

THE MIRACLE OF LIFE

Dr. MacRae:-- Sometimes it is said that the age of miracles is past. Actually, however, we constantly see on every side evidence of the greatest miracle of all, the miracle of life.

We are so used to the existence of life that we fail to realize what a marvel it is. All around us we see people like ourselves, walking, talking, thinking, and making decisions. We find ourselves in a universe that is made up of thousands of complex processes. Life moves forward in ways that no one can accurately predict. Where does it all come from? What makes it possible?

To this question the Bible gives an answer: Life is a miracle; it is the creation of God. God's supernatural power produced it all. The whole universe shows the wonder and glory of God's power and of His wisdom. Mr. Steele, would you please read us Psalm 19:1?

Mr. Steele:-- "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

Dr. MacRae:-- Scientific observation is constantly increasing our idea of the size of the universe. Today we know that, tremendous as this earth is, upon which we live, it is only a tiny spot in the vastness of space. It is one of the smaller planets that go around our sun. Our sun itself, many times as large as the earth, is only one among billions of other suns in the universe. The tremendous size of the universe that has now been revealed to us by astronomical investigation, staggers the imagination. The more we see of it the more we realize how great our God is, who created it all. It is a tremendous miracle. Without Him none of it could exist.

Not only is the miraculous power of the wonder-working God shown in the vastness of the universe that He has created; we see it equally clearly in the minuteness of the tiny and yet tremendously complex parts out of which all the universe is made.

When I was in college I studied a course in Botany. The textbook described the intricate structure of a leaf. Each leaf has tiny apertures, visible only through a microscope, for the taking in and letting out of moisture. The book said that someone had once wondered how a molecule of water could enter such tiny apertures. In answer it was stated that these stomata, as they are called, are so large in proportion to a molecule of water, that to a molecule of water standing before them they would look just as big as an opening four miles wide would look to a human being who wanted to go through it.

Yet since the time when that book was written, it has been found that these molecules are among the larger building stones of matter. Each molecule is composed of atoms; atoms, in turn, are made up of electrons, protons, neutrons and perhaps other parts. There seems to be no end to the minuteness of the parts out of which God has made the universe. The power and wisdom of our God is shown, not only in the tremendous vastness of the universe which He has created, but also in the tiny and yet remarkable intricate parts out of which all of it is built.

The making of the atom bomb and of the hydrogen bomb have shown the tremendous power that is locked in every bit of material out of which God has created this universe. Truly we have a wonder-working God.