

The Wonder of it All By Mark Jurkovich

Have you ever stopped to take in a breathtaking sunset or natural landscape and sense a glimpse of the wonder of God's creation? Do you realize that this is how we should react on a daily basis? Everywhere we look is a testimony to His awesome, loving, creative power. As Paul states:

"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" (Romans 1:20, NKJV)

We are surrounded by the wonders of God's creation. But we are all guilty of taking it for granted.

From the sub atomic particle to the expanse of the universe, God's handiwork is clearly evident to those whose eyes are open to see it. Take the nucleus of atoms for example. The nucleus is composed of many protons and neutrons.



These protons should repel each other, but something that has been defined as the nuclear binding energy keeps them together. Man can name it, and even measure it and make some predictions about it, but I don't think anyone can really say that they know why it works.¹ As one song from the late Rich Mullins says: "If He let go of us, we'd all blow apart".² I believe that aptly describes why the nuclear binding energy works.

As science continues to understand more and more of how living things work, rather than explaining God away with our growing knowledge, we are seeing more and more the vast complexity of all living things. As Paul also says they are "willingly ignorant" who continue to insist it all came about by chance processes.

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed

like one of these." Matthew 6:28. 29. NKJV

Take for example photosynthesis, a big word that every grade school student learns. But that single word represents a highly complex and miraculous process without which no life would survive. "Hundreds of chemical reactions take place in perfect sequence, like a production line in a well-organized factory." Only God could have designed this amazing balance where plants convert energy from the sun to grow, reproduce and be a source of food for animals. Then even their waste products (water and oxygen) are used by animals, and the animals in turn produce carbon dioxide which the plants require.

So each time you see any plant or animal, even a blade of grass or your household pet, realize they are declaring the glory of our loving creator and savior. And let it remind you to rest on Him.

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" (Matt 6:25, NKJV)

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