdlike Fossils Are Missing Links in Dinosaur Evolution.” Underneath a picture of the fossils, a caption proclaimed that “this creature found in Liaoning Province, China, is a true missing link in the complex chain that connects dinosaurs to birds.” The fossil was called a transitional species, and was named *Archaeoraptor* by scientists. Through the latter part of 1999, it was displayed proudly at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, DC. But then came “the rest of the story.”

Further research demonstrated that scientists had not found the “missing link” between birds and dinosaurs after all. In the February 14, 2000 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, editors could not resist taunting their embarrassed counterparts at *National Geographic* with an article that they titled: “The Piltown Chicken.” As the article explained, “paleontologists are eating crow. Instead of ‘a true missing link’ connecting dinosaurs to birds, the specimen appears to be a composite, its

unusual appendage likely tacked on by a Chinese farmer, not evolution. The ‘very bad news,’ delivered to the society December 20 in an E-mail from Chinese paleontologist and co-researcher Xu Xing, has rekindled debate over the origin of birds” (p. 53).

An innocent museum-goer, looking at the exhibits in a museum of natural history, might easily be led to believe that the fossil record provides much evidence of the transition from one species to another. Viewing lifelike recreations of modern man’s supposed simian-appearing ancestors, the average person would be amazed to learn upon just how little evidence elaborate “reconstructions” are commonly made. For example, take the case of “Lucy,” whom some have touted as the “oldest human.” A small piece of the top of a skull, along with a tooth and a piece of shin bone—found scattered in the dirt more than 40 feet apart—served as the basis of this “scientific” reconstruction! Such displays reveal far more about the imagination and talent of artists than they do about the original appearance of what was actually found.

Sometimes, evolutionists reach conclusions so outlandish that one might rightly wonder whether they are truly serious. Take this statement from *National Geographic*, regarding a discovery made by paleontologist Philip Gingerich, who has spent years researching the ancestry of whales: “In the year 2000 Gingerich chose a new field site in Pakistan, where one of his students found a single piece of fossil that changed the prevailing view in paleontology. It was half of a pulley-shaped anklebone, know as an astragalus... Suddenly he realized how closely whales are

related to antelopes. This is how science is supposed to work. Ideas come and go, but the fittest survive. Downstairs in his office Phil Gingerich opened a specimen drawer, showing me some of the actual fossils from which the display skeletons upstairs were modeled. He put a small lump of petrified bone, **no larger than a lug nut**, into my hand. It was the famous astragalus, from the species he had eventually named *Artioocetus clavis* (“Was Darwin Wrong?” November 2004, p. 31).

Gingerich believes that he “proved” the connection between whales and antelopes from a fossil the size of a lug nut? **How absurd!**

Aside from the fossil record—in which even evolutionists admit that 999 out of every 1,000 items that they seek are missing—where is the evidence to prove Darwin’s theory? Evolutionary scientists seek support by pointing to variation within a single species. For instance, pigeons vary in size and color. On his trip to the Galapagos Islands, Darwin collected small

brownish birds whose beaks displayed variations in their size and shape. Darwin interpreted this pattern of diversification as evidence of evolution, and as the means by which different species arise.

However, there is a vast difference between the “micro-evolution” that is merely the variation within a particular kind of creature, and the “macro-evolution” that would cause a totally different kind of creature to develop. Dogs, for example, display tremendous variety of size, shape and coloring. However, they are all dogs, and in their variation are not “evolving” into something else. The ample evidence of variation and adaptation within species simply shows the marvelous engineering that God used in designing His creation.

Evidence for Intelligent Design

Evolutionists say that all life evolved from “simple” one-celled organisms. But how “simple” is the simple cell? In recent years,

the development of powerful electron microscopes has revealed that the “simple” cell is not really so simple!

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But there is even more. The discovery of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) and the genetic code of life was one of the 20th century’s most momentous scientific discoveries. Scientists found that every living organism possesses DNA, a specialized molecule containing the “code” that controls metabo-

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“The Darwinist materialist paradigm... is about to face the same revolution that Newtonian physics faced 100 years ago. Just as physicists discovered that the atom was not a massy particle, as Newton believed, but a baffling quantum arena accessible only through mathematics, so too are biologists coming to understand that the cell is not a simple lump of protoplasm, as Charles Darwin believed. It’s a complex information-processing machine comprising tens of thousands of proteins arranged in fabulously intricate algorithms of communication and synthesis. The human body contains some 60 trillion cells. Each one stores information in DNA codes, processes and replicates it in three forms of RNA and thousands of supporting enzymes, exquisitely supplies the system with energy, and seals it in semipermeable phospholipid membranes. It is a process subject to the mathematical theory of information, which shows that even mutations occurring in cells at the gigahertz pace of a Pentium 4 and selected at the rate of a Google search couldn’t beget the intricate interwoven fabric of structure and function of a human being in such a short amount of time. Natural selection should be taught for its important role in the adaption of species, but Darwinian materialism is an embarrassing cartoon of modern science.”

(George Gilder, Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute, quoted in “Biocosm,” *Wired*, October 2004, p. 160).



God's People Will Forget God!

Today we are witnessing the fulfillment of a remarkable series of prophecies that have lain dormant in Scripture for thousands of years. Long ago, God predicted that just before the return of Jesus Christ, His chosen people would forget their God, turn from His ways and wind up in deep trouble. These prophecies are coming alive today—but are *largely unrecognized* by the nations involved!

Ancient Warnings

Around 1400BC, God brought the Israelites out of Egypt and gave them His laws at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20–23). His intent was to use the 12-tribed nation of Israel as an example the world could follow (Deuteronomy 4:1–10). God *warned* His chosen people repeatedly to “*beware*, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt... for you are a holy people... *beware* that you do not forget the LORD your God by *not keeping* His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes” (Deuteronomy 6:12; 7:6; 8:11).

However, God knew the rebellious, independent nature of the Israelite people. Just before Moses died, God prophesied to him that “you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land... they will forsake Me and break My covenant... then My anger shall be aroused against them *in that day*, and I will forsake them... And many evils and troubles shall befall them” (Deuteronomy 31:16–17). Moses then warned the elders of Israel: “I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you *in the latter days*” (Deuteronomy 31:28–29).

These prophetic warnings were recorded as a witness against God's chosen people (Deuteronomy 31:19–27). In fact, the Bible makes numerous references to an end-time apostasy and the troubles of the

Israelites (see Deuteronomy 4:25–30; Jeremiah 23:16–20; 30:7, 12–14, 23–24; 2 Timothy 4:3–4). But *where* do we look for the fulfillment of these prophecies? *What* nations will forget their God and return to pagan ways?

Key to Prophecy

Many assume that Bible prophecies about Israel refer only to the modern Jewish nation in the Middle East. In fact, the Jews were only *one* of 12 tribes that made up the ancient nation of Israel. In Genesis 49, God revealed specific characteristics that would identify the Israelite tribes *in the last days*. These prophecies revealed that the descendants of Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, would inherit the bulk of the birthright blessings. Ephraim was to become a “multitude [commonwealth] of nations” and a colonizing people, while Manasseh would become a single great nation (Genesis 48:22–26). Ephraim's descendants are found today in Britain and among the British-descended peoples in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Manasseh's descendants reside in the United States of America. Descendants of other Israelite tribes live in northwest Europe, where they migrated after their captivity in ancient Assyria. For more information on this subject, request our free booklet *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*. It is among these peoples that we need to look for the fulfillment of the end-time warnings Moses received!

Modern Fulfillment

The descendants of Ephraim in Britain offer a vivid example of how God's chosen people are turning away from their Creator. England and Scotland provided prominent religious leaders during the Reformation, and for centuries practiced Christianity to the best of their understanding. Yet in recent decades these nations (like their cousins across the



English Channel) have done an amazing about-face! Surveys now indicate: “Britain is one of the world’s least religious countries, with some of the lowest levels of belief and church-going” (*Daily Mail*, February 27, 2004). Reports document a “catastrophic” drop in church attendance, with the Church of England losing half of its members. Far fewer are entering religious orders. Surprisingly few even own or read the Bible. The Archbishop of York confessed that he would be “hard-pushed” to describe Britain as a Christian nation (*Daily Mail*, December 13, 2004). Pope John Paul II told Scottish bishops: “Scotland is no longer a Christian country and is in effect a spiritual wasteland... whose people are largely unacquainted with God” (*The Sunday Times*, March 9, 2003). This could also be said of other countries in northwest Europe.

