

New C21 Thomasine Creed

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I understand that an intelligent power intentionally designed the characteristics of energy and matter to create a universe in which sentient life might evolve. This Designer is the sole intelligence which deserves the title 'God'.

I understand elemental atoms are endowed with properties that enable the ready formation of compounds and, in benign conditions, the creation of amino acids.

I understand the design of amino acids, when formed into specific strings, may perform an infinite variety of tasks helpful to the spontaneous evolution of intelligent replicating lifeforms.

God the Designer is far beyond our comprehension but some characteristics seem to be revealed:

- firstly, the masterplan utilizes evolution to create sufficiently stable planets upon which terraforming may develop ecosystems suitable for intelligent life(*);
- secondly, creation exhibits unlimited bounty to maximize survival and adaptation to evolving environments; and,
- thirdly, nature is designed to present great beauty. Beauty derives from symmetry and stimulates affection.

I believe, but do not fully understand, that certain material lifeforms may be endowed with spiritual components. I believe humans house a Spirit granting freewill, being a 'light' from the Creator; together with a Soul, being the receptacle of our memories and our knowledge. Jesus referred to our Soul as our 'image', which he taught he came to save and which he claimed for himself.

I believe Jesus was born with full knowledge of his former lives and taught that loving others as we do ourselves, opens the door to our spiritual unity, awakening memories of our former lives and thereby to immortality. I believe Jesus seeks to help guide our soul, using our conscience to counsel our spirit, which may enable us to spiritually unify during our incarnate phase. If we fail to unify in this life, then we may then reincarnate to try again – but knowledge of our past lives is locked away until we unify. Persistent failures leave us to rely on Jesus to resurrect our souls in the afterlife.

I understand the core of Jesus teaching is to love others as we treat ourselves. Therefore, I understand the purpose of my incarnate life is:

- to seek and to understand the Truth to the best of my ability;
- to increase the happiness of others by treating them well and by offering insight to the Truth; and,
- to beautify, to sustain and not to despoil, nature.

I believe my Spirit is immortal (at least for the duration of this universe) and my Soul from this life seeks to temper, inform and embrace my Spirit in order to unify with my former selves.

I believe our purpose in the material realm is to enrich the lives of others through love and creativity. I should forgive those who wrong me and apologize to those I have wronged – seeking atonement by virtue of their forgiveness. Understanding the purpose that I will fulfil in the spiritual realm awaits my arrival, whereupon I hope my image is clean enough to reveal my light.

NOTES

- 1 I believe God does not create material or living things but is a master Designer who can foresee what his designs might lead to
- 2 I believe Jesus is one of the few amongst our species that has reached a state of perfection – but it would be blasphemous to refer to Jesus as the Designer or Creator of our Universe
- 3 The true purpose of our species is a mystery but we may hope that our incarnate lives are training for something meaningful
- 4 (*) 'lyfe' is defined by NASA as self-replicating organisms, whilst 'life' is the subset of lyfe which uses DNA as its operating system