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No RLGN (Kent Heaton)

Personalized car tags say a lot of the people who drive the car. Some put sports phrases on their tags, while others use clever mottoes describing their job, passion, relationship, and religion.

One such tag read, "NO RLGN." One of the challenges of the specialty tags is trying to figure out what the phrase means but I

am confident this tag is saying, "No religion."

Personality tags serve a purpose. That purpose is to let the whole world know something about your life. Great care is put into designing these phrases and boldness to express oneself for all to see. Yet someone wanted the whole world to know that they have no religion.

The truth is the tag is misleading. The statement the person wants to put on their car is that they have no use for religion, no interest in religion, and live according to their own rules. They

may be saying more about their rebellion than their belief, but their declaration's irony is contradictory.

To claim one has no religion is like saying "there are no absolutes." Suggesting there are no absolutes is contradictory because the statement itself is absolute. When people say they have no religion, they declare their belief system.

No one is free from 'religion' because all men have a belief system. The

belief system of an atheist is there is no God. He believes in his 'religion,' and instead of accepting a higher being like God, he accepts himself as his own God. Thus his religion is of himself. His totem is created in his own image and he serves his own needs and desires. A man can't be without 'religion.'

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor





were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever” (Romans 1:20-25).

When a person lives with “no religion,” he lives for his own desires and passions. What is right is relative to what he sees at the moment as his need. The moral code is based on animal instinct only. There is no right and wrong. How a person acts cannot be condemned by others. Man is his own God. That is his religion!

Man can brag there is no God but that does not change the fact there is a Creator. You can believe the Earth is flat but that does not change the facts; it only shows the ignorance of those who believe such. God's “invisible attributes”

are clearly seen but only by those who open their eyes to see.

Those who have NO RLGN only walk around blinded by their own foolishness. The experiment of life without God has been proven time and time again as empty. A man without God is like the body without the spirit. God is not dead—man is dead when he does not believe in the “living God” (Acts 14:15-17; 17:22-31).

How Come Earth Got All The Good Stuff? (Eric Lyons, M.Min.)

Stuart Clark of New Scientist magazine recently asked the question, “How come Earth got all the good stuff?” Of all the planets in our solar system that allegedly formed naturalistically “from the same cloud of gas and dust that surrounded the sun more than 4.5 billion years ago,” why is “Earth...so suitable for life” (Clark, 2008, 199[2675]:29)?

Stuart acknowledged: “We know that its distance from the Sun provides the right amount of heat and light to make the planet habitable, but that alone is not enough. Without the unique mix of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, and sulfur that makes up living things, and without liquid water on the planet’s surface, life as we know it could not have evolved. Chemically speaking,

Earth is simply better set up for life than its neighbors. So how come we got all the good stuff?" (p. 29).

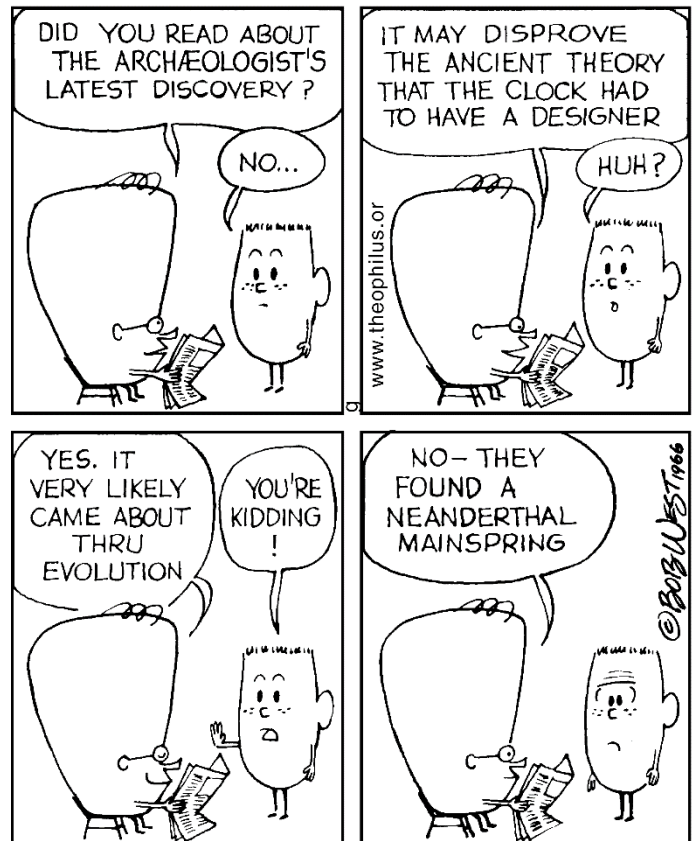
How did Earth get to be just the right distance from the Sun so that it receives "the right amount of heat and light to make the planet habitable"? How did Earth get such a "unique mix" of all the elements that make up living things? How did Earth "acquire its life-giving water supply?" (p. 29). Did Earth become the "just-right" planet by happenstance?

Clark said that our best hope to find clues about Earth's origin is from meteorites since "they formed at the same time as the planets" (p. 29). However, he admitted: "There are subtle differences that are proving tough to explain. For example, the mix of oxygen isotopes in chondritic meteorites does not match those found on Earth. So far, no one knows why, but since oxygen is the most abundant element in the Earth's crust ... it is a mystery that cannot be ignored" (p. 29, emp. added).

Regarding Earth's "life-giving water supply," Clarke suggested that "the most popular explanation is that the water arrived later, in the form of icy comets from the outer solar system that rained down in the period known as the 'Late Heavy Bombardment.' As yet, though, there is no firm evidence to

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confirm this as the source of Earth's water" (p. 30).

Though atheistic scientists have attempted to answer these and similar questions for many years, still no one has a legitimate naturalistic explanation for what New Scientists calls our planet's "biggest mysteries" (p. 28).

To conclude that Earth received just the right amount of "carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, and sulfur" by time, chance, and non-intelligence is irrational. When do time, chance, and non-intelligence ever produce such wonderful effects? To conclude that the estimated 326 million cubic miles of water on Earth ("How Much Water...?," 2008) are the result of "icy comets from the outer solar system" raining down on Earth millions of years ago is equally absurd.

The fact is, adequate non-intelligent, random, naturalistic

causes for the “just-right” Earth do not exist. The only rational explanation for the precise design of Earth, the cosmos as a whole, and life on Earth is an intelligent supernatural Creator.

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1).

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The fool has said in his heart,
“There is no God”
(Psalm 14:1)

Evolution (Vance Havner)

The evolutionist thinks we are working our way upward through fetishism, totemism, polytheism, monotheism to the knowledge of God but the scriptures tell us that we started with a knowledge of God and have been going the other way ever since: not in evolution but in devolution.

There is no more reason to believe that man descended from some inferior animal than there is to believe that a stately mansion has descended from a small cottage. (*William Jennings Bryan, a Scopes Trial, 1925*)

If a minister believes and teaches evolution, he is a stinking skunk, a hypocrite, and a liar. (*W. A. “Billy” Sunday, Statement to Press, 1925.*)

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