But what has caused this dramatic shift? A report titled *Called to Account* lays much of the blame at the feet of modern church leaders who have surrendered to secularism and pressure groups and inflicted their own liberal ideas upon the church (*The Daily Telegraph*, February 2, 2003). One vicar outlined the failure of church leaders to provide clear teachings on moral topics, or to provide solid reasons to believe in the Bible (e.g. using evidence from archeology and fulfilled prophecy), or to clearly explain the nature and character of God (*Daily Mail*, January 29, 2004).

The daily press illustrates how liberal theologians have undermined the influence of the Christian church by expressing their doubts about God, the Bible, the deity of Jesus and other Christian doctrines. One biblical scholar proclaims that the account of Jesus’ birth is a fable (*The Sunday Telegraph*, December 19, 2004), while a new “politically correct” commentary interprets Bible verses in a manner “friendly” to homosexuals (see *The New Oxford Annotated Bible*, third edition). A radical Irish Anglican priest advocates replacing Bible reading with contemporary poet-

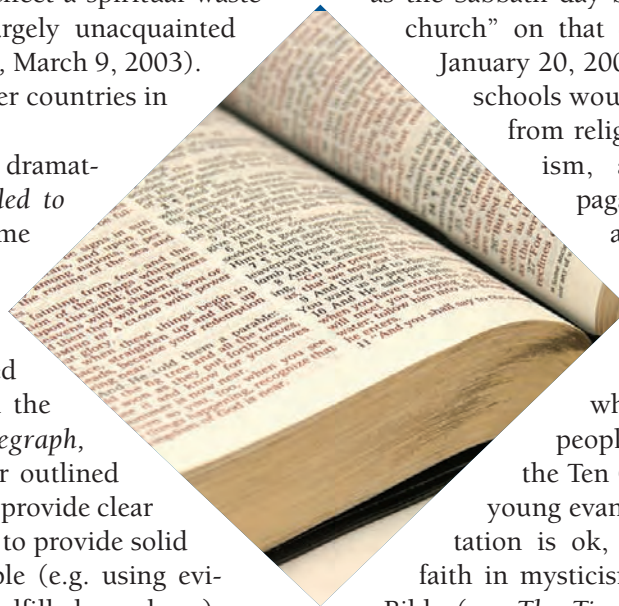
ry and drama (*The Sunday Times*, December 23, 2001), while some American Episcopal priests promote pagan practices in their worship (*The Washington Times*, November 1, 2004). Bishops in the Church of England not only ignore plain biblical teachings, but even their own recent historical precedents—by failing to condemn cohabitation and sex before marriage, by debating the “virtues” of polygamy, by ordaining women to the priesthood and by urging that homosexual practice be condoned and that homosexuals be accepted into the priesthood—all of which are prohibited in Scripture! One report suggested: “Sunday should be abandoned as the Sabbath day because nobody wants to go to church” on that day anymore (*The Daily Mail*,

January 20, 2004). Proposed reforms in British schools would remove Christian instruction from religious education and give “atheism, agnosticism, humanism and paganism as much classroom time as Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism”

(*The Sunday Express*, February 15, 2004). Britain’s leaders have created a situation where “nearly one in ten young people in Britain has never heard of the Ten Commandments” and a third of young evangelical Christians think cohabitation is ok, and young people have more faith in mysticism than in the Church and the Bible (see *The Times*, September 3, 2004; May 7, 2001; *Daily Telegraph*, September 18, 2004). The destruction of the nation’s religious core is described in a book titled *The Death of Christian Britain* by Callum Brown.

Yet prophets of God predicted today’s circumstance. Long ago, Jeremiah warned Israel: “You have forsaken Me,” says the LORD, “You have gone backward” (Jeremiah 15:6). He stated that misguided religious leaders would “destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture... by their lies” (23:1, 32) and that “in the latter days you will understand it perfectly” (23:20)! These sobering prophecies are coming alive today!

—Douglas S. Winnail





Seven Proofs of God's Existence

By Richard F. Ames

Is it rational to believe in God? Is your faith “blind faith”—or is it something more?

Millions around the world believe that there is no God. Many believe that science and religion cannot coexist. On the other hand, many who believe in God say that you should “just have faith” and not try to examine the evidence. What does the Bible say?

Contrary to common assumptions, the Bible does not advocate “blind faith.” The God of the Bible challenges human beings to test and prove what is true and real. He tells us to: “Test all things; hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Or, as the *King James Version* puts it: “Prove all things...” (v. 21, KJV).

Can you *prove* that God exists? What evidence do you have for your belief? Those who believe in God have many different—often

contradictory—ideas about God's nature. What does the Bible reveal about the true nature of God? Here is what God Himself says, in the first person: “To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing” (Isaiah 40:25–26).

The Bible reveals a God who provides evidence of His existence, as we will see in this article by examining seven proofs of God's existence. If you find this brief overview helpful, please write for your free copy of our booklet *The Real God: Proofs and Promises*, which covers these seven proofs in more detail.

PROOF 1: CREATION DEMANDS A CREATOR. The Hubble telescope continues to reveal previously unknown galaxies. Our awesome universe simply astounds us. Under the night sky, King David of ancient Israel asked God: “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?” (Psalm 8:3–4).

David called the universe the work of God’s fingers. He knew that God created the universe. Did the universe have a beginning? What do scientists say? Famous astrophysicist Stephen Hawking, in a lecture titled “The Beginning of Time,” stated the view of most astronomers today: “The universe has not existed forever. Rather, the universe, and time itself, had a beginning in the Big Bang, about 15 billion years ago.”

As Dr. Jeffrey Fall wrote: “Science now confirms that there has been no past eternity of matter!... Amazingly, science is finally catching up in understanding with the Bible concerning the origin of the universe” (“The Origin of the Universe,” *Tomorrow’s World*, January-February 2003, p. 28).

Science agrees with the Bible that the universe has not always existed. But how, then, did the universe arise? Did it come from nothing? If so, how? Can science give us an answer? Sir John Maddox, author of *What Remains To Be Discovered*, wrote a *Time* magazine article titled “A Theory of Everything.” He observed: “Only 70 years ago, the universe was found to be expanding, but now there is a model of how it began: the Big Bang. At the beginning, it is said, there was literally nothing (‘the void,’ *Genesis*), not

even space. Then there came into being a tiny speck of superheated space that contained enough energy to create all the stars and galaxies that fill the sky—with enough left over to drive the expansion of the universe ever since” (March 29, 1999, p. 206).

Maddox continues, “There are also serious philosophical problems created by the Big Bang, which can be described but not explained. Worse, nobody has been able to reconcile quantum physics with the other great triumph of 20th century physics: Einstein’s theory of gravitation. Until that is done, the true nature of our universe will remain beyond our ken” (*ibid.*)

Maddox’s candor is admirable. He recognizes that scientific truth is valuable, but limited. Science can describe the “how” of nature to a certain extent. But it cannot answer the deeper philosophical questions, such as “*why* the universe?” and “what is the purpose of human beings?” The Bible *does answer* those questions. Science can demonstrate that the universe began, but by itself it cannot reveal what—or Who—caused that beginning. Here, the Bible agrees with science, but adds a vital dimension to our understanding of the created universe: “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible” (Hebrews 11:3).

PROOF 2: LIFE DEMANDS A LIFE-GIVER. Scientists have tried in vain to create life from non-life, or even from “soups” of laboratory chemicals. They have utterly failed! The law of biogenesis states that life can only come from life. Astrophysicist Hugh Ross comments on these

failed attempts: “Even under highly favorable conditions of a laboratory, these soups have failed to produce anything remotely resembling life. One problem is that they produce only a random distribution of left- and right-handed pre-biotic molecules... Life chemistry *demands* that all the molecules be either right- or left-handed. With all our learning and technology we cannot even come close to bringing life together in the lab” (*The Creator and the Cosmos*, Ross, 1993, p. 148).

