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Cole Meador      Preston Ellis

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Bryan Garlock      Bill Brittenham

### Invitation

Gerald Eaton

## ABOUT US

### Elders

Jack Calvert      Rodney Ellis

### Deacons

Jon Barry      Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis      Dave Massey

### Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

## SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday

Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.  
Worship .....6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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## GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

**Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

**Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16;  
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

# Think On These Things

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## Creating Life in a Test-Tube?

Carl Wieland

What if a team of scientists were to announce in tomorrow's headlines that they had synthesized life? In other words, that they had made 'from scratch', from basic non-living chemicals, a living, reproducing organism?

I know (from asking this question at some meetings, and seeing the wary faces) that many Christians would be worried. One thing is certain, many humanists would not be able to contain their crowing. They would be claiming that this was the last nail in the coffin of belief in creation. 'Creator Not Needed to Make Life' would no doubt be a triumphant headline theme.

To show that this is not idle speculation, a short while ago a team announced that it was setting to work on just such a task. Now remember, nothing had been achieved. They just said, 'We're going to start working on it.' Immediately, a gloating email message arrived at Creation Ministries International, saying, in effect, 'You stupid Christians, you're going to see

... as soon as this happens, the credibility of belief in creation will be finished.'

However, even if we assumed that the synthesis of life were to happen, would such responses be appropriate? Actually, it's not hard to show that they would not be even faintly logical or rational. In fact, if it were to happen, then in one sense, Christians should be getting excited, using it as evidence for creation.

Why so?

When considering how life began, there are really only two alternatives. Either life was created by an intelligent source or it 'made itself'—i.e. evolved. That's really what 'evolution' is all about—things making themselves, arising spontaneously from within nature—the material world—with no outside assistance.

So if someone were to claim that synthesizing life in a test-tube wipes out the idea of creation, they would in effect be saying, 'Synthesizing life in a test-tube proves that it evolved.' Now substitute the italicized words in that phrase with others

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Max Thomas, Maxine Burnham** and **Mary Alice Turner**. Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Continue to pray for **Max Thomas**. He is still in very serious condition in the hospital. Please keep him, **Ann** and **Mark** continually in your prayers.

**Jean Cronce's** surgery in Dallas this past week was successful. She was back at services Wednesday night.

**Sonny Monaghan** is scheduled for a stress test this week.

**Joey Avance** is trying hard to fight off pneumonia.

**Mary Alice Turner** tells us her treatments are helping.

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of identical meaning, and the absurdity of it becomes clear: 'Using intelligence to make life in a test-tube proves that it made itself and did not arise through intelligence.'

A further analogy might be as follows: say someone, washed ashore on a remote island, sees a portable battery-operated television set. Never having seen a TV set before, they eventually happen to switch it on and watch it in amazement. Puzzling

about how this device came to be, its discoverer decides to take it apart. Years are spent studying it and learning all about how it works. Using thousands of hours of mind-power and effort, the person learns how to make an exact copy of each part,<sup>1</sup> and how to put the parts together in exactly the same way as the original. Finally, the moment has arrived—the switch is thrown—voilà, it works.

Now if such an amazingly brilliant achievement had taken place, it would obviously be the height of foolishness for such a person to say, excitedly, 'Wow, now I know for certain that the device I found made itself!'

I trust the analogy is clear. If (or perhaps 'when', provided God's patience with rebellious mankind does not run out beforehand) humanity achieves the synthesis of a living organism, it will be much like the TV set on the island. The original design will, with a great deal of intelligent effort, have been copied.

The fact that, with all our knowledge of molecular biology, we are not even close to knowing everything about the complexities of even the 'simplest' living organism shows just how much 'design-power' and intelligence went into the creation of the first of its kind. [...]

*The article has pointed out that for scientist to "create life," they would have to use what is already created to create what they call "life." However, these same scientists claim that something came from nothing. Therefore, for their experiment to work they would have to start from nothing and create life – but then they would have to be God to do that. If you have been curious about scientists claiming they are close to, or have, "created life" – and that this*

*unequivocally "proves" evolution to be true – then I hope this article has been beneficial. BG*

Wieland, Carl. "Creating life in a test-Tube?" Creation Ministries International |creation.com/creating-life-in-a-test-tube.

### Do Not Grow Weary of Doing Good

Aaron Kemple

*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9).*

Paul encourages us to not grow weary of doing good. That tells me it is very possible and likely that at some point in my walk with Jesus I'm going to grow weary of doing good. It happens. It happened to the best of the best in Scripture (Elijah, Jeremiah, Paul, Moses, etc.).

Here are some thoughts for why we sometimes grow weary in doing good.

#### 1. **We lose sight of the mission.**

It may be that we become results oriented, instead of service oriented. For example, we get frustrated because people are not "doing" what we are teaching / influencing them to do. But our job is not on the results end, it is on the planting and watering end. It is God's job to give the increase (1 Corinthians 3:7).

2. **We feel like we are the only ones doing right.** Following God may leave us at times feeling lonely, thinking we're the only ones who "get it." Elijah thought that, but God showed him there were 7,000 others. Rest assured that you are not the only person on earth who "gets it."

3. **We take our focus off God's glory and begin to direct attention to ourselves.** This was Moses' problem, even though it was temporary (Numbers 20). Moses blew a gasket, and I can understand why when you look at the Israelites' behavior and attitudes. But for a brief moment, Moses took the glory from God and directed it to himself, and for it he paid dearly. One of the reasons we grow weary in doing good is because we make too much of it about ourselves and not about God. It ain't about you.

#### 4. **We take on too much.**

Sometimes, we are trying to do too much by ourselves. We begin to rely on our own strength instead of God's. And instead of spreading the responsibilities and delegating the work to the body of Christ, we begin to think one body part can do it all. That is not good for you or others. That can get us tired and weary in a hurry! We are to bear one another's burdens, that means we type-A personalities have to learn to rely on the strength of others (Galatians 6:2).

Remember, Paul said we will "reap if we do not lost heart and give up." God is there with us. His strength holds us up and renews us. The body of Christ is around us to work side by side in His service.

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**John 10:14** *I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me,*