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Lesson #4: **Book of Proverbs, Lesson 4**

Divine Wisdom and Creation

This week's lesson focused mostly on the relationship between Creation and Wisdom, especially on Monday's lesson and Proverbs 8:22-31.

Our Memory Text: "The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old." Proverbs 8:22

Consider the connection between Creation and Wisdom in the following SOP statements:

"The apostle Peter, speaking of the revelations given to the prophets of 'the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow,' says that these are things which 'the angels desire to look into.' And these will be the study of the redeemed through eternal ages. As they contemplate the work of God in creation and redemption, new truth will continually unfold to the wondering and delighted mind. As they learn more and more of the wisdom, the love, and the power of God, their minds will be constantly expanding, and their joy will continually increase. If it were possible for created beings to attain to a full understanding of God and His works, then, having reached this point, there would be for them no further discovery of truth, no growth in knowledge, no further development of mind or heart. God would no longer be supreme; and men, having reached the limit of knowledge and attainment, would cease to advance. Let us thank God that it is not so. God is infinite; in Him are 'all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.' And to all eternity men may be ever searching, ever learning, and yet they can never exhaust the treasures of His wisdom, His goodness, and His power." 5T 702, 703

As we contemplate God's creation, new truths will unfold. As we learn more and more of the (1) wisdom, (2) love, and (3) power of God, not only will our mental capacity increase, but we will have more joy

Consider this statement as well:

"Love, the basis of creation and of redemption, is the basis of true education. This is made plain in the law that God has given as the guide of life. The first and great commandment is, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind.' Luke 10:27. To love Him, the infinite, the omniscient One, with the whole strength, and mind, and heart, means the highest development of every power. It means that in the whole being--the body, the mind, as well as the soul--the image of God is to be restored." Ed 16

It is interesting that "love" is the basis of understanding and appreciating both Creation and Redemption. To reach the highest development of body, mind, and soul, we must express our love and faith in Him who has given us life.



Let us think about a few things

If love is the basis of creation and redemption, and the study of creation will unfold new truths for us, then let us begin by looking at a few things concerning creation versus evolution.

Thought #1

A living organism is much more complex than a machine. For example, a bird is far more complex than a mouse trap.

Everybody would agree that the mouse trap was made by someone. Nobody would suggest that it came about by random processes of great lengths of time.

But think about a bird. It has eyes to see. That is pretty complex. Eyes are far more complex than a mouse trap.

The bird has wings to fly that have to be just right. Wings are much more complex than a mouse trap.

The bird has a digestive system to eat and a respiratory system to breathe. It has a brain to think and to make quick decisions. All these things are far more complex than a mouse trap.

You need two birds to even have birds. They would have to be of different genders, namely, a male and female. This reproductive system is also much more complex than a mouse trap.

You cannot mate an eagle with a sparrow. It would have to be two sparrows to produce the next generation of sparrows.

Science has proven that the chicken/sparrow came before the egg. The bird secretes a certain element that makes an egg even possible. In other words, it was impossible for the egg to have come first.

So we ask ourselves this question: Why is it that the evolutionists have no problem accepting that some intelligent designer was behind the existence of a mouse trap, but believe that this very complex bird happened by chance?

They choose to ignore the Information Theory which states that concept and design can only come from a mind. If you have a mouse trap, which clearly illustrates concept and design, then there must have been a mind behind it. Well, how much the more so for the existence of birds and every other living creature?

Information requires intelligence and design requires a designer. It seems improbable that life evolved via unintelligent processes. In fact, it literally goes against commonly held laws.



Thought #2

The brain contains over 100 billion cells; each cell has over 50,000 connections to other brain cells. This brain structure receives over 100 million separate signals from the entire body every second.

A human cell can store about 3 terabytes of information, and other cells can store the equivalent of 1000 encyclopedias. The body is made up of 75 trillion cells. That's a lot of information!

Now consider this, science has proved that if we learned something new every second, it would take well over 3 million years to exhaust the memory capacity of our brain. So how can we have a brain that holds 3 million years of information, when we live only an average of 75 years?

You see, evolution teaches that we develop what we need. So why would evolutionary processes produce 3 million years' worth of memory capacity when we live only about 75 years? And the answer is, "It would not."

The fact is that God created us with this capacity because God did not intend for us to die, but to live forever. The only reasonable answer to why we have such a large brain capacity is creation.

Our eye has 10 million cells that interact with each other in complex ways. What the eye can process in one second would take a supercomputer to process in at least 100 years.