Even though science has never—*not even once*—created life from non-life, some scientists are so determined to reject the idea of a Creator God that they put aside their own scientific objectivity and stake their belief on what science has shown to be impossible. The scientific method requires observation, experimentation and human reasoning. No physical experiment can “prove” God in a scientific sense. Science can only produce experimental results that are either consistent or inconsistent with the hypothesis of a Creator God. Yet what happens when scientists encounter facts that are consistent with a Creator? Many will dogmatically declare that there *cannot* be a God, ironically making a “religion” out of their *unscientific* atheism!

Notice this quote by Nobel Prize-winning scientist George Wald: “The reasonable view was to believe in spontaneous generation; the only alternative, to believe in a single, primary act of supernatural creation. There is no third position. One has only to contemplate the magnitude of this task to concede that the spontaneous generation of a living organism is impossible. Yet here we are as a result, I believe, of spontaneous generation” (“The

Origin of Life,” *Scientific American*, August 1954, p. 46).

Amazing! A Nobel Prize-winning scientist calls it “impossible” yet believes it to be true! We must not be deceived by scientific theorizing that has no basis in reality. Wald’s phrase “spontaneous generation” may sound impressive, but however erudite such a phrase may sound, it is not scien-

tific truth, and does not agree with true science and the real world! As true science recognizes, life can only come from life.

Seven Proofs of God’s Existence

- Proof 1: Creation Demands a Creator
- Proof 2: Life Demands a Life-Giver
- Proof 3: Laws Demand a Lawgiver
- Proof 4: Design Demands a Designer
- Proof 5: Fulfilled Prophecy
- Proof 6: Answered Prayer
- Proof 7: A Way of Life that Works!

The Bible explains that life originally came from the Life-Giver: “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 being” (Genesis 2:7). Or, as the KJV has it, “man became a living soul.” God gave physical life to human beings and many other life forms. God is also the giver of spiritual life, as *Tomorrow’s World* Editor-in-Chief Roderick C. Meredith explains in his article “Your Incredible Future” on page 4 of this magazine.

PROOF 3: LAWS DEMAND A LAWGIVER. Science has discovered that our physical universe appeared from nothing. But *how* did this happen? Science cannot explain the origin of the universe, but there *must* be an answer.

Contrary to what some believe, the Bible’s simple answer is consistent with true science: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). Notice that the Bible does not tell us *when* this original creation occurred, only that there was a beginning of time, and a beginning of the universe.

Science and the Bible agree that the universe began, and that it immediately operated according to predictable natural laws. When the universe came into existence, all the laws of physics and

chemistry were intact; they *did not* “evolve.” Patrick Glynn, in his book *God: The Evidence*, writes that everything had to be “‘just right’ from the very start—everything from the values of fundamental forces like electromagnetism and gravity, to the relative masses of the various subatomic particles, to things like the number of neutrino types at time 1 second, which the universe has to ‘know’ already at 10⁻⁴³ second. The slightest tinkering with a single one of scores of basic values and relationships in nature would have resulted in a universe very different from the one we inhabit—say, one with no stars like our sun, or no stars, period. Far from being accidental, life appeared to be the goal toward which the entire universe from the very first moment of its existence had been orchestrated, fine-tuned” (pp. 7–8).

Science has found no reason for the many laws of physics and chemistry, and for the many pre-

cise values and relationships, to have come into existence exactly as they are. From a mathematical point of view, the odds against our universe having just the right laws to sustain life are astronomical.

Remember, these laws were in existence at the first moment of creation. Scientists recognize that they had to be. As Hawking acknowledged in *The Nature of Space and Time*: “The only way to have scientific theory is if the laws of physics hold everywhere, including at the beginning of the universe” (p. 40).

Is it reasonable, then, to assume that these laws came about from nothing—from random chance? Absolutely not! The existence of such marvelous and predictable laws in nature points to a master intelligence and Lawgiver. Add to that evidence the existence of unseen *spiritual* laws, and you double the evidence of a great Lawgiver.

What is the origin of these natural laws that permeate our universe? As your Bible reveals: “There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy” (James 4:12). Yes, the Creator God is the Lawgiver, both of natural law and spiritual law. “The LORD is our Lawgiver” (Isaiah 33:22).

Have some scientists recognized the significant evidence of intelligence behind the natural laws of our universe? Yes! Albert Einstein, the great physicist and Nobel Prize winner, saw awesome intelligence revealed in the existence of natural law. He wrote that the scientist’s “religious feeling takes the form of a rapturous amazement at the harmony of natural law, which reveals an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is an utterly insignificant

reflection” (*Einstein: A Centenary Volume*, ed. A. P. French, Harvard University Press, 1979, p. 305).

Einstein was amazed at the intelligence he saw in natural law. He called human intelligence, compared to that superior intelligence revealed in natural law, “an utterly insignificant reflection.” That far superior intelligence behind the laws of the universe is the God who created the universe—the great Lawgiver!

PROOF 4: DESIGN DEMANDS A DESIGNER. Not only do we find predictable physical laws throughout the universe, we find tremendous evidence of intelligent design. The human body, for example, shows insurmountable evidence of design. See John H. Ogwyn’s article “Evolution: Fact or Fiction?” on page 16 of this issue for more on this fascinating topic. Consider the human eye. Even Darwin admitted that “complex organs such as the eye would be difficult to explain in terms of the gradual stepwise process outlined by his theory.” But Darwin did not realize the complexity of vision’s molecular biology, which science would later discover (*Christian Century*, July 15–22, 1998, pp. 679–80).

If we find design in the universe, we naturally expect a designer. Significantly, then, we may ask: *was the universe designed for a purpose?* As Patrick Glynn notes in his book, *God: The Evidence*: “The most basic explanation for the universe is that it seems to be a process orchestrated to achieve the end or goal of creating human beings” (Glynn, p. 32). Glynn states further: “From the scientist’s viewpoint, the fact that the universe looks as though it had a definite beginning might be upsetting enough. But what

appears to drive cosmologists nearly to distraction is the anthropic principle”—that the earth and the universe were created for mankind (*ibid.*, p. 42).

What is the alternative? Some scientists, like zoologist Richard Dawkins, espouse the idea that human beings are merely animals with no purpose in a purposeless universe. As he put it: “the universe we observe has... no design, no purpose, no evil and no good, nothing but pointless indifference... *we are machines for propagating DNA...* It is every living object’s sole reason for living” (*Science*, August 15, 1997, p. 892).

Certainly one may ignore evidence of design behind the laws that govern the universe, and behind the universe itself. But in the face of so much evidence, it takes greater “faith” to believe in a godless universe than to follow the evidence to its logical conclusion: the existence of a Creator God who set in place His laws for a purpose. Why would people exercise so much “faith” to ignore the evidence right in front of their eyes? Even some atheists and agnostics admit that by choosing to remain ignorant, they can continue living their lives without God, denying the consequences. Aldous Huxley, the famous English author, expressed this perspective well: “Most ignorance is vincible ignorance. We don’t know because we don’t want to know. It is our will that decides how and upon what subjects we shall use our intelligence. Those who detect no meaning in the world generally do so because, for one reason or another, it suits their books that the world should be meaningless” (*Ends and Means*, p. 312).

What an admission! Huxley’s statement sounds very much like

what the Apostle Paul wrote: “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened” (Romans 1:20–21).

Do not be like these foolish people! Examine the universe, creation and the purpose of human life, and you will find that design demands a designer!

PROOF 5: FULFILLED PROPHECY.

Regular readers of *Tomorrow’s World* are familiar with the framework of Bible prophecy. Hundreds of prophecies given thousands of years ago have been fulfilled, are right now being fulfilled, and will be fulfilled in the years soon to come.

