

Gods Revelation in Nature (Part 2)

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

Personally, I cannot find adequate words to express the wonder, magnitude and beauty of this world we call home. Some of you have already shared personal insights on how you have been drawn closer to God through the awe-inspiring wonders of His creation. And I feel sure that many of my readers will agree that Nova Scotia has a "greater variety" of exceptional scenery than almost any location on earth.

Let us consider more examples of God's creative genius: Our planet has atmosphere in just the right composition, (78 parts nitrogen and 21 parts oxygen), to sustain life. The size of earth vitally affects the air we breathe. If the diameter of our earth were 9,500 miles instead of 8,000, its mass would be doubled, and the dense atmosphere would make breathing impossible. Or, if the diameter of the earth were only 7,200 miles, the decreased gravity would permit lighter gases such as oxygen to escape and cause heavier gases like carbon dioxide to settle. The earth's surface would be reduced to an area much like that of the moon. Someone, long ago decided the exact size of planet earth.

Oxygen, absorbed by the lungs, circulates through the blood to every cell in the body. The nutrition in each cell burns to produce energy, in turn producing carbon dioxide which is expelled through the respiratory system. Plants absorb carbon dioxide which combines with hydrogen to produce leaves and vegetables. Then the plants emit oxygen vital for human life. How did the plants and trees think up such a brilliant idea? What university taught them chemistry?

Did you know that silently, skillfully, day and night, down inside your bone marrow, little factories produce cells indispensable for life? Even more amazing, every molecule, of this protein called hemoglobin, has to include 758 atoms of carbon, 1203 atoms of hydrogen, 195 atoms of nitrogen, 3 atoms of sulfur, 1 atom of iron and 218 atoms of oxygen for a total of 2378 atoms per molecule. These are produced at the rate of 72 million per minute to replace some of the thirty trillion red corpuscles that malfunction. Where can we find a pharmacist who can duplicate that procedure?

All of these findings concerning the complexity of life make the idea of an intelligent Creator look more reasonable than any other theory on the market today. But, without open-mindedness, the strongest evidence will fail, for *"there are none so blind as those who will not see."*

Rather, ponder words by Stuart Hine, giving us a glimpse of the creative handiwork of God:

"When thro' the woods and forests glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!"

