

## Entropy

On occasion, I am asked by way of greeting, “How are you doing?” I don’t think people really want to know so I spare them the gory details about the latest bone in my leg. However, it does give me opportunity to respond in a different-than-expected way. I sometimes say, “Oh, it’ll get worse”... and grin.

As you might expect, some folks are taken aback by such a seemingly negative response but it does give me an opportunity to explain that I am not a negative person, just okay in accepting reality. In the field of Physics, there is a Second Law of Thermodynamics which, roughly speaking, states that everything is falling apart, becoming more random. This existence has been in the process of continual corruption since dirt... literally. When sin entered the world through Adam, things began to die and they have been dying since.

The Bible confirms this scientific principle. David said: *“Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment”* (Psalm 102:25-26a). The apostle John agreed: *“the world is passing away”* (1 John 2:17). *“For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away”* (James 4:14). As should be evident, the idea of this existence being endless is a fantasy unworthy of thinking people.

Therefore, the question becomes (since science and the Bible agree), how does the Christian respond to this reality? We could mope about, dreading impending doom and making those around us “rue the day” we were born (and some folks are masters of misery). Or, as a much more intelligent alternative, we could plan for eternity with joy, even looking forward to Heaven since *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him”* (1 Corinthians 2:9). It may get worse but later, it gets better beyond belief.

How we deal with today depends largely upon what we expect tomorrow. Paul, in discussing the potential for a resurrection, stated, *“If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable”* (1 Corinthians 15:19). So, there’s really no sense in falling apart.

JDS