One such prophecy involved Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, who had a dream that none of his advisors could interpret. Only Daniel, through God’s revelation, was able to reveal and interpret King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. Daniel explained that the king had seen a mysterious image, with head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of bronze, and feet of iron mixed with clay. The head of gold represented Nebuchadnezzar. The rest of the image foretold future kingdoms.

“But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in

pieces and crush all the others. Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay" (Daniel 2:39–41).

Reputable Bible scholars and historians agree about the identity of these empires. After Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian Empire from 625^{BC} to 539^{BC} came the Medo-Persian Empire from 558^{BC}–330^{BC}, the Greco-Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great from 333^{BC}–31^{BC} and the Roman Empire from 31^{BC}–476^{AD}. Finally, the ten toes of iron mixed with clay represent a future revival of the Roman Empire. The prophecies of Daniel are genuine, and his predictions of these four empires did come to pass.

Also, there are more than 100 *fulfilled* prophecies in the Old Testament foretelling the coming of the Messiah. Among them is Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would be a descendant of King David, the son of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1), that the Messiah would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), that He would live in Galilee (Isaiah 9:1–2), that His mission would include the Gentiles (Isaiah 42:1–4) and that He would die with the wicked (Isaiah 53:9). Other prophecies foretold that He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), that He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12–13), that He would enter Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9) and that He would be like a smitten shepherd (Zechariah 13:7). These are just a sampling of the many prophecies that came to pass about the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ.

PROOF 6: ANSWERED PRAYER.

Skeptics and doubters will not experience this proof, unless they begin to study the Bible and meet its challenges. According to a recent Barna Research report: "Americans believe in the power and impact of prayer. Four out of five (82 percent) believe that 'prayer can change what happens in a person's life.'"

Luke 11:1–4 gives us instructions on how to pray. The Bible also gives these guidelines in praying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (Matthew 7:7–8). The "faith chapter" of the Bible reminds us: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6); and we find this principle: "And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22).

God has answered thousands of my prayers over the past 40 years, just as He has answered the prayers of all true Christians, and He will answer your prayers *if* you meet His challenge.

PROOF 7: A WAY OF LIFE THAT

WORKS! The history of the world is generally the history of mankind living its own way, apart from the instructions of its Creator. Human beings have experimented, and continue to experiment, with man-made institutions of education, science, government, business and entertainment. And what progress have we made? Have we brought about

world peace? As the Apostle Paul wrote: "Their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Romans 3:15–18).

The way of man brings about death, not life: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the *way of death*" (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). But there *is* a way of life that works. That way is revealed in the Bible. As the Messiah, Jesus Christ, proclaimed: "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'" (Luke 4:4). The Bible challenges you to live the way of life, not the way of death! God's way of life produces abundant living and true peace, not death and destruction. Jesus said: "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

May God help you to take the challenge. Study the Bible. Begin to live by the Creator's instruction book for His creation. Whether or not you yet realize it, God's purpose is to create in *you* His character of love, joy, peace and abundant living.

Perhaps the greatest challenge to all human beings is found in the book of Isaiah: "Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6–7). May the great Creator of the universe, and His Son Jesus Christ, help you to prove His existence, and to find the true way of life. ■



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

While you guys are punching in codes into your cosmic calculator to uncover the end of time—something Jesus said only God knows—I would like you to take me off your mailing list. Having read your absolutist work, and compared it to the Bible and other Christian theology, I have decided that your organization has perverted Christianity. Do not send me one more piece of your “literature.”

J. N., Arlington, VA

Although I attend the Church of Scotland, I know that everything you have written is so correct regarding Christmas. Saturday is the correct Sabbath. Thank you again for sending me your wonderful free booklets.

J. C., East Lothian, United Kingdom

I very much enjoyed the November-December 2004 *Tomorrow's World* magazine. When I got it I immediately read it cover to cover without stopping. Surely God has blessed you with insight that I see nowhere else. I think you are doing a most wonderful job that no one else seems to have the desire or abilities to do. Thank you and keep up the good work.

G. O., Covington, KY

I received the November-December 2004 *Tomorrow's World* yesterday. I could not put it down. I am 68 years old, and for quite some time I have tried to run my own life with no one's—including God's—help. Just reading *Tomorrow's World* awakened my spiritual senses and the need to clean my act up.

A. S., Syracuse, NY

I want to thank you for your magazines and for the free literature you offer us. So many

others want money, and sometimes I have no money to send. My husband is in Iraq and my 17-year-old son has anger problems. With your magazine and free literature I learn a lot about God and His ways.

L. V., Killeen, TX

Three weeks ago I turned on the television, and there was your program. I have been waiting for a program like yours for so long. Finding your program was like being hungry all day then going home to a good supper. Thank you so much.

V. S., Lenox, IA

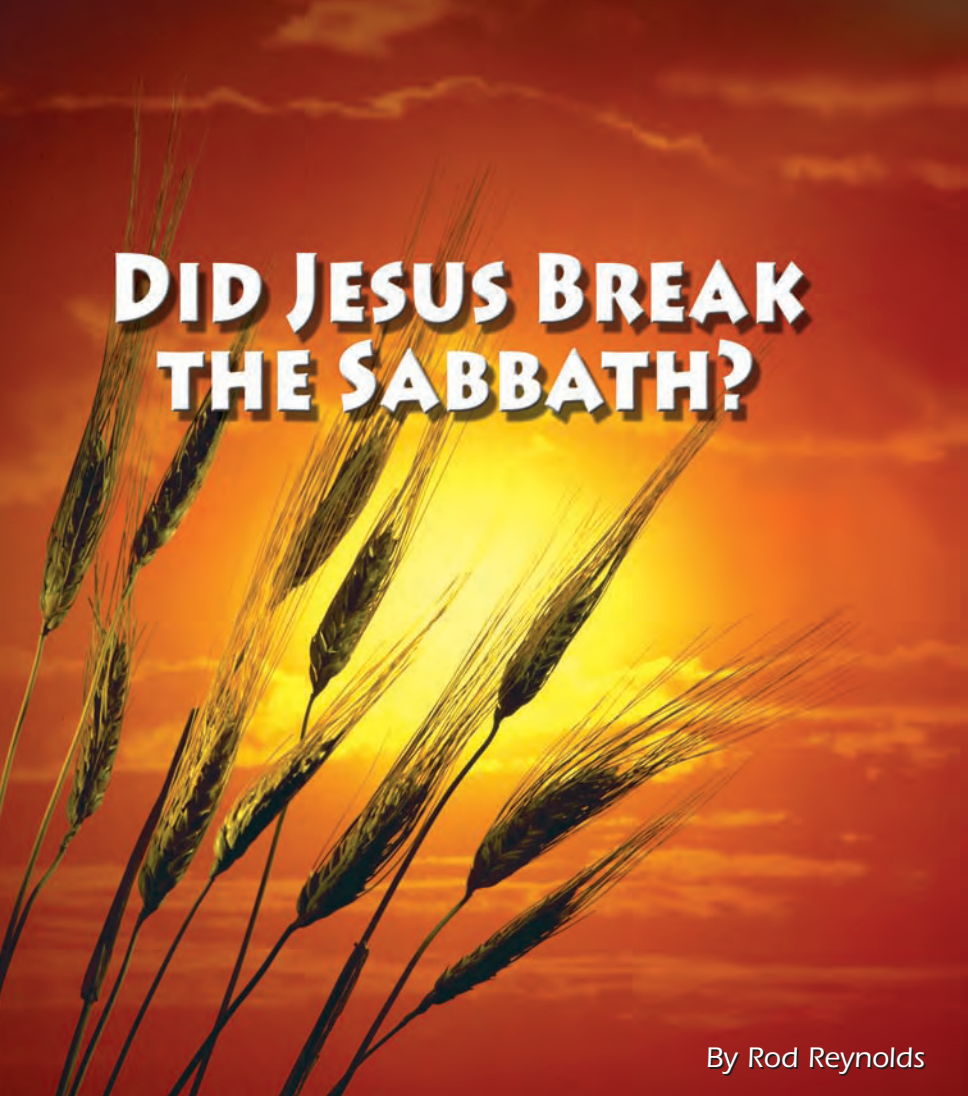
I came to your Internet site looking for some sermons to listen to, I did not expect much. When I began to search the site, it was as if I were in a giant banquet hall and sitting before me was this giant banquet table full of all kinds of wonderful food. I thought, How will I choose? It was thrilling looking over everything and wondering what to listen to first. Just like at a buffet I decided to choose a little of this and a little of that and began to listen and it was like hearing an old friend again. I had been hungry for so long and now so much to fill up on. Wow! I love it.

