

Tenuous Nature of This Life

Greetings to You All,

The recent health care crisis in our family that led to my wife Ginny's untimely death has underscored to me just how tenuous is our human condition. The great Creator God reveals Himself as the Creator and Sustainer of all life on this little planet uniquely positioned the perfect distance from our little star, called our sun, to allow life to continue. The orbit around the sun is some 93 million miles from it. Just a little closer, and we'd be scorched and die. Just a little farther away, and we'd be in a continual deep freeze. I have heard the "zone of life" on earth described this way: If the earth were reduced to the size of an apple, the life zone would be considerably thinner than the skin of the apple!

Beyond this, we might consider the balance of gases in our atmosphere. This is what the online Wikipedia encyclopedia has to say about it: *By volume, dry air contains 78.09% nitrogen, 20.95% oxygen,^[1] 0.93% argon, 0.039% carbon dioxide, and small amounts of other gases. Air also contains a variable amount of water vapor, on average around 1%. Although air content and atmospheric pressure vary at different layers, air suitable for the survival of terrestrial plants and terrestrial animals currently is only known to be found in Earth's troposphere and artificial atmospheres.* Naturally, scientists say all this incredible balance evolved and somehow ended up this way. But God's Word has this to say: *"For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is forever praised. Amen. Rom 1:21-25 NIV*

But each species of plants and animals is no less marvelous. The scripture tells us humans are "fearfully and wonderfully made." No time is this more true that when we experience some kind of imbalance in our bodies, and all our systems aren't working in perfect synchronization. Very quickly, our health fails, and if the imbalance is too serious, we die. Every system – heart, lungs, circulatory system, nervous system, kidneys, bowels, etc., must continue to function within a fairly narrow range, or illness results.

All this didn't just happen. It is part of an incredibly intricate design by the Master Designer and Sustainer. Never fail to give Him credit for the Great God He is.

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