

Mind Set on the Spirit

All his life Ivan had envied Boris, for Boris had a goat and Ivan didn't. One day while Ivan was rubbing an old lamp, a genie appeared and told him: "Ivan, you may have one wish. Ask for anything you want, and it will be yours, the riches, vast herds of goats, you name it." Ivan's response: "I wish that Boris's goat should die."



This picture is a visual of the overview of this message. Set our minds on the Spirit and see from God's perspective. There are two options, think human thoughts in the top half and think God's thoughts in the lower half.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

*1 Cor 2:16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.***

God reveals Himself to everyone by means of the physical world. Some choose to reject that knowledge. To those who believe in God, He gives us the mind of Christ.

Rom 1:19-21 what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 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, 21 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.

This is how God describes Himself to us. We are as the dust we see when the sun shine in the window.

Isa 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance? 13 Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, Or as His counselor has taught Him? 14 With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, And are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing. 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. 17 All nations before Him are as nothing, And they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.

First we understand that God has incomprehensible knowledge – With that knowledge He has designed this world and us with a purpose. Purpose is the core thought behind all His creation.

Eph 1:4 He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will

Jer 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Before there was any space or atoms, God had plans, thoughts, designs, intentions, plots, schemes. You think about something and you have intentions of what to do then you plot how it to best do it. Then plans begin to develop as you map out the scheme and the designs you will use. God has plans and purposes for each of us.

A cabinet doesn't go on the wall without a drawing to place it. A cabinet needs plans to construct it. The wood and hardware need to be ordered, the wood needs to be harvested, the trees need to be planted. The hardware must be forged from metal that had been smelted, after it was dug up and after it was discovered in the earth, after God placed it there.

So God saw the human interactions He desired, for us to work to care for ourselves, to love each other, for us to forgive each other. He planned us out as human beings, beginning at the molecular level. He wanted us to love. Love is to care for each other. We need a way to gather food, we walk with our feet and grasp with our hands guided by our eyes. The hand must also have the soft caress of love to the building of structures using wood and stone. Hands, feet, eyes need flesh and bone that needs differentiated cells that need protein building blocks which need at the bottom level the instructions that are in DNA. And all of this needs atoms from which to build everything. When He created the atoms how precise did it need to be.

Gravitational force constant (large scale attractive force, holds people on planets, and holds planets, stars, and galaxies together) — It is precise to 1%. too weak, and planets and stars cannot form; too strong, and stars burn up too quickly.

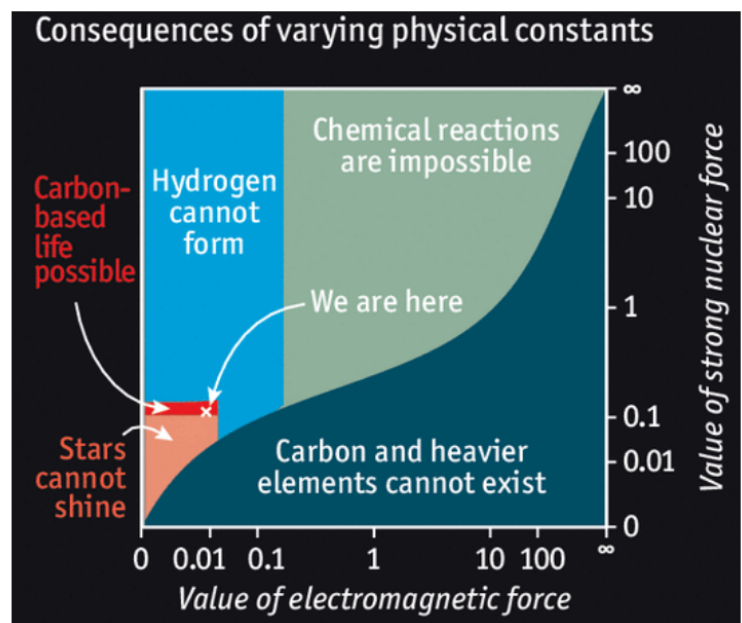
Electromagnetic force constant (small scale attractive and repulsive force, holds atoms electrons and atomic nuclei together) — Changes of 5% would affect the stability of chemical bonds.

Strong nuclear force constant (small-scale attractive force, holds nuclei of atoms together, which otherwise repulse each other because of the electromagnetic force) — if it were 2% weaker, the universe would have far fewer stable chemical elements, eliminating several that are essential to life.

Weak nuclear force constant (governs radioactive decay and fusion in stars) — if it were 3% stronger or weaker, life-essential stars could not form.

Ratio of masses for protons and electrons — If it were 3% different, building blocks for life such as DNA could not be formed.

Velocity of light — If it 10% different, destabilizing atomic nuclei and affecting the formation of stars and galaxies.



Fine-tuning of the parameters α and α_s . Life-permitting parameter zone of these constants is marked in red [65].

Where God placed us. Just right distance from the sun. Just right mixture of gases, with a large moon with right planetary rotation period (which stabilizes a planet's tilt and contributes to tides). In the case of the Earth, the gravitational pull of its moon stabilizes the angle of its axis at a nearly constant 23.5 degrees. This ensures relatively temperate seasonal changes, and the only climate in the solar system mild enough to sustain complex living organisms.

Then there is the genetic code that runs all living things. The smallest bacteria has about the same number of nucleotide bases as the number of alphabetic characters in the New Testament. Our genetic code has about the same number of nucleotide bases as the number of alphabetic characters in the entire Bible.

When God was thinking of us, He was thinking starting with the physical laws that would control the molecules that our DNA code uses for our body to live and allows us to love and be loved. This is why Jesus says, *Matthew 6:30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe*

you, O you of little faith? God knows. He knows all of what it took to make you. He has designed you to the core down to your electrons.

In my past work, the awesome thing about creating software is that I knew the intention. In my training class someone would ask, why do we need this? I could say, because we designed it to help you in this ways that you had not even thought about, but I am training you to understand that.

God has created us in ways we don't understand to do what we barely comprehend. Most of the time we don't need the details of in the back of the book. But once we do His commands, we gain the insight. We need to take and give our forgiveness medicine because He has already thought out how it works. We need to receive love and give love because it is good for us all the way down to the healing chemicals it puts in our blood. God has made it so It all works together.

Why should we seek to have our minds set on the Spirit? *Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.* Ivan wished for the death of Boris's goat, carnal mindedness. He could have asked Boris for help or advice on goats.

What happens when we set our minds on the Spirit? *but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.* Life and peace.

How do we set our minds on the Spirit?

1. First survey the current reality.

in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

See that it this thing may be bigger than us. It is bigger than our human ability. Abraham was too old. But God has since the beginning been to make dead things live and create things that don't exist. See that it is not bigger than God.

2. Give glory to God regarding His promise and His ability to perform it. Set our mind on the promise and the promise keeper. He said "I am with you always". He gives us the grace.

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

3. Ask God to persuade us that it is possible.

21 and being fully convinced (persuaded) that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

We know in our head that God is able to keep His promise, but we look out into the cold darkness and see nothing. That is when we look in faith at God's promise and move in the direction of the promise by stepping out into the unknown. What do you consider dead that God can bring to life? Do you feel yourself wavering? Ask God to persuade and draw us. Do not leave God's heap of grace on the table. Borrow a bag from someone so you can take more home. Drive a dump truck in here. This what John the apostle meant when he said:

John 1:16 AMP For out of His fullness [the superabundance of His grace and truth] we have all received grace upon grace [spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favor upon favor, and gift heaped upon gift].

"I am Persuaded" https://youtu.be/t-O1h_BtqgA?si=2K2MCHGwz3o2WA3d