S. E., Conroe, TX

I recently finished *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*. Never before in my 54 years on this good earth have I ever been so enlightened in my personal understanding of my Bible. I have read, re-read and checked scripture when given in your materials, and my eyes have been opened. Praise the Lord! Thanks for your mission to others such as myself.

T. S., Tucker, AR

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DID JESUS BREAK THE SABBATH?

By Rod Reynolds

Practically anyone who has been exposed to Christianity knows that Jesus Christ grew up in an environment steeped in Old Testament scriptures; He knew them, quoted them and lived by them.

Or did He? Some believe that Jesus kept the law so that others after Him would no longer need to. Others say that He revealed new meaning through old laws. Many, however, believe that Jesus made a “break” with the old Law, and in breaking the law established a new pattern of living for His followers.

Nowadays, even many who call themselves friends of Jesus say that He broke the law. Originally, however—during His lifetime on earth—it was His enemies who made that accusation.

Because Jesus performed miracles of healing on the Sabbath, some Pharisees accused Him of breaking the Sabbath (Matthew 12:10; Mark 3:2, John 9:14–16). John records that Jesus performed a healing during one of the festivals in Jerusalem. John’s gospel records what happened next, when Jesus confronted His accusers: “Jesus answered them, ‘My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.’ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God” (John 5:17–18). From this, many assume that the Pharisees’ accusation—that Jesus broke the Sabbath—was correct, and that Christians as a result are free to do so.

Scripture also records that Jesus’ disciples were walking through a field on the Sabbath when they plucked and ate heads of grain. Seeing this, some Pharisees asked them: “Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?” (Luke 6:2). Many accept that the Pharisees’ accusation is correct, and that by their actions Jesus and His disciples did not keep the Sabbath.

To understand what is at issue in these accounts, it is helpful to understand something of the rabbinical tradition that lay behind the Sabbath-breaking charges leveled against Jesus and His disciples. The Pharisaic tradition, by Jesus’ day, had developed into an array of petty rules having to do with the minutiae of the law. It focused on physical works that had little to do with the spirit and intent of the law—and which, in fact, often violated the law (Matthew 15:1–9; Mark 7:1–13; John 7:19; Galatians 6:13).

The scribes among the Pharisees created and transmitted the Pharisaic rabbinical traditions. The body of traditional law that they formulated, called the *Halakah* (preserved in the *Mishnah*), is *extra*-biblical. Although authoritative for Jews who follow Pharisaic tradition, much of the *Halakah* is not directly supported by Scripture, but is intended as a “hedge” about the law, to prevent any possibility of its being broken.

Ironically, in an attempt to ensure their law-keeping by putting a “hedge” about the law, the Pharisees were *breaking* the law, for God had said: “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take anything from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you” (Deuteronomy 4:2; also 12:32). By adding the weight of their tradition to the law of God,

they bound “heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders” (Matthew 23:4).

The Pharisees placed the authority of their traditions above that of Scripture itself, thus going against the word of God. Scripture scholar Joachim Jeremias affirms that for the Pharisees, the oral tradition was “above the Torah,” and that the esoteric writings containing scribal teachings were regarded as inspired and surpassing the canonical books “in value and sanctity” (*Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus*, pp. 236, 238–239). Alfred Edersheim also points out that traditional law was of “even greater obligation than Scripture itself” (*The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*, Book I, 1.98).

What was the nature of these traditional ordinances? “The *Halakah* indicated with the most minute and painful punctiliousness [attention to detail] every legal ordinance as to outward observance.... But beyond this it left the inner man, the spring of actions, untouched.” Echoing what Jesus said (Mark 7:5–13), Edersheim continues: “Israel had made void the Law by its traditions. Under a load of outward ordinances and observances its spirit had been crushed” (Book I, 1.106, 1.108).

The sometimes-absurd contradictions within Pharisaic law are especially apparent in the rules of Sabbath observance. Edersheim writes: “On no other subject is Rabbinic teaching more painfully minute and more manifestly incongruous to its professed object.” Edersheim charges the scribes with “terribly exaggerated views on the Sabbath” and “endless burdensome rules with which they encumbered everything connected with its sanctity” (*ibid.*, Book II, 2.52, 2.53). “In not less

than twenty-four chapters [of the *Mishna*], matters are seriously discussed [regarding Sabbath observance] as of vital religious importance, which one would scarcely imagine a sane intellect would seriously entertain.” Yet “in all these wearisome details there is not a single trace of anything spiritual—not a word even to suggest higher thoughts on God’s holy day and its observance” (*ibid.*, 2.778–779).

For example, the law included detailed regulations regarding what constituted a “burden” that could not be carried on the Sabbath; for example, pieces of paper, horses hairs, wax, a piece of broken earthenware or animal food. Generally a burden was anything as heavy as a dried fig, or a quantity sufficient to be of any practical use (e.g. a scrap of paper large enough to be converted into a note or a wrapper). It prescribed what might or might not be saved if one’s house caught on fire. Only those clothes that were absolutely necessary could be saved. But one could put on a dress, save it, then go back and put on another. One could not ask a Gentile to extinguish the flames. But if he did so voluntarily, he should not be hindered. One could eat food on the Sabbath lawfully only if it had been specifically prepared for the Sabbath on a weekday. If a laying hen laid an egg on the Sabbath, it could not be eaten. But if the hen had been kept for fattening and not laying, the egg could be eaten, since it would be considered a part of the hen that had fallen off! These regulations considered studying the *Mishna* on the Sabbath more important than studying the Bible. The *Hagiographa* (the Old Testament “Writings”) were not to be read on the Sabbath except in the evening. And there are many other similar examples.

Of special interest to us are the laws regarding harvesting and healing on the Sabbath. Even the slightest activity involving picking grain—removing the husks, rubbing the heads, cleaning or bruising the ears or throwing them up in the hand—was forbidden. Yet if a man wanted to move a sheaf on his field, he had only to lay a spoon on it; then, in order to remove the spoon, he might also remove the sheaf on which it lay!

It should be noted that, unlike the Pharisees (whose numbers were relatively few), most Jews of Jesus’ day paid little attention to these petty rules.

When the Pharisees complained about Jesus’ disciples plucking and eating heads of grain on the Sabbath, Jesus (as He often did) was able to point out the contradictions in Pharisaic law. Jesus noted how David and his followers, famished and fleeing for their lives, ate the shewbread when no other food was available, though it was normally only for the priests to eat (Matthew 12:3–4; Mark 2:25–26; Luke 6:3–4; 1 Samuel 21:1–6). Even the Pharisaic law agreed with the original written law on this point, vindicating what David chose to do when his life was in danger (Edersheim, Book II, 2.58). Jesus simply said: “Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath” (Matthew 12:6–8).

Of course, the Sabbath commandment is in a separate category from the sacrificial ordinances. Yet since Jewish law permitted the feeding and watering of animals on the Sabbath to relieve unnecessary suffering, this principle

would logically and naturally extend to human beings—in this case, Jesus’ disciples—who were partaking of the only food readily available at that time.

This controversy would never have been possible were it not for the Pharisees’ exaggerated views about actions forbidden or allowed on the Sabbath. The priests in the Temple worked on the Sabbath, yet were guiltless (Matthew 12:5). The scribes knew this, but apparently did not clearly understand why it was so. Somehow, they missed the

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point that God instituted the Sabbath not only to give human beings rest from physical labors, but also to give them a time to devote to God by doing His works and serving Him. The disciples’ actions were “clearly not a breach of the Biblical, but of the Rabbinic Law” (Edersheim, Book II, 2.56). Jesus said that the Pharisees, not understanding the law, had “condemned the guiltless” (Matthew 12:7). Clearly, the disciples were falsely accused, and were *not guilty* of breaking the Sabbath as charged.

