is true that a little philosophy inclineth man’s mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men’s minds about to religion; for while the mind of man looketh upon second causes scattered, it may sometimes rest in them, and go no further; but when it beholdeth the chain of them confederate, and linked together, it must needs fly to Providence and Deity.”

“...for as God uses the help of our reason to illuminate us, so should we likewise turn in every way, that we may be more capable of understanding His mysteries; provided only that the mind be enlarged, according to its capacity, to the grandeur of the mysteries, and not the mysteries contracted to the narrowness of the mind.”

Sir Francis Bacon from Essays, Civil and Moral

Francis Bacon (1561 –1626), Lord Chancellor of England, is usually considered to be the man primarily responsible for the formulation and establishment of the so-called “scientific method” in science, stressing experimentation and induction from data rather than philosophical deduction in the tradition of Aristotle. Bacon’s writings are also credited with leading to the founding of the Royal Society of London.

Sir Francis was a devout believer in the Bible. He wrote: “There are two books laid before us to study, to prevent our falling into error; first, the volume of the Scriptures, which reveal the will of God; then the volume of the Creatures, which express his power.”

WHAT DOES THE MIGRATORY flight of the golden plover have in common with a postcard? What is the common factor between a computer program and hieroglyphics? And what property is shared between the processes taking place in living cells and the message of the Bible? The distinctive common quantity in all these cases is information.

Dr Werner Gitt used many striking examples to clarify these questions in his book: “In the Beginning Was Information”. For our November meeting, DSA member Horst Matschukat* will present a detailed review of this book, accompanied by an illustrative PowerPoint presentation.

All living organisms require information to function. If we want to make meaningful and useful statements about the origin of life, then we first have to explain what information is and how it came about.

The basic principles of information are clearly established in terms of laws and theorems which are just as valid and applicable as those employed in the natural sciences. Scripture teaches that for Him (Jesus) all things were created. This “all” is all inclusive. It means that God’s intent for this world is not only revealed in scripture but it is also revealed in nature, because if God created all things then he also created natural law and by so doing reveals Himself in nature.

THIS MONTH’S DSA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, November 18, 2006, from 9 to 11:30 AM. Be sure to join us as Horst guides us on a review of this illuminating subject!

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