

## Re: Any Christian Electronic Designers Here?

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On Wed, 20 May 2009 08:56:56 -0500, "RogerN" <[regor@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:regor@xxxxxxxxxxx)>  
wrote:  
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Scientists were creating life from scratch?  
So that proves life can be  
CREATED by intelligent design! Do you  
have other evidence you would  
like  
to submit to support creation?

You wrote that before you managed to take a different tack and find  
the "10 years out" part and then accuse DfromBC of being mixed up.  
Here, you were embracing the idea and then using it as an  
argumentative tool for your own side. In the light of the above  
abbreviated exchange plus this, it appears you'd like to have things  
both ways. In other words, you aren't interested in dispassioned  
analysis, but in winning an argument and getting someone else to  
accept it. I don't find that a very productive attitude.

Partly I'm just having fun with DfromBC as he is also doing with Christians  
with this thread. On the other hand, at the time DfromBC was telling me  
that scientists were making life from scratch, I hadn't googled it, but what  
scientists can create doesn't mean it can happen by nature, scientists are  
reverse engineering life and making modifications. I can reverse engineer a  
bolt and nut, and cut one on my metal lathe, but I have a tough time  
believing that you can show me a 1/4-20 UNC bolt and nut that was a result  
of nature. In other words, man does a lot of things that aren't duplicated  
in nature, you get cars from making them, not mining them. After I searched  
on Google, I found where scientists created new life forms, but not where  
scientists created life. It would be much more impressive is scientists  
could cause life without creating it, set up an enviroment and observe  
abiogenesis taking place.

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I'm interested to see if the right combination of chemicals becomes a living thing. If my understanding is correct, a dead cell is chemically the same as a live cell, what makes it alive?

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'Faith' in god, as DfromBC bluntly puts it, simply has NO evidence. It's not "a lot" or "some." It's "none." None, at all. Zero. Nada. This is an important issue.

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Jon

This is where it depends on what you consider evidence. I consider the 500+ eye witnesses to Jesus resurrected as evidence. I consider the fact that many of those eye witnesses were killed for refusing to deny what they saw. If they were lying or making it up, why believe in it strong enough to die for it? Paul spent most of his life in prison for being a Christian, not exactly the extravagant lifestyle of Christian leaders today.

What Christians have today is the Holy Spirit, let us look at the scriptural foundations of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus tells of the Holy Spirit coming in the gospel of John:  
John 14

15If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

26But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16

7Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

What? It is expedient that Jesus go away? Why? Because when he goes, he will send the spirit of God to his followers that do what he says.

So what about this comforter that is to abide with us forever? Here's the account of the coming of the Holy Spirit from Acts 2:

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1And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? 9Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. 12And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Notice they spoke in tongues and told of the wonderful works of God to people in their own language, they spoke languages they were not taught and people from other nations could understand them. OK, so the spoke in tongues when those who spoke the language was there to hear them, was that always the case?

Acts 10:

44While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

How did Peter and they of the circumcision know the gentiles received the Holy Ghost? (V46) But there is no mention of others being able to understand these tongues they spoke in. It is possible to be a believer and yet not know about the Holy Ghost or of speaking in tongues.

Acts 19

1And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

According to many Christian beliefs, you automatically receive the holy spirit when you believe, if this were true then Paul's question in V2 would

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be invalid. The fact is you can believe and be a Christian but not receive the Holy Spirit.

3And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7And all the men were about twelve. 8And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

So far every time someone received the Holy Ghost, they spoke in other tongues. Out of three times it was mentioned, only the first time was there those present to understand the tongues. The other times was how they knew they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 11 Peter speaking

15And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. 16Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. 17Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

OK, so what use is speaking in tongues if there are not those present to understand what is being said?

1 Corinthians 14

2For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

4He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

14For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 16Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

Notice praying in tongues is called praying in the spirit, Paul says "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also"

18I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: 19Yet in the church

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I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

Paul is telling them that he'd rather speak five words that could be understood than ten thousand words in unknown tongues. But right before that Paul is thanking God that he speaks with tongues more than "ye all". So, praying in tongues is more valuable for (v19) private (v4) edifying self, praying to God, (v15) praying in the spirit.

So, for this very limited post, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit, the jews received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, believers received the holy spirit, and gentiles received the holy spirit, each with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Gibberish you say? I heard a wife telling of her conflicts with her unbelieving husband. She was praying in tongues in what she thought was private, her husband overheard her and was wondering when she learned German. He was in the service stationed in Germany for some years and his wife was speaking in tongues unknown to her but her husband heard her witnessing to him in German.

Illie Coroama, from Romania, was in Japan on a mission trip, some Japanese received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, their "new tongue" was his old tongue of Romanian. Their first words were "free free, no denomination".

So, I would conclude that there is evidence, it's just a matter of whether you believe it or not.

RogerN