Since healing might entail work, Pharisaic law permitted it on the Sabbath only if necessary to save life or prevent death. Thus a plaster might be applied to a wound if the object was to prevent it from getting worse, but not to heal it. Yet, contrarily, a splinter might be removed from the eye, or a thorn from the body, though no immediate danger to life was perceived. Furthermore, an animal might be removed from a pit, or taken to water, on the Sabbath.

When the Pharisees accused Jesus of violating the law by healing on the Sabbath, He again was able to reveal their hypocrisy by using their own contradictory rules. First, we will examine Jesus’ acknowledgement that He had been working. The Sabbath law is, in part: “Six days shall you labor and do all *your* work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work” (Exodus 20:9–10). Notice that the work forbidden by the Sabbath law is “*your* work.”

The law does not forbid works of service towards God. Indeed, the very reason we are commanded to cease from our own works on the Sabbath is so we may devote the time to the work of honoring and serving God; that we may “turn your foot from the Sabbath, from doing *your* pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and *shall honor Him*, not doing *your own* ways, nor finding *your own* pleasure, nor speaking *your own* words” (Isaiah 58:13). Here it is clear that it is *our own works*—the course of our everyday business—that we are to avoid on the Sabbath. On the other hand, we are to *honor* God on the Sabbath. Giving honor to God often entails work—“good works.”

A careful reading of Scripture reveals that we are to cease and rest from common or profane work on the Sabbath, so that the time may be devoted to God’s holy purpose. But implicit in the Sabbath command is that we do

the work necessary to fulfill the spiritual aim and meaning of the Sabbath. On the first Sabbath, God rested from His work of physical creation, but He did the work of creating the Sabbath, blessing and sanctifying it (Genesis 2:2–3; Mark 2:27). The weekly Sabbaths and the annual Sabbaths were proclaimed to be “holy convocations”—commanded assemblies for the purpose of gathering to hear God’s word taught, and for congregational worship (Leviticus 23:2, 4). This includes the “work” required to travel to the place of assembly, and to listen, learn and participate in the worship service. Those commissioned to teach did the work of reading and explaining God’s word. On such occasions, people customarily did the work of eating and drinking, sharing and rejoicing in the holy day and in the truth of God’s word (Nehemiah 8:1–12). Other work implicit in the command was done, too: even on the most solemn day of the year—the Day of Atonement—the priests did the work of slaying animals and offering sacrifices before God, according to the requirements of the law (Leviticus 16).

The work of honoring and worshiping God is *not* forbidden on the Sabbath. Indeed, it is the *object* of the Sabbath. That is why the priests could work on the Sabbath and not be guilty. Their work was a necessary part of the congregational Sabbath duty of honoring and serving God. It was, in that sense, not their work but God’s work that was being done. On a Sabbath day early in His ministry, Jesus announced in summary form the work He had been sent to perform. His work was preaching the gospel, healing [both physically and spiritually] and liberating from oppression (Luke 4:18–19).

The works Jesus did were not His works, but God's works, which He had been sent to perform (John 4:34; 9:4; 17:4). Healing was an integral part of Christ's ministry. In perfect harmony with what the Sabbath rest pictures—and with the gospel message—Jesus' healings typified the physical and spiritual healings that Christ will perform during the Millennium, when the Kingdom of God is established on the earth (see Isaiah 35:5–6, 57:16–20; Jeremiah 30:10, 17; Ezekiel 47:8–10).

When Jesus healed on the Sabbath, He was not breaking the Sabbath, but *fulfilling* it, because one is not at rest when afflicted, oppressed and bound by disease or infirmity. As many scriptures show, God delights in redeeming and restoring the afflicted, and giving them the rest exemplified by His Sabbath. God "hears the cry of the afflicted. When he gives quietness [rest], who then can make trouble?" (Job 34:28–29). Bound by their false traditions, the Pharisees did try to make trouble for the Messiah, condemning Him for giving those whom He healed rest from their afflictions.

Instead, they should have offered praise. Speaking of ones afflicted and at death's door, the psalmist wrote: "Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing" (Psalm 107:19–22).

Jesus answered those who accused him of breaking the Sabbath: "If a man receives cir-

cumcision on the Sabbath, so that the *law of Moses should not be broken*, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:23–24).

As we have seen, when John wrote that Jesus "broke the Sabbath" (John 5:18), he was describing Jesus' actions from the Pharisees' perspective (compare 9:14–16). Those who say Jesus did actually break the Sabbath are agreeing with Christ's enemies—His accusers—that Jesus' miraculous works of healing were a breach of the Sabbath law. They are agreeing with Jesus' accusers that He was a Sabbath-breaker. To be consistent, they must also agree with the Pharisees when they said of Christ: "We know that this man is a sinner" (v. 24). The blind man who had been healed knew better than that, saying that "we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him" (v. 31).

When Jesus healed on the Sabbath, He was not violating the

law of God. By His actions, He demonstrated the true application of God's laws—rather than Pharisaic traditions—that "it is *lawful* to do good on the Sabbath" (Matthew 12:12). The "law" that Jesus violated was a man-made rule that was itself against the principles of God's law.

Remember: Had Jesus Christ actually broken the Sabbath, He would have been sinning. But the Scripture says that He "committed no sin" (1 Peter 2:22). Had He sinned, He could not be our Savior. But He, being undefiled and separate from sinners, offered Himself without spot and without blemish to God for our redemption (Hebrews 7:26; 9:14; 1 Peter 1:18–19). No, Jesus did not break the Sabbath. He spent the Sabbath preaching, teaching, healing, honoring God and doing the good work of His ministry—the work of God.

The record of Scripture is that Jesus kept the Sabbath faithfully, as God intended it to be kept. In doing so, He set us an example. "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked" (1 John 2:6). ■

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Little Things Mean a Lot

A Legacy of Character

Running back Joe Delaney joined the Kansas City Chiefs football team as a rookie in the summer of 1981, and was immediately on his way to becoming a superstar. He set a single-season rushing record for his team, won Rookie of the Year honors and earned a starting position for the American Football Conference team at the Pro Bowl—the first time a running back from the Chiefs had ever done so. After the strike-shortened 1982 season, Joe was looking forward to the start of the Chiefs' training camp in July 1983.

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon, June 29, 1983, Joe was enjoying a relaxing afternoon at a park in Monroe, Louisiana. Suddenly, he was startled by a noise nearby. Hearing frantic cries for help, Joe saw that three young boys had climbed into a nearby pit filled with water, unaware that it dropped to a 20-foot depth not far from the edge. There were many other people in the park that day, but not one of them jumped into the water to come to the boys' rescue. Only Joe Delaney did. Without hesitating or breaking stride, he dove headlong into the water to try to save three young children he did not even know.

Through sheer strength, he was able to pull one boy back to the edge of the pit, saving his life. Then—to the amazement of onlookers—he dove under the water to try to grab the other two boys. But none of them returned to the surface. *Joe Delaney could not swim!*

Why did he do this? Where did the character come from that prompted this energetic young 24-year-old, with a great future yet ahead of him, to lay down his life for complete strangers? Such heroic action can only flow from character, carefully built and strengthened over the long haul. In the process of building character, the little things mean a lot. In fact, they form the **foundation** of character development in every human life.

Joe Delaney was rich and famous, yet he would still mow lawns and visit the elderly when he went home to Haughton, Louisiana in the off-season, and would pass out shoes and clothes on the street to children whom he had never met. These quiet and relatively unnoticed acts of kindness and concern for others helped to build the legacy of character that was taking root in Joe Delaney's life. Doing the right thing was obviously a big part of his innermost being. Doing the right thing, no matter what the cost, was first *and* second nature to him.

What is character? How is it acquired? Why does it make such a huge difference in our lives? Character has been defined as “what you do when no one is looking,” but that is only partly true. *Webster's* defines character as “moral strength; self discipline, fortitude.”