Thought #3

If you start with 8 people about 4500 years ago, how many people would be estimated to be in the world today? Noah lived 4500 years ago and his family of 8 got on the ark, based upon population statistics there would be around 7 billion people today. This is our current world population.

Evolutionists believe that you and I [which they call homo sapiens], began about 41,000 years ago. If you start the homo sapien species with 8 people about 41,000 years ago, there would not be enough room on the planet to contain them.

There are so many other things that we could consider. There is the earth's magnetic field, evidence of the Flood and the geologic strata, the existence of moral laws, the rate of erosion, and much more. But let us consider the evidence of DNA.

Thought #4

A computer specialist is the intelligence behind the computer working. A computer is not simply plastic, metal, and wires. A computer specialist designed that it would have the capability to store and retrieve information. In



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the same way, Someone needed to design the working of DNA that specifies every stage of growth. Much like a computer, DNA is not simply something physical. DNA is information.

DNA is like millions of volumes of books with perfectly spelled words, perfect sentence structures, all written out in perfect order without any errors. No one would suggest that a novel was written by someone who was just randomly typing on a computer. Thought had to go into typing every word and writing every sentence. So it is with DNA.

DNA is a double helix molecule that stores all the information for every stage of your life, with all of its complexity. For each person, all that information weighs less than a few thousand millionths of a gram. In fact, all the information necessary to specify all species on Earth could be held in a teaspoon. Therefore to teach that computers have an intelligent designer, but human DNA does not, is simply incredible and utterly tragic.

Take for example the human eye. For there to be a functioning eye for any species, the DNA for that species must have called for a full functioning eye. You cannot have 5% of an eye. You either have an eye or you do not. Sight requires optic nerves, relevant muscles, the retina, the rods and cones, and other delicate and complicated structures. There must be an Intelligent Designer behind all species having eyes. In the same way, you cannot have 5% of a lung. You either have a lung to breathe or you do not. Birds cannot have 5% of a wing and at the same time have the ability for flight.

Now consider this, how many species have eyes? The answer is millions. How would it be possible for all species to develop eyes by random processes or by chance? It is simply impossible. There is more! You cannot just have a pair of eyes, you must also have a brain that retrieves information from these eyes. In addition, what would be the purpose of having sight and a brain if you did not possess motor skills like walking, swimming, or flying? All these various parts of the body have to be not only functioning fully at the same time, but they have to develop properly in the life of the creature. All this is predetermined in that DNA molecule. It is already there! It did not need to be developed over millions of years of evolution.

Thought #5

Ultimately, wisdom is knowing Him who created all things. Wisdom is more than a working knowledge of biology, zoology, or any other kind of –ology. We can gain knowledge by studying the things God has made, but wisdom is knowing Him who made these things. So the Bible rightly begins, “In the beginning God....”

Wisdom is having Fellowship with Him who made all things

Consider these words of Paul found in Ephesians 3:8-11, 15-19

“Unto me [Paul], who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ.” Verse 8.



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Paul had been taken to the third heaven and was shown the “unsearchable riches of Christ.” Imagine what beautiful things he must have seen. He no doubt saw things that our feeble human language cannot adequately describe. However, in these verses he is attempting to help our finite minds grasp the beautiful mystery of fellowship with God.

“And to make all men see what is the **fellowship** [koinonia] of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:” Verse 9.

The fellowship/koinonia that we have with God is a mystery. It is a beautiful mystery that has been hid in the heart of God before anything was. When He created everything that is, He created it for fellowship with Himself. By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit we gain greater glimpses of this mystery as we grow in Christ.

“To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.” Verse 10.

The Father would manifest His wisdom, through the church, via His fellowship with each member. The whole of the angelic order and unfallen worlds would better understand this wonderful fellowship of the mystery by beholding the precious fellowship/koinonia that God has with the human family.

“According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Verse 11.

The Father had an eternal purpose which He purposed in His Son, Jesus Christ. The very fellowship of the mystery began in His own fellowship with His Son. This wonderful fellowship is what God wants to share with us, that we might have fellowship with Them.

“Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man: that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height: and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.” Verses 15-19.

It is through the “fellowship of the mystery” that we all become part of the family of God, whereby Christ dwells in our hearts by faith, and we are strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man.

John 1:1-3. In these verses, John invites us to share in the precious fellowship with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands handled, of the Word of life;”



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Here John expresses the greatest joy of his life, namely, the very presence of Jesus.

“For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us.”

John tells us that Jesus “manifested” before them **the** life. What life? Eternal life. What eternal life? The life that was with the Father. In God is life, and without God there is no life. We can all enjoy this eternal life by having sweet fellowship with God.

