

## Images From Mars

There is much excitement in the scientific community over the recent Mars landing of the rover Perseverance. Many have commented on the high-quality pictures sent back to earth, from so far away, by numerous sophisticated cameras. This is quite an achievement, put together by many scientists and a rewarding success. However, even at high resolution, the pictures themselves, other than revealing the genius behind the Perseverance rover, show nothing but brownish rocks and dust. These would be of very little interest had they been taken on earth.

On the rover itself, there is a round disk with basic colour circles used by the cameras to adjust their filters and registers, to reflect correctly how they appear to us down here. Between the coloured reference circles were added illustrations of a hypothetical process of evolution from cells to plants to dinosaurs and to humans. There it is, in the middle of a lifeless dreary plain, a masterpiece of engineering giving witness to an advanced people with remarkable scientific ability yet holding to an unscientific theory of where they actually came from.

### Space Research vs. Biological Research

We have been to the moon and back, bringing scientists some lunar dust to investigate; we will soon be getting more rocks and dust from Mars. We have not yet discovered much else. Some people had to choose between exploring the universe and alleviating distress on this globe. Think what could have been done for the people of this world with the \$2.7 billion spent on the Perseverance project! Of course, there are some scientific advances from such outer space exploration technology which may offer solutions for difficulties down here. However, the study of nature has contributed so much more to science and medicine as we discovered the marvels of its functioning, encoded in their DNA by an infinite mind.

In contrast to the pictures of the cold and desolate Mars landscape, you can look up on the internet the most stunning photographs, in beautiful colour and stunning detail, of scenery, plants, animals and innumerable living creatures moving about on our planet. I marvel at what I can see right from my window: trees, birds, and beauty ready to be perceived. If I were offered a trip to anywhere in the universe, I would pick a destination on earth to explore more of its wonders and masterpieces. These visible things clearly point to a powerful and genius Creator with a taste for beauty perceivable by those made in His own likeness.

### God Our Creator

Modern man can entertain the vain thought that he is the creator of what he discovers! We are but frail mortals soon to meet our Maker; let's be attentive to his message of love. God so loved the world, that means all of us, that He sent His Son the Lord Jesus down to earth to be our Saviour by dying on the cross for our sins. That Jesus was in the world is a historical fact. He has no grave here as He is risen from the dead. He is coming back soon as He has promised and then all our questions and doubts will be put to rest. But the unbelieving are in for a sad surprise when He will bring them into judgment. If you have not yet believed, wait no longer and avail yourself at this very moment of God's offer of eternal salvation.

*The heavens declare the glory of God (Psalm 19:1), and as man explores them, he needs to give God glory for all he observes. Man must listen to and believe what God says. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth! (Genesis 1:1) According to Revelation 22:13, Jesus is the beginning and the end. There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). That is the true message from the heavens!*

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