In other words, character is a pattern of behavior we follow all the time. It is a compilation of good decisions and right choices, involving relatively little things layered one on top of the other until a very special human being emerges, ready and willing to do very special things both small and great. Character involves values, standards and qualities that add up to who we are and what we do daily.

Character involves knowing what is right, deciding to do right instead of wrong, and then doing the right thing instead of the wrong thing *as a way of life*. Character is making right decisions and choices, every day, in both the big and little things of life. Make no mistake about it, little things mean a lot in developing character. We develop and exercise character through our decisions to be punctual, work hard, study diligently, keep our word and pay our debts. When we choose to be lazy, to be sloppy, to cheat and to gratify the self, we erode and may eventually demolish our character. We constantly choose between give or get, right or wrong—whether to take the high road or the low road. Our choices always involve free moral

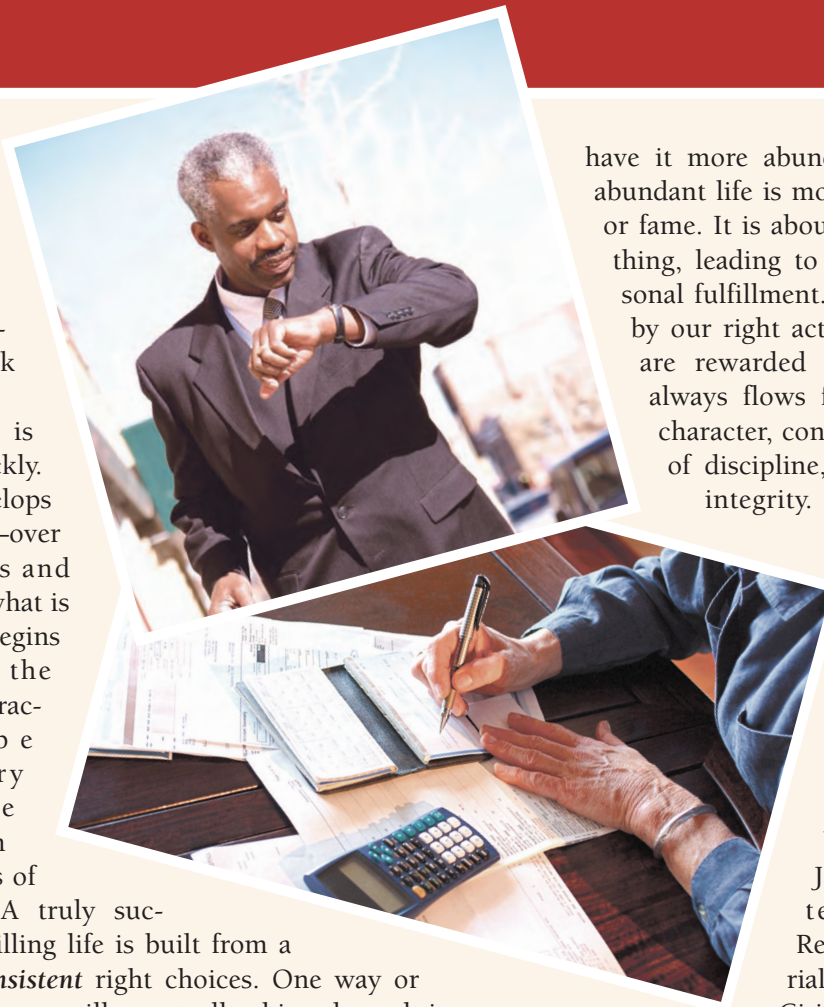


agency; nobody else can make these choices for us. We must make them ourselves, and stick by them.

Character is not formed quickly. Rather, it develops little by little—over weeks, months and years of doing what is right—until it begins to add up. On the other hand, character can be destroyed very quickly. One wrong decision can undo weeks of self-discipline. A truly successful and fulfilling life is built from a blueprint of *consistent* right choices. One way or another, who we are will eventually shine through in what we do—for better or for worse.

Jesus Christ of Nazareth was the personification of perfect, holy, righteous character, which He exemplified both physically and spiritually. When you carefully study His life, example and teaching, you see a pattern of choosing right over wrong, good over evil, give over get—and of serving others instead of waiting to be served—*every single time*. People who live that way are *Christians* in the fullest sense of the word. They have chosen to go down the right path, doing what is right whether or not it is comfortable—setting in motion a pattern of wise decision-making that guides them away from the pitfalls and untold miseries lurking down the wrong path. Jesus Christ set a stunning example of this when, just before His arrest, brutal scourging and crucifixion He said: “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will” (Matthew 26:39). Instead of taking the easy or comfortable route, Jesus Christ obeyed the Father to the point of death!

Jesus Christ wanted people to have life. He said: “I have come that they may have life, and that they may



have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). The abundant life is more than possessions, power or fame. It is about doing the good and right thing, leading to peace, happiness and personal fulfillment. Not only are we rewarded by our right actions, but others around us are rewarded as well. Abundant living always flows from a deep wellspring of character, constructed upon a foundation of discipline, sacrifice, temperance and integrity. It generates happy marriages, successful children and fulfilled lives that grow and mature with each passing year.

Twenty years later, *Sports Illustrated* writer Rick Reilly recalled Joe Delaney’s life and his heroic sacrifice: “He was buried on the Fourth of July, 20 years ago. A telegram from President Reagan was read at the memorial service. The Presidential Citizens Medal was awarded posthumously. Three thousand

people came to his funeral. A park in Houghton was named after him. No Chiefs player has worn number 37 since. The 37 Forever Foundation, a nonprofit group in Kansas City, honors him to this day by providing free swimming lessons to inner-city kids” (“No Ordinary Joe,” July 7, 2003). Joe Delaney left behind a wife and three daughters, and now four grandchildren. This special man lost his life much too early, but the legacy of his character *lives on* for us to remember and emulate.

Of course, God Himself showed us the greatest example of character and sacrifice through Jesus Christ. He wants us to make the right choices, and exhorts us: “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore *choose life*, that both you and your descendants may live” (Deuteronomy 30:19). As we learn to obey God and His word, we are choosing blessings and life, and we are building a legacy of character that will truly stand the test of time.

— Charles E. Bryce

The Mythology of Divorce

The average American would love to have a happy marriage to the right person. Most people who divorce come to the conclusion that they were simply terribly unlucky in getting stuck with the wrong mate. There is much to be said about being wise and choosing to commit one's life to the right person.

But is a quick divorce likely to be the answer for future happiness? If so, one would expect the divorce rate for second marriages to be much lower. Surely one seeking to remarry after a difficult marriage and divorce would tend to be a little more cautious and choosy. Amazingly, statistics do not support this hypothesis; divorce rates for second marriages are significantly higher, not lower, than for first marriages.

The Institute for American Values published a very interesting study in July 2002, titled: "Does Divorce Make People Happy?" Researchers studied 645 indi-

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viduals who reported unhappy marriages. When these unhappy people were surveyed five years later, those who remained married reported a far greater degree of happiness than those who had divorced. In fact, 66 percent of those who had stayed together reported that they were happy five years later—compared to a 19 percent rate of happiness among those who had divorced or separated.

A *Psychology Today* review of this study reported: "In fact, the most miserable marriages had the most dramatic turnarounds. Seventy-eight percent of people who stayed in *very unhappy* marriages said that the marriages were *currently happy* five years

later" ("Don't Divorce, Be Happy," November-December 2002).

Granted, there are valid reasons for divorce, including physical abuse, drug addiction and rampant sexual immorality. But for most typical unhappy marriages, statistics clearly demonstrate that someone who is unhappy in marriage is more than three times more likely to be happy five years later if he or she stays married, rather than seeks a divorce.

Some are beginning to question the appropriateness of no-fault divorces. Maggie Gallagher, author of *The Abolition of Marriage*, wrote: "Imposing a five- to seven-year waiting period for contested no-fault divorces—as do many European jurisdictions—would serve the ends of both justice and prudence, raising the number of marriages that ultimately succeed."

