



## A Further Dimension

The clear inferences of design and the almost visible clues of an Intelligent Designer, are not what some scientists want or believe in. Many see life as chemical reactions and stimulants in the framework of a body.

Science has shown us how body parts function, how the brain creates neural circuits and various chemicals that are claimed to be our feelings, lusts, or loves. And for many scientists these chemicals and their reactions are the sum total of life.

It reminds me of an empty cinema. The seats are prepared, the popcorn hot, the projector runs, the music plays and film is on the wide screen. But who is watching the film? We may know exactly how every part of the cinema operates but if no living person turns up to see the film then it is a waste, it is just an empty cinema. It achieves nothing. And the same applies to our bodies. We may know how an eye focuses light, how the sensory cells transmit the signals to the brain and project the picture in an understandable way, but who is watching the picture?

The eye, the nerves, the brain, although marvellous in construction are just the tools for a personality to be able to comprehend the world around them. It is the personality that is life; it is the personality that makes the body move, act, love and live. The body doesn't just up and do that on its own.

Life is something beyond the machine we call the human body. A person lives in and operates that body as he or she wants. She can ignore what she sees or take careful note. He can store that picture or plan in his mind for future reference. But he is the operator of the files; everything is not run and controlled by the filing cabinet. She decides what is of interest and what isn't. There is no automatic storage of every bit of information. There is an intelligence, someone, there operating the body and the mind.

One of the old fashioned ways of saying someone died was to say that

they had given up the ghost. In the Bible The Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit are one and the same. The concept being that a person is a spirit living in a physical body. The body dies when the spirit separates itself from the body. It is the spirit that operates through the body but when that body becomes too damaged or simply wears out the spirit moves on leaving the now dead body behind.

Of course a spirit cannot, at least as far as I am aware, be weighed, measured or evaluated by any scientific experiment. It is nonphysical. That is why it cannot be contained in scientific experiments because science deals only with things physical.

Science's brave new world of only matter and energy is seen as a clean, refreshingly freeing break from superstition for some. For others it is simply a very interesting and highly educational cul de sac. Without being able to answer the meaning of the universe life and everything it will, eventually, become a dead end. For life is far more than what we are made of.

To summarise scientific study is, as it should be, on energy matter and time. This describes the universe, the world and how our bodies work.

It has explained how machines work; it has shown us the car. It cannot however describe the designer nor even that such a vehicle was intended to be driven and controlled by a driver. It has described the road but cannot describe the journey. It is not within its range of enquiry to even ask the question of why there is a need for a journey.

The age old questions of why am I here, what is the meaning of life, and so on are not scientific questions. When it is claimed that science will supply all the answers then someone is being very naïve. These deeper questions of why rather than how is the area of philosophy and religion. These in turn call upon other areas of study and knowledge such as history, archaeology, of logic and anthropology. It is the bigger picture that gives a



more balanced and accurate view.

Robert Jastrow, speaking on the origin of the universe said, “For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”

If life is spirit, and if each man woman and child is a separate spiritual person then several new questions arise. Spirits have always been part of mankind’s history, folklore and myths, but lately this area of mankind’s being has been overlooked or looked at in a very material way. Is there something here more real, or rather more permanent than our current three score years and ten of physical life?

Religions will tell us yes. But of the many, which religions, if any, are true? That is the subject of the rest of this book, and the results may surprise you, but before we move on there are a few loose ends to tidy up.

*(Loose Ends to Follow)*