“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship [koinonia] with us: and truly our fellowship [koinonia] is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

John tasted of the life that comes from God. It filled his soul. The very presence of the Father and the Son transformed his life. He was a new creation, and he invites us to enter into this fellowship with God.

2 Peter 1:3, 4: These verses tell us that we enter into this fellowship with God by partaking of the divine nature.

“According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers [koinonia] of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

We have fellowship/koinonia with God by “partaking of His divine nature.” The fellowship of the mystery which was hid in the very heart of the Father, which He purposed in His Son, which was made manifest to us in the life of Jesus, is to be manifested in us as we become partakers of His divine nature.

True wisdom comes from knowing Him who made all things. The only way to know God is to have fellowship with Him. This fellowship is the result of allowing God to share Himself with us. We have the privilege of receiving His love, patience, mercy, and goodness. This close connection with God is our calling and purpose in life.

“Ye were called unto the fellowship [koinonia] of His Son.” 1 Corinthians 1:9.

“We become partakers of the life of Christ, which is eternal. We derive immortality from God by receiving the life of Christ, for in Christ dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.” Mar 302.

Eternal life is the Spirit and life of God which we receive and partake of through Christ.



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“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life [eternal life]; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” 1 John 5:11, 12.

“Christ became one flesh with us, in order that we might become one spirit with Him. It is by virtue of this union that we are to come forth from the grave,--not merely as a manifestation of the power of Christ, but because, through faith, His life has become ours. Those who see Christ in His true character, and receive Him into the heart, have everlasting life. It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us; and the Spirit of God, received into the heart by faith, is the beginning of the life eternal.” DA 388.

“He may die, as Christ died, but the life of the Savior is in him. His life is hid with Christ in God. ‘I am come that they might have life,’ Jesus said, ‘and that they might have it more abundantly.’ He carries on the great process by which believers are made one with Him in this present life, to be one with Him throughout all eternity. . . . At the last day He will raise them as a part of Himself. . . . Christ became one with us in order that we might become one with Him in divinity.” Mar 301.

“Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.” John 6:53-57.

“Christ must be all in all to us, He must dwell in the heart, His life must circulate through us as the blood circulates through the veins. His Spirit must be a vitalizing power.” 5 SDABC 1144.

Obviously, it is not Christ’s physical body that lives in us, but through the Holy Spirit He dwells in our heart. We become one with Him and thus one with the Father. This is the beautiful picture of koinonia with God, fellowship with God. *The Desire of Ages* best defines this koinonia model when describing the great law of life, the law of receiving to giving:

“There is nothing, save the selfish heart of man, that lives unto itself. No bird that cleaves the air, no animal that moves upon the ground, but ministers to some other life. There is no leaf of the forest, or lowly blade of grass, but has its ministry. Every tree and shrub and leaf pours forth that element of life without which neither man nor animal could live; and man and animal, in turn, minister to the life of tree and shrub and leaf. The flowers breathe fragrance and unfold their beauty in blessing to the world. The sun sheds its light to gladden a thousand worlds. The ocean, itself the source of all our springs and fountains, receives the streams from every land, but takes to give. The mists ascending from its bosom fall in showers to water the earth, that it may bring forth and bud. “The angels of glory find their joy in giving,--giving love and tireless watchcare to souls that are fallen and unholy. Heavenly beings woo the hearts of men; they bring to this dark world light from the courts above; by gentle and patient ministry they move upon the human spirit, to bring the lost into a fellowship with Christ which is even closer than they themselves can know.



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“But turning from all lesser representations, we behold God in Jesus. Looking unto Jesus we see that it is the glory of our God to give. ‘I do nothing of Myself,’ said Christ; ‘the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father.’ ‘I seek not Mine own glory,’ but the glory of Him that sent Me. John 8:28; 6:57; 8:50; 7:18. In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father’s life flows out to all; through the Son, it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life.” DA 20, 21

“The sanctification of the soul by the working of the Spirit is the implanting of Christ’s nature in humanity.” COL 384

“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

There is no such thing as eternal life without God in your life. Why? Because the only life that is eternal is the life of God. Both the Father and the Son possess eternity. Therefore, when we have fellowship/koinonia with the Father and with the Son, we have life eternal. This is not mere knowledge of the God, but allowing His life to become our own. This is true wisdom.

This life and wisdom come to us through the work of the Holy Spirit.

“The Holy Spirit is the vital presence of God.” ST, August 7, 1901

“The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as their personal Savior. There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.” EV 615

“The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God.” EV 617

“The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ.” DA 805

“It is the Holy Spirit, the redeeming grace of truth in the soul, that makes the followers of Christ one with one another and one with God.” YSRP 34



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