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An unbelieving world

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# FOREWORD

Mr and Mrs Payne loved the Word of God and their Bible study groups. The books and pamphlets they wrote, brought many, including my wife and I, to know Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, as Lord and Saviour. He had a vigorous inquiring mind and his greatest interest, other than the Scriptures, was in Creation. He established a seven acre garden at Athelstone, in the foothills of Adelaide which, some years after his death, became one of the South Australian Reserves. Two particular plants he cultivated bear his name and many of the observations about flowers and birds in the Seal of God, are his own.

He placed the book in my hands some time before his death in 1972, at which time I re-wrote it, adding more material to the original. It has reached out to thousands all over the world since that first little book, giving added confidence to those who love the Lord, encouraging those young in the faith, and has been the means of bringing many unbelievers to find salvation through Christ Jesus our Lord.

This final revision undertaken in my 96<sup>th</sup> year, will be my last. I am grateful for the support in this revision, of my grandson David, who has been taught the scriptures faithfully from his childhood by his grandmother, Florence and his mother, Patricia.

This 'little book' written by Mr. F. C. Payne and first published in 1946 presents evidence, which cannot be denied, that every thing we see on this earth, even the earth itself, has a specific intricate design of its own and it is filled with intelligent life which was created that no other planet has.

It is a unique world and if you believe God created this earth for us, you will be enthralled by the evidence presented here. If it has never occurred to you that the earth and we are created by a Creator who loves all life, you

will be encouraged to seek Him further and if you are one who neither believes in God or creation, there is a challenge here for you no hypothesis can ever satisfy.

God Himself said in Isaiah 45:18. 'This is what the LORD says - He who created the heavens, He is God; He who fashioned and made the earth, He founded it; He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited and said "I am the LORD your GOD and there is no other" ' and He gave it to us as our own to care for it, to protect it and fill it with our children.

He did not ask much of us, except to fill the earth, walk with Him and follow His instructions or disaster was inevitable but, when the deceiver persuaded us He was not that strict, we disobeyed Him and sin entered the world. The desire to enjoy the things He had created, instead of the Creator, almost brought us to the loss of everything and we had no excuse.

Praise God, that He fulfilled the promise He had made in Genesis 3 that He would send one who would deliver us from the deceiver.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16-17 (NKJV)

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Mr. Payne, in his first edition, wrote.

My purpose in this little book is to set forth in clear, simple language evidence which cannot be denied that:-

- God is the mighty Creator of all things.
- The Bible as originally given is God's revelation to man.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only Saviour of the world.

It must be obvious to every honest person that a dense cloud of spiritual darkness hangs over the world today sometimes even in the church to which we look for guidance and it is because, as the Word of God says, 'Where there is no vision the people perish.'

The average person today is in complete darkness and ignorance of their purpose for being here, where they are going, or what lies beyond the veil and for the most part they do not care. Life has become a gamble.

My purpose therefore, in this little work, is to bring forth abundant evidence of the Hand of God in the things around us and then show that the Author of Creation is also the Author of the Bible.

The marvellous things God has permitted to be revealed in recent years have placed the Bible like a beacon high above the crumbling ruins of the theories of its critics and anyone, who scoffs at the Bible today, is simply showing their ignorance of revealed facts. If you the reader still remain in darkness and ignorance after prayerfully perusing the evidence presented here, then great indeed is the darkness which has overwhelmed you but it will obviously be because of your unwillingness to accept the facts you have seen.

The Word of God declares the world 'loves darkness rather than light' John 3:19 but nevertheless, there are those who would welcome some real tangible evidence of the reality of God and His Plan for His World and to all such I trust this little book will find its way, proving to be a storehouse of treasure and the means of opening many blind eyes and giving new zeal for the Word of God.

F. C. Payne  
January 1945

# WITHOUT EXCUSE

This present revision seeks to emphasise the Hand of God upon all His Creation in the same way that Mr. Payne was first led to write it and clearly we are 'Without Excuse' if we ignore the Hand of God on all His Work. The Scriptures make it clear that the visible things we see in the world, nature which teems around us, the flowers which bloom, the sea and all within it, the birds which fly, the animals who roam its surface, the very earth on which we live and the evidence of our own existence, reveal to the heart which searches for meaning, the God who created all these things. In Romans 1:19-20 we read:

'Because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 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, so that they are without excuse.' (NKJV)

They are so clearly His Workmanship and, just as clearly, not our own that we are indeed 'without excuse' if we deny it. They are all made for purpose and have, within them all, the 'Seal' of He who made them.

One does not need to be an atomic scientist these days to know, even if we cannot understand it, that electrons have specific patterns, impossible to alter without rendering them unstable, because we believe these facts which have been discovered by some and verified by others.

It is not necessary to be a botanist to understand that various species are identified as belonging to a specific genera determined by their structure and pattern because, these are published facts. One does not have to be a specialist to understand that all these patterns show a Hand, and a Knowledge, beyond the ability of man to understand yet, despite this fact, scientists use these little understood 'norms', with their variations and patterns and paths as a foundation for their studies because they are reliable.

