

## **“How Awesome”**

We need to be reminded of how awesome our Lord is. It is difficult in moments of trouble and tragedy to recall upon how incredible our God is. It seems that the busyness of our lives can become a distraction and even a hindrance to really grasping how powerful is the God we serve. There is no denying that whether you are a Christian or not (yet), as you read this you can't help but become aware of our world and everything in it. We can only offer up praises to a Holy and Almighty Creator. The argument or debate of whether or not God is in control of every detail, let alone exists, is nullified when you take a closer look at His handy work. The Bible is replete with the declarations of God's mighty, creative power and all we need to do is examine some of His amazing works that testify to His Glory and we can only come to one conclusion: He is awesome! In a brief article such as this one, I could never do enough justice to the overwhelming examples of God's brilliance, but here are a few that will leave you in wonder of our God.

### **DNA**

Our bodies are composed of millions of cells and the basic information system of the cell is DNA. DNA contains the blue prints needed to manufacture proteins which are essential for the maintenance of life. Yet, proteins are necessary for the production of DNA. Both are needed at the exact same time for the cell to function. In addition, each strand of DNA contains thousands upon thousands of complex technical genetic information that determines the formation and development of our life form. This could only occur by an intelligent designer God who knows all about us long before we are born. (Jeremiah 1:5)

### **Planetary Positioning**

Our planet is positioned perfectly in the universe and designed meticulously to sustain life. If the Earth was 5% closer to the Sun, the temperature would rise to 900 Degrees F. If we were 20% further away, ice and cold would paralyze the planet. Our atmosphere contains the right mixture of chemicals and gases (oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide) to sustain life. The Earth's crust, which regulates interior temperature, shapes continents, recycles carbon, and mixes chemical elements, is perfectly measured to create the life sustaining environment for earth's living organisms. And, finally, the Earth's size is perfect. In the Earth's interior, liquid iron generates a protective magnetic field essential for life. If our planet were any smaller, the magnetic field would be weakened allowing solar winds to strip away our atmosphere creating a dead and barren world like Mars. (Genesis 1:1)

### **The Megapode**

The Megapode or otherwise known as the “incubator bird” is an Australian bird that resembles a chicken or small turkey. The amazing thing about this bird is the incubation of the eggs before they hatch. The male megapodes must build two large, deep, in-ground nests (the second is if the first one is rejected by the hen) suitable for incubating the eggs by volcanic heat or by the warmth of fermenting plants. Then he must maintain the incubation temperature at exactly 91° F and the humidity at 99.5%. Keeping temperature and humidity just right is essential for the survival of the eggs. How does the male megapode do this? He has built in instincts that allow him to know what to do on days when the temperature is too hot or too cold. In addition, how does the new male megapode know to build two in ground nests when they mature, if their parents abandoned them once they got out of the nest? How do they know that the incubation nest must be 91° F and humidity 99.5%? The answer is God! (Luke 1:37)

I could continue giving more examples of how God is so amazing but it would be a never-ending project. My suggestion is to take a moment ever so often and reflect on His creation. In those days when it seems that your problems are overwhelming, be encouraged by recognizing that the same God who created the universe, man, and every living thing on Earth and holds it all in balance can do amazing things in your life so that you too will see how awesome He is!

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