Truly the human body is an amazing mechanism, in which humdreds of complicated chemical processes are constantly being carried on. Its trillions of cells are of many different types, yet with great similarities among them. The vast majority of these cells contain within them all the information involved in every aspect of the body, so that one cell from the gonads is sufficient, in combination with one from the other sex, to produce a body that will itself contain trillions of cells reproducing in a new combination the qualities and characteristics of the parents. The human spirit has indeed received a marvelous mechanism through which to express itself. To believe that this remarkable organism, working rogether in such amazing fashion, has come into existence entirely through a fortuitous set of circumstances, having developed by hit-and-miss from a very simple beginning, would require the utmost credulity.

DISEASE AND DEATH

It is very easy to forget how wonderfully efficient and amazingly intricate a mechanism the human body is, particularly when disease troubles us, or death stares us in the face. These are facts of life which seem almost inconsistent with the marvelous effectiveness of the instrumentality that God has created. There is a mystery here that can hardly be understood apart from the revelation that God has given in Genesis 1 to 3, where He presents the solution. First He tells how He created the universe and man, and saw that everything He had made was good; then He tells how man sinned and brought death and misery into the world. Disease, disintegration and death, as well as man's inner conflicts and tensions, have resulted from man's sin and rebellion against God.

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