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Thus Saith the Lord

MOTHER NATURE

By Jeff Sweeten

The world is a wonder. The majesty of a white-capped Everest mountain, the golden waves of a Kansas wheat field, the arid desolation of the African Sahara, all full of life and fascinating to watch. While dozing through The Discover Channel, I listened out of the corner of my ear as a narrator slowly saturated his narrative with the Darwinist droppings of random chance and amoeba origins. I like wildlife shows but the recurring macroevolution bias that permeates programs of this nature is nauseating.

So, why would a narrator use personification? It's puzzling, I thought, using words like "**designed**" and referring to "**Mother Nature**," repeatedly asserting that "**nature made**" this or that. If he had thought about what he said, the contradiction was egregious and embarrassing. Design demands intelligence. "Mother Nature," the god of atheists, is a personification. Matter is void of mental faculty; only sentient beings have the capacity to "**make**" anything. The evidences of design scream so loudly in atheistic scientists' ears that, in order to accommodate the obvious, he has to create a euphemistic "**Mother Nature**."

Too often, Christians cower at the pontification of scholarly acumen draped in smug robes of jargon. (anyone can get wordy with a good dictionary). To substitute science-phobic emotionalism for reason is not a response. One can ignore the spiritual challenge, hoping it will go away, but apathy and ignorance never work. Catering to "scientific" self-confidence is just compromise (theistic evolution). Is it any wonder, in these responses, that so many see Christianity as a reality dodge, an escape to avoid the **facts**?

Bowing to the idol of pseudo-science conflicts with addressing "oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20, KJV). What some tout as "knowledge" is just poor theory, void of data (e.g., transitional fossil records) or falsified "evidence" (cf. Java Man). Proving the origin of life is scientifically impossible; it's a philosophic issue. Credible scientists know the fact that matter can neither be created nor destroyed and is not eternal; the source question must be relegated to alternate academic arenas. "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1), but only by revelation can we truly know the God of heaven, in whom "all things consist" (Colossians 1:17). Evidence of God is overwhelming; the atheist must invent his "**Mother Nature**." After all, man, by nature, knows design when he sees it.

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