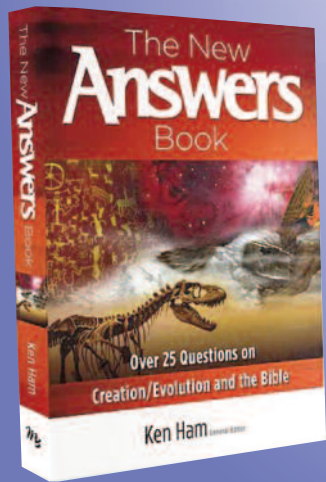


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“...wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever” Jude 13

Brandon Church

Origin of Comets, Asteroids & Meteorites

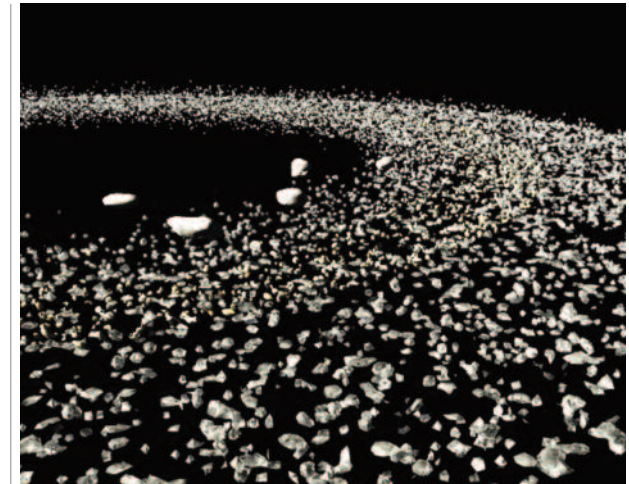


THE SOLAR SYSTEM IS LITTERED with hundreds of thousands (or perhaps millions) of pieces of rock, metal, and ice. Most of it lies in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, or in the vast reaches of space beyond Neptune, but debris can be

found almost anywhere among the planets. Comets and meteorites have inspired or frightened people for millennia, and have even been proposed as the primary cause for the greatest catastrophe our world has ever seen: the Genesis flood.

Where did all the debris come from? Did God create it in its present state some 6000 years ago? Is it the remains of proto-planets that never fully formed in some primitive solar nebula? Or could it be, as many creationists and evolutionists have suggested, the remnants of one or more planets that exploded in the distant past?

November speaker Brandon Church believes the original solar system had additional planets that were destroyed shortly before the Genesis flood. In fact, by employing some intriguing new creationist



theories, he has been able to reconstruct these planets in amazing detail. In our November meeting, he will walk us through the steps he took to discover these planets, and he will give us a second-by-second look at how they were destroyed.

THIS MONTH'S DSA MEETING WILL BE HELD on Saturday, November 19, 2011, from 9 to 11:30AM, at Rolling Hills Community Church. *Please join us for this fascinating account of our cosmic past!*

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The *Origin* of Life: A Problem for Evolution

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In the mid 1800's, when Charles Darwin was proposing his theory of evolution, two other scientists were disproving a commonly held notion. At the time, many people believed in spontaneous generation. Spontaneous generation is the belief that living things can arise from non-living material. According to this view, worms, flies or even mice would simply spring forth from decaying meat, grain or other materials. Scientists of the day had no idea about the complexity of the molecules that make up even the tiniest living thing.

The great scientist Louis Pasteur realized the futility of spontaneous generation. Francesco Redi had demonstrated long before that flies didn't 'arise' from decaying meat but from the eggs that other flies laid on the meat! Pasteur definitively showed that microbes did not arise in a sterile meat broth until and unless other microbes had access to it. He and the great pathologist Rudolf Virchow formulated what later became known as the Law of Biogenesis: Life comes only from life. The implication of this research was that life does not create itself, it required God to create it originally. Both of

these Christian men of science were creationists.