Divorce tends to undermine happiness for many reasons, not the least of which is its effect on children. When parents decide they are unhappy, and decide to divorce, it is not just the death of the marriage relationship; it is the death of the family relationship. Finances are another reason that unhappy couples who split still find themselves unhappy 81 percent of the time five years later. According to Lenore Weitzman, author of *The Divorce Revolution*: "One year after divorce, women's standard of living decreases by 73 percent."

God Himself, the Creator of marriage, emphatically stated: "The LORD God of Israel says that He hates divorce" (Malachi 2:16). God understands human nature far better than we do. Most unhappiness in marriage is caused by the violation of spiritual principles that God has designed for marital happiness. More often than not, when two self-centered human beings divorce, they carry the pattern of failure from the previous marriage into their single life or their second marriage. This is why most unhappy couples who stick it out, and gradually change and adapt, are happier five years later. This is why those who refuse to change—who choose to divorce and to carry the same patterns of self-centeredness into their next marriages—tend to be unhappy five years later. In most cases, for one seeking happiness, divorce should be the last choice, not the first choice.

—Jeffrey Fall

Evolution: Fact or Fiction? (Continued from page 13)

lism, repair, replication and specialized function. How does DNA work? Researchers have identified a four-letter genetic “alphabet” that is formed into three-letter sequences called *codons*. These provide the “instructions” for DNA. Even the simplest bacterium has a genome of about one million *codons*. As Dr. John Baumgardner, a geophysicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, asked: “Do coded algorithms which are a million words in length arise spontaneously by any known naturalistic process? Is there anything in the laws of physics that suggests how such structures might arise in a spontaneous fashion?”

Baumgardner answered his own questions with a frank scientific appraisal: “The honest answer is simple. What we presently understand from thermodynamics and information theory argues persuasively that they do not and cannot.”

If evolutionary theory cannot explain million-codon cells, then what is the explanation? Is there evidence of intelligent design behind the world we see around us? More and more scientists are acknowledging that this is indeed the case. One of the best-known proponents of intelligent design is Dr. Michael Behe, a biochemistry professor at Lehigh University and the author of *Darwin’s Black Box*. Dr. Behe sees “irreducible complexity” in the microscopic workings of the flagellum and the eye. Flagella—tiny whiplike appendages on microbes—have a molecular motor so intricate that even many scientists concede that it looks like it was designed. Some argue that the flagellum is itself “irre-

ducibly complex; others suggest that it contains two irreducibly complex subsystems whose coordination cannot be explained by evolution. As for the eye, Dr. Behe challenges evolutionists to explain the 11-*cis*-retinal molecule, which reacts with light to set off the biochemical process that produces vision. Note, too, the intricate cellular architecture of the retina—if you remove even a single component, then the whole system fails.

We could go on and on, discussing specialized creatures ranging from bombardier beetles to woodpeckers. We could examine the life cycle and migration patterns of monarch butterflies or the sonar possessed by bats. The more you look into the creation, the more evidence you find of design and of irreducible complexity. We live in a universe of interrelated intricacy, *not* one of random chance.

With all of the physical evidence that points to intelligent design, why do so many educated people cling tenaciously to an unproven theory that is not even a *theory* in the strict scientific use of the term, but is rather a fatally

flawed *hypothesis*? Nearly two millennia ago, the Apostle Peter foretold the controversy about origins, and explained the reason behind it: “Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, **walking according to their own lusts**, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation. *For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old...*’ (2 Peter 3:3–5). Dismissing the evidence of the catastrophes in ages past that bespeak God’s previous intervention in judgment, they cling to a doctrine of uniformitarianism. If everything merely continues along with very gradual changes, then one need not worry about God suddenly stepping into history to call His creation into account.

Make no mistake about it: the evidence of creation demands a Creator! That Creator reveals in His word that He will soon intervene to judge His creation. A time of reckoning is coming—and is coming soon, within the lifetimes of most who are reading this article. Are you ready? ■

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Why Human Suffering?

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fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart” (vv. 14–16).

Yes, if the “Israelites”—ancient *or* modern—would “despise” God’s statutes and show increasing disrespect and even disdain for the Ten Commandments and His entire way of life, He would bring “terror”—or “**terrorism**”—upon them! Next would come “*wasting disease and fever.*” Then, in succeeding verses, is described the “breaking” of the pride of power of these people and a state of drought and famine (v. 20). Later, even more terrible “pestilence” would come and finally their cities would be laid “waste.” Then, God said: “I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste” (vv. 31–33).

Why?

Because, as God deals with individuals, so He often deals with nations to “teach” very needed lessons. “For whom the Lord loves He **chastens**, and scourges every son whom He receives” (Hebrews 12:6). So, though many are unwilling to listen to what God says, He **will** intervene—individually and collectively—to teach human beings needed lessons so that we will finally learn to fulfill *His great purpose!*

God *will* get our attention—one way or another. He does not do this in spite, but in genuine *outflowing concern* to help a people who have been totally obsessed with “me-ism” and materialism. He wants us to **wake up** and be willing to genuinely **seek** our Creator and fulfill the supreme **purpose** for which we are drawing breath.

The God of the Bible is inspiring us in this Work. As His servants, we give you very important and helpful *warnings* about things to come so you may take needed action and *avoid* the suffering that will come to those who leave the true God out of the picture. Most of you know that articles for a magazine such as this have to be written *several weeks* ahead of time. So it is that I wrote the following *several weeks before* the earthquake and tsunami that struck last December 26. Notice the *advance warning* published in *this very editorial space* in the January-February 2005 issue of *Tomorrow’s World*:

“Events prophesied in your Bible are now beginning to occur with increasing frequency. In this Work of the living God, we are able to warn you about *what* is going to happen soon. We are not talking about decades in the future. We are talking about Bible prophecies that will intensify within the next five to 15 years of *your life*.... I want to give you some common sense advice involving your *physical* survival and your financial well-being.... Are we living in a low-lying coastal area where we may be in danger at a time of increasing hurricanes, tsunamis or similar natural disasters? Do we have at least a week’s supply of emergency food and water, flashlight batteries, a first-aid kit, a battery-powered radio, prescription medications and other essential items? Have we read the instructions from our nation or region about *how* to prepare for such emergencies as hurricanes, earthquakes or terrorists’ attacks?”

My friends, when I wrote those words in late 2004, did I specifically *know* that the terrible earthquake in Sumatra was going to occur? Of course not. Do I *know* of any other specific disaster or *terrorist attack* that may occur between the time I write this and the time you read this present Personal? *Of course not.* But, as a servant of the living God, I *do know* the basic outline of what God says **will** happen to our peoples at the time of the end. We are definitely now in the prophesied “last days!” We need to be willing to **heed** the direct words of the Bible in a way we have never done before!

If *you* are willing to genuinely *listen* and *understand*, please take seriously the warnings we give you in the pages of this magazine! For you will definitely see these events unfolding over the next several years of your life in a way that “mainstream” religions do not remotely understand—and certainly that mainstream news writers and columnists do not remotely understand, either! For, human as we are, we in this Work are *true* servants of the great God who is working out an awesome *purpose* here on earth. Are you “listening”?



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KY, Winchester: *Adelphia*—Ch 5, WED 3:00 pm

NJ, Newark: *Cablevision*—Ch 19, Check Local Listing

TX, Corpus Christi: *Time Warner*—Ch 10, SUN 10:30 am; WED 8:30 am

TX, Houston: *KHWB*—Ch 39, SAT 6:00 am

VT, Hyde Park: *GMATV*—Ch 15, Check Local Listing

AUSTRALIA

NSW, Willoughby: *Nine Network*—SUN 5:00 am

UNITED KINGDOM AND NW EUROPE

United Kingdom: *Eurobird*—Ch 678, SUN 6:30 am & 10:00 am; MON–FRI 1:30 am UTC

Europe, North Africa, Middle East: *Hotbird 6*—Ch 811, SUN 6:30 am & 10:00 am;
MON–FRI 1:30 am UTC

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