

The Creator's Origin of Life - 2

Last time we saw one of the arguments which were made in an attempt to uphold a “rationalist” view of the universe. Six monkeys were said to be capable, by random striking of keys on their typewriters, to writing all the books which may be found in British Museum. Mathematicians, far from substantiating the claim, showed that it would be unlikely to result in even a couple of lines of Shakespeare. The suggestion became a slight to Avon’s poet, but far worse - a gross insult to the Great Intelligence of the universe.

In total contrast, Psalms 104:1 begins, “Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, 2 Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment...” Genesis 1 speaks of the first day of Creation “2 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. 3 Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.”

From this we understand that apart from the physical light there is the distinction between enlightenment and ignorance, right and wrong, truth and error. The prophet describes the condition of mankind before Jesus returns, Isaiah 60:2 “the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people,” and a great part of that darkness is in the current rejection by so many of a belief in a personal Creator. But the light with God has both spiritual and physical aspects - 1 Timothy 6:15 speaking of him in the physical aspect, “who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see...”

The apostle John refers to the spiritual aspect, 1 John 1:5 “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”. God is, therefore, the primary source of light, in which are united purity and clearness, beauty and glory. The light of God is essential for the physical existence of every form of life and for the everlasting life that he will award to the sons of God. And so it was very appropriate, that light is the first mentioned element in the creation record.

The very way that God has arranged for light to sustain His creation stands as an ongoing testimony that life on earth cannot possibly be explained as a “fortuitous concourse of atoms”. At one time it was believed that plants in the garden converted elements of the soil into food. But now it is well understood that this food, in fact, is produced by the bringing together of two invisible elements with water - and this occurs both in land plants and in the oceans. In the leaves of land plants a complex circuit and flow of electrons converts water and carbon dioxide - powered by the light energy from the sun - into a form of sugar which is received by the main plant from the leaves, as the feedstock for the processes which convert it into food which can be harvested.

So it is that other plant cells convert that sugar into the particular food of that plant, whether tomatoes, potatoes, apples or coconuts. Besides putting oxygen as a byproduct of photosynthesis into the atmosphere, we are told in Genesis 1:29 where God said, “I have given you (referring to Adam & Eve) every herb that yields seed ... and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food” - all provided by the converting power of light from the sun.