All knowledge is not the prerogative of all men but knowledge has been gathered and stored so that ordinary people, such as us, can draw upon that knowledge with freedom and use it for further reference and study in areas which interest us. Therefore, in this book, we are going to examine some of those designs which draw our attention to the Master Designer and, perhaps, even look beneath the surface of some and see further proof of His Hand in places we had not thought to find Him before.

They are like the watermarks we see in our banknotes which verify they are genuine, but they go further than that for they are there to encourage us to seek even more diligently for the God we have already believed in and give us opportunity to disclose His Hand to those who have not seen Him. I firmly believe that design in flowers, orchids, vegetation, human and animal life, atomic structure, and the galaxies, show the 'Seal' of a Hand and a Mind which is beyond our capacity to know or understand and one which created all these things long before our eyes had ever seen them or our own minds began to understand they were even there.

This follows in atomic structure, all life, and the written Word of God itself and I believe these patterns in Creation reveal to all that the great Architect of them all is God Himself and further, that the patterns revealed in numeric design in Scripture declare to the 'doubter' that His Hand is there also.

The verses from Romans 1:19-20 are followed by a warning and speaks to those who, despite having clearly seen these things, still deny them. Instead they worship the created thing instead of the creator. Romans 1:25 says about those, 'who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator' (NKJV). God will 'give them up.' (Romans 1:24). They are 'without excuse.' (Romans 1:20)

# WHAT IS LIFE

Now, as we examine the evidence of His Hand in these things, it is my prayer that all who see it will turn to Him and find Him as their God and Father and, finding Him, will trust His Word, see His Plan of Redemption, and come to know His Son as their sin bearer, Saviour, and Lord. It turns our attention to the question WHAT IS LIFE? and the following words from Genesis are surely sufficient. 'And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.' Genesis 2:7 (KJV).

That beautiful, simple, moving, deeply mysterious and wonderful text has satisfied millions who have found God but there are many other millions who simply must have facts about 'life' before they will admit there is Someone who gave that life.

Think about the marvellous way our body is made and how efficiently it can do the most difficult things without any obvious thought. How it can take control of new discoveries and use them to its advantage even though they are not fully understood. Surely it is evidence, that we were created by an intelligence far beyond our ability to understand. It could only be made possible by a Supreme Being who alone holds the key of life itself. He is the only One able to create such an efficient, living, thinking, creature.

Not one of the body functions we are about to examine could have developed from a more primitive stage. All must have been functioning as they are now to exist at all.

The investigation of the structure and the complexity of this body can only bring one logical conclusion, that is, the great Giver of Life, our God, is a Master Craftsman beyond compare, beyond ordinary understanding, and One to be searched for with our whole heart... 'But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.' Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV).

For a moment let us examine the Cell for it is the essential element in the 'make-up' of all life and the cell we are about to look at is the body cell or the SOMATIC CELL. This cell is invisible to the naked eye and yet this minute speck has proved to be, biologically, a living, working, compartmented, organised, and extremely complex chemical factory and this has all been revealed to us today under the tremendous magnification of the electron microscope.

Chemically it has in its composition carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur, phosphorus, chlorine, potassium, iron, fluorine, and iodine and within the cell are organisms called enzymes. These are one of the most complicated, mysterious, and marvellous things known to man. These enzymes, in conjunction with the numerous, molecules, can do what no chemical laboratory of man could ever do, and do it quickly, efficiently and continuously. There are many compartments in this living factory, involving millions of active sub-cells, all working to a pre-determined code and then, within the nucleus of the cell, are the chromosomes.

The cell of every living thing has its fixed number of chromosomes and they form a combination lock which locks up the species and compels them to obey the command of God. We read in Genesis 1 six times that all life was to 'bring forth after its kind' or identical with itself.

However, and this is important, vitally important, within the chromosomes are the minute genes, several millions of them, which, like the notes on a piano, provide for an almost endless variety within the species and, may I repeat, WITHIN the species.

One of the most marvellous facts about the cell is that it cannot grow, or develop, gradually. Only a living cell can produce a cell because, to live, it must be a complete working unit.

How then does the cell multiply? This is one of the most wonderful and mysterious things ever witnessed.

In a process called mitosis, the cell divides and amid intense activity, both visible and invisible, the cell becomes two living factories and each again do the same to become 4..8..16..32..64 and so on! However, each body demands different forms of cells amid wonders multiplied. The implanted plan in the cell knows exactly what combinations of chemicals from its storehouse to call upon and which departments to call into service to provide and produce the particular cells required for the part of the body being built, whether it be man or plant!

The spirals of the chromosomes must contain an enormous amount of information and it is clear, that wonderful and ingenious mechanisms must be embedded there. Remember, we are dealing with a microscopic world whose working units vary from ultra-microscopic to barely discernible, misty movements, and on into invisible powers, beyond the reach of even the most powerful electron microscopes, wherein are hidden the marvellous mysteries of life.

When I ponder these wonderful things myself as I write these words, there comes to my mind the insistence with which some evolutionists expound that the beginnings of life were simple and then moved towards the complex as time unfolded. Yet, here we have, in the apparently simple cell, this highly complex system mostly beyond our comprehension.

A fact, sufficiently demonstrable, one would think, to turn all away from unprofitable speculation about evolution and cause our hearts and minds to seek for the infinitely wise and loving Creator who designed such wonders.

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