Their results were so compelling that they remained unchallenged for about 50 years. Then, Alexander Oparin, a Russian chemist, proposed that organic molecules coalesced together to form the first living cell in the primordial soup. Such a cell would then go on to evolve into all of the different types of living things on earth today. This renewed version of spontaneous generation was developed in the early years of Soviet Russia which was strongly atheistic. Therefore, Oparin's theory was the product of an atheistic worldview that excluded God rather than one based on scientific evidence. The scientific evidence still confirms that life comes only from pre-existing life.

Scientists who promote a spontaneous origin of life without a creator begin with the assumption that God does not exist. Then they devise an imaginative scenario whereby molecules come together to form a living being. Since the evolutionists have an 'explanation', they use it to insist that life can arise without God. This is simply circular reasoning.

An example is the work of Stanley Miller. In the 1950s, Miller mixed several gases in an electrical chamber. In the reactions that ensued, amino acids, the building blocks of

proteins were produced. While the mere formation of amino acids is hardly the creation of life, nonetheless, Miller's work was widely acclaimed. Many hailed this as a major breakthrough to show how life could arise spontaneously. However, Miller chose the composition of his starting material and designed the apparatus to make amino acids.

Additional research has shown that the composition of the earth's atmosphere was never similar to Miller's apparatus. This seriously calls into question whether the 'building blocks of life' could ever be made spontaneously on earth. Increasingly, scientists are finding that destruction of building blocks would be favored over production further supporting the fact that life comes only from life. However, the evolutionist on thinner and thinner ice continues to hold out hope.

With the evidence mounting that life could not arise spontaneously on the earth, more and more evolutionists are reaching to the stars for the answer. Increasingly, secular textbooks raise the possibility that life or the

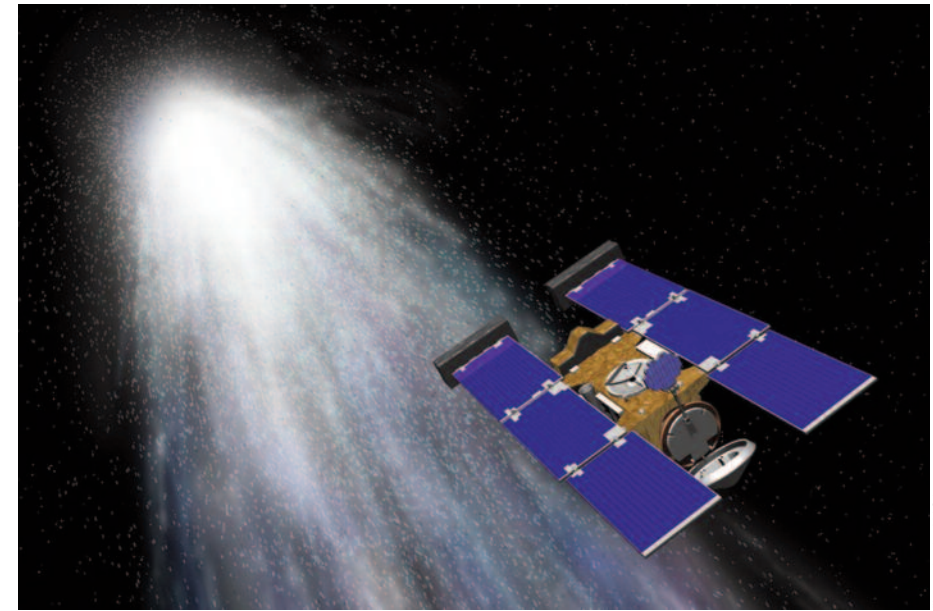


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molecules of life were transported via meteorites, comets or asteroids to the earth. Once limited to the realm of science fiction, this possibility is viewed as the only possibility for those who reject a Divine Creator. For them, if life could not originate spontaneously on the earth, then it must have formed somewhere else and then traveled here.

For the Christian, the origin of life is not a problem at all. The Bible says that God called all plants and animals into existence by his Word. God also made man separately in His image, after His likeness. Even though Adam was made from the dust of the ground, this is not life coming from non-life as evolution suggests. Our God is the Living God, and He gave life to Adam. God is both our Creator and Redeemer through Jesus Christ.