

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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Design in Nature

by Matt Hennecke

- Recent studies of wasps show that they are better fliers than any airplane. Tony Maxworth, an aerospace engineering professor at the University of Southern California, has shown that wasps flap their wings around 400 times a second. The movement creates vortices of air that generate five to six times more lift than a fixed wing can give.
- Recent discoveries by Cornell University have shown that homing pigeons can actually use barometric pressure to navigate from one elevation to another. Their ability to differentiate pressures is so sensitive that they can tell the difference between the pressure at the ceiling and floor of a room.
- Recent studies at the University of Wisconsin have shown that wood cutting boards are superior to plastic ones. Microbiologists contaminated both wood and plastic cutting boards with Salmonella. On the wood cutting boards 99% of the bacteria died, none died on the plastic cutting boards. Wood has anti-bacterial properties not found in any man-made materials (see Lev. 15:12).
- Geese flying in a V formation have at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. When the lead goose gets tired, he drops to the back and another goose takes the lead.
- The daisy is made up of hundreds of smaller florets. These florets are always arranged into an intricate, inward-swirling pattern. A bee visiting a daisy is always guided from the outside toward the center of the blossom. The outside of the flower is made to pick up pollen; the center is made to release pollen. When a bee visits the flower, the flower first picks up any pollen on the bee's body. Then, as the insect follows the pattern inward, the flower releases its own pollen onto the bee's body. This is crucial for the survival of the daisy.

Seems way too far from the scope or possibilities of evolution, doesn't it?



Reasons to Believe Design in Creation

By Matt Hennecke

All around us there is design. Consider the passage of the planets in our solar system; the rising and setting of the sun. Consider the complexity of the human brain, and the human eye. All of these designs are precise and complex. Is it possible that they came about by chance? Or, does the design suggest (or demand!) a Designer?

We learn from science that atoms are the building blocks of all matter, and that atoms consist of electrons circling a nucleus made of neutrons. What is the force behind this motion? What keeps everything in its place and functioning?

DESIGN IN MAN

Of the human body, did you know:

- The nerve endings in your fingers can detect a pressure that depresses your skin a bare **.00004 of an inch**.
- Humans can feel the wind from a bee's wing on their cheek from about **half an inch away**.
- The human eye can see a candle flame from **30 miles away** on a clear, dark night.
- The human eye can distinguish more than **300,000** different color variations.
- The human nose can smell **one drop of perfume** diffused through a three-room apartment.
- Humans can taste **.04 ounces** of table salt dissolved in **530 quarts** of water.
- The human ear can gauge the direction of a sound's origin based on a **.00003 second** time difference in its arrival from one ear to the other.
- The amount of information in the DNA molecule is almost unbelievable. If reduced to the English language and printed, it would take **13 complete sets** of the Encyclopedia Britannica to hold the data in one DNA molecule.

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16