

God's Revelation in Nature (Part one).

"All art and science begins with a sense of wonder." ALBERT EINSTEIN

Many people who spend time with nature testify sensing the invisible God behind His visible creation. They discover this natural universe to be a vast autograph album with its pages made up of mountains and molecules, birds and flowers; and God's signature is written, sometimes very small and sometimes hugely large, on every page.

Let us look at some of the variables that must be exactly right in order to sustain life on earth. Our sun must be the right age, mass, temperature and chemical makeup. Its position, at 92.5 million miles from Earth, is ideal. If we were only 2% closer or 2% farther away life here would be unbearable.

Water, is absolutely essential for life, covers 75% of the Earth's surface, approximately 96% salt and 4% fresh. If all the water contained salt, we would die of thirst; but if it contained far less we could die of pollution.

Our moon at 400,000 km from earth, has a great influence on the tides. The ebb and flow of these salt water surges provide an excellent cleansing agent along our shores. If the moon was considerably closer, strategic areas of land would be submerged twice every day.

Water expands when it freezes, whereas other liquids contract. Without this unique property, our lakes and rivers would freeze from the bottom up, resulting in disaster for aquatic life.

Models of the solar system by the Carnegie Institution of Washington have shown that the planet Jupiter with its large, powerful gravitational field prevents many comets and asteroids from striking the earth. It is estimated that comets could reach the earth a thousand times more frequently if Jupiter did not maintain its present position.

Earth's magnetism keeps its mountains from falling off into the sea.

Who spins the earth at a given speed so that we have day and night?

Who tilts it so that we have seasons.

A fish known as the mud skipper had a periscope before the Navy.

Bats have been flying by radar for centuries.

Honeybees have air-conditioning in their hives, maintaining a constant temperature.

Who guides young birds in their first migration from Alaska to Hawaii without chart or compass? Where did these small creatures learn such advanced technology?

If space permitted, hundreds of other examples of intelligent design could be given. But to even suggest that such unbelievable complexity could just happen through random changes within blind, lifeless matter, takes a much greater leap of faith than to believe it was all planned and sustained by a Supreme Creator, one with intelligence and power far beyond human comprehension.

As mathematician and astronomer Fred Hoyle phrased it, "The probability that higher life forms might have emerged by purely natural means, is comparable with the probability of a Boeing 747 being assembled by a tornado roaring through a junk yard." "Hoyle of Evolution," *Nature*, (vol. 294, Nov. 12, 1981), p.105

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities. His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen... so that men are without excuse"(Romans 1:20).