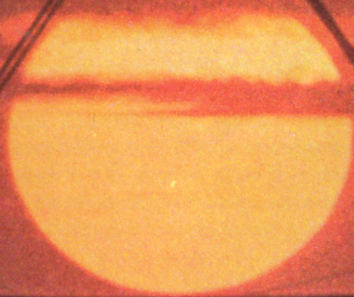
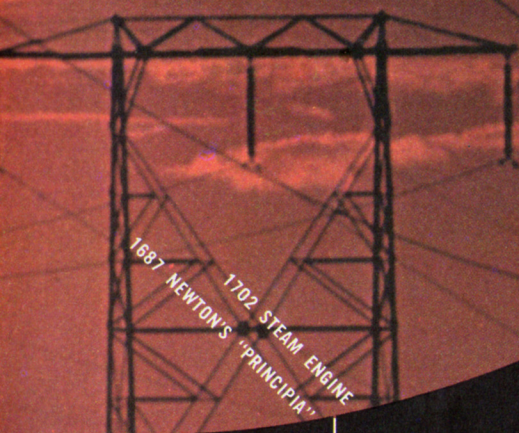


**The
Prior
Claim**



Man's Genius and God's Prior Claim

The "scientific explosion" is a phenomenon of this age. More scientific progress has been made in the last 50 years than during all the preceding 5,000 years. In fact, almost 90% of all the scientists that the world has ever produced are alive today. This World's Fair itself is dramatic evidence of the breath-taking scope of man's inventive genius. And yet, wherever man probes in his scientific investigations, he finds that nature has a prior claim to originality.



1955 NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
1947 CARBON T4
1942 ATOMIC FISSION
1939 JET ENGINE
1930 TELEVISION
1929 PENCILIN
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1909 MODEL "T" FORD
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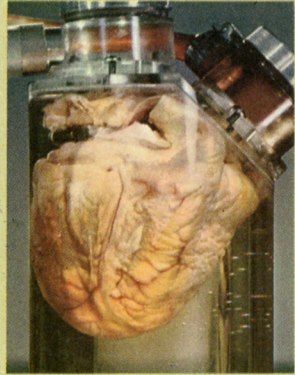
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AIR CONDITIONING and the beehive: In order to preserve life in the brood area, the temperature of the beehive is kept at a constant 94°F through its ingenious construction and the activity of the bee "air conditioning engineers". This temperature is maintained even though outside it varies as much as 60°. **Who taught the bee air conditioning?**



MECHANICAL PUMP and the human heart: What machine can compare with the human heart that pumps 100,000 times every day and has a work expectancy of 70 years without shut-down for maintenance or repair? **Who designed the heart?**

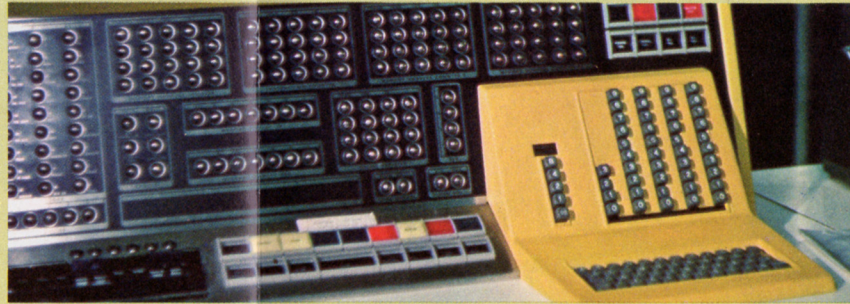


MODERN PHOTOGRAPHY and the human eye: Built-in super-sensitive light meter—immediate automatic focusing—wide-angle lens—full-color instantaneous reproduction—these are some of the remarkable features of the human eye. **Who planned and engineered the eye?**

MODERN GUIDANCE SYSTEMS and the birds: For example, the Pacific Golden Plover is an outstanding sea bird which breeds in Alaska, but winters fashionably in Hawaii—2,000 miles of open ocean away. More amazing is the fact that several weeks after the parent birds leave, the young follow them—without a guide. **Where did the bird get its guidance system?**



RADAR and the bat: Using the same methods that the U.S. Navy used in detecting enemy submarines, the bat has such a sensitive radar-ranging (sonar, actually) system, it is able to avoid obstacles and catch flying insects on the darkest nights. **Where did the bat learn sonar?**



ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS and your brain: Your brain is most impressive and extremely complex. It contains many times more nerve lines than all the telephone lines of the world put together. The electrical signals from 200,000 living thermometer cells, a half-million pressure-sensing cells, and 3 or 4 million pain-sensing cells plus the signals from the eyes, ears, and nose as well as the areas sensitive to taste and touch, are all routed to the brain. An amazing example of miniaturization, the brain sorts, stores and acts upon these myriad impulses. **Who built this fantastic "computer"?**



These and many other discoveries that men have made are:

1. prodigious scientific achievements, and
2. the result of a very high order of intelligence

But since they parallel what nature has been doing for thousands of years, nature's phenomena (or "achievements") must also be the result of a very high order of intelligence.

The electronic computer, for example, was conceived by man's own "computer," the brain. But who conceived the brain? It, too, would have to be conceived and designed for its special work, otherwise thinking would just "happen" and would therefore be unreliable. Words like "cause", "effect" and "logic" would be meaningless. Consequently, there must be a prior claim to man's mind. And that claim can only be the mind of God.

But what kind of a Being is God? Intelligent? Look at the plan of nature. Powerful? Consider the multiplied millions of galaxies in space. Personal? We can only know this if He communicates with us. But has God communicated with us? Yes, He has, by Himself taking on human personality in becoming the man, Jesus Christ, whose life is recorded in the Bible. And He has revealed to us, in a life identifiably human and unmistakably divine, that the true nature of God is love.

Two things are always true about love; one is that love always desires the best for the one who is loved. The other is that love expresses itself in giving. This is how the Bible states it—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."¹

In spite of this love, in spite of this gift, in spite of this offer of life eternal, there is a barrier between man and God; namely, man's refusal to acknowledge God's prior claim. This takes the form of a life that is self-centered instead of God-centered, and the Bible calls this rebellion *sin*. Furthermore, the Bible declares that "the wages of sin is death."² But God offers a solution in the gift of His Son whose death on the cross has paid the penalty for man's sin.

There remains only your part. Are you willing to admit that God is right in His statements about your rebellion? Do you recognize your need of a personal relationship with God? Then accept the Bible's invitation, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."³ As you read this, simply speak to God, tell Him your need, and ask Jesus Christ to be your personal Saviour.

You see, God's claim upon you is:

- (1) by Creation—He made you for Himself, and
- (2) by Love—He gave Himself for you

By responding to God's prior claim on you, you not only are acknowledging to God what is rightfully His, but it is the only way for you to experience His love, His forgiveness, and His daily fellowship.

All this is yours as you put your faith in Jesus Christ. What is your decision?

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Bible references:

- 1 The Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 3, verse 16
- 2 The Epistle of Paul to the Romans, Chapter 6, verse 23
- 3 The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 16, verse 31.

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