

The Law of Entropy

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We have seen how the inspired Word of Truth revises and corrects and even rejects the laws which man find in nature. The Uniformitarian Doctrine and its corollary of natural selection are false. The Law of Conservation of Matter has to be revised, for matter has been found to be but one form of energy. We could have known this long ago, if we had been ready to listen to what the Scriptures say.

There is another Law of science which has to be taken with reservations. This is the Law of Conservation of Energy, otherwise known as the First Law of Thermodynamics. This Law, the Scripture supports with reservations. We may admit that energy may be changed from one form to another, and that none of it is being destroyed for the present, because God upholds all energy, according to His own good pleasure. But if He should render it non-existent at the time when earth and heavens shall be burned up, His own people will still be safe (2 Pet. 3:10).

Now we are ready to consider the issues of Entropy. Now Entropy is otherwise known as the Second Law of Thermodynamics, because it has been so thoroughly proved that men think that it will stand forever. It is also a subject upon which the Lord has said much in His Word. Hence, we have more basis for correcting it, according to the Word of God. In general we can say, that this Second Law is in error as to its geneses and its eschatology.

The Second Law of Thermodynamics says that the universe is in the process of running down, wasting away, decaying, corrupting, growing old and dying. Some of this energy is being dissipated out into space and some of it is being transformed to heat and can no longer be used for the productive works of the world, but none of it is lost to the point of non-existence. Everything changes however, and the change is in the direction of wearing out and fading away. The whole of creation is now in the bondage of corruption.

The two Laws of Thermodynamics, however, are not inconsistent with each other. No energy is truly lost, as it now stands. Some of it is merely drained away

from any further usefulness. Our bodies wear out and finally die. But new bodies form from the process of reproduction, with new supplies of previously existing energy. Our clothes wear out. Moses led the children of Israel forty years through the wilderness, without wearing out their shoes. This was not because the children of Israel were morally or spiritually better than other people, but merely that the Lord might prove to men that He had control of Entropy. In fact, He promises to abolish this Law when the right time comes. However, this is a matter which the scientists of the world cannot understand, for it is foolishness unto them. There is much that can be learned about Entropy from the Scriptures that could not possibly be discovered through scientific investigation alone.

Since death is involved in this Second Law, we suspect that this Law was not in effect from the beginning (Gen. 1:1). It was evidently promulgated when Adam sinned in Genesis 3. If we turn to Genesis 3:17-24, we see the origin of Entropy. The ground is cursed, hard labor is enforced with sorrows, thorns, thistles, and sweat. Clothes have to be worn, and also worn out. The body returns to the dust. They were banished from their perfect environment. Animals became ferocious, for their own protection, since man was now blood-thirsty. "And now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away" (Heb. 8:13).

There are certain rather obvious results or corollaries that derive from this Second Law of Thermodynamics, which the Lord set up for the punishment and discipline of wayward man, and which is still being enforced upon all of Adam's children, even down to the present moment.

First, let us note that there could have been no animal death, nor any fossils until the Fall. "Wherefore, as by *one man* sin entered into the world and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). Then there could have been no death, not even the death of a tree, lily, nor an amoebae before Adam sinned in the Garden. If you doubt that the Fall of man ruined also the whole of nature, then how do you explain Romans 8:19-23, where it says that the whole of

creation awaits the manifestation of the sons of God, for the creation was not created subject to vanity (entropy) ... for the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now, being itself in the bondage of corruption (entropy). But 1 Peter. 1:2-3 says only the Word of God is the incorruptible Seed.

Another manifestation of Entropy is to be found in the sum total of our physiology which is known as Metabolism, the working of our various life processes.

There are two phases of metabolism, a building up process known as *Anabolism* and a tearing down process which is called *Catabolism*. In good health these two phases must balance. If the corrupting process overbalances the anabolism, then we are ill. Ultimately, catabolism overpowers the organism and we die. Psalm 88:15 states these processes distinctly: "I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors, I am distracted." "Thy terrors" implies that the Lord promulgated the Law of Entropy, thus giving to us the fear of death. Hebrews 2:15 tells us that we are all our life time subject to the fear of bondage due to the fear of death — but we shall be delivered. Paul also states the physiology of metabolism in 2 Corinthians 6:9: "As dying, and behold we live." In Genesis 2:17, the Lord says to Adam: "Thou shalt surely die." The original language would imply "dying thou shalt die." Thus we see that it was the Lord who set out these twofold phases of metabolism in our bodies.

However, there is Good News for the human race. In fact, it is part of that Good News that we call the gospel. The Law of Entropy, the Second Law of Thermodynamics is going to be repealed. The whole of nature is to be removed from its curse. This, of course, is part of that Blessed Hope, the Millennial Kingdom.

"They shall not hurt, nor destroy in all my holy mountain" (Isa. 11:9). The context tells of the wolf dwelling with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and young lion, the cow and the bear shall feed ... the lion shall eat straw like the ox. This is good news to the denizens of nature, but how about ourselves? Indeed "creation itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God ... and not only they, but *ourselves also* which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, *the redemption of our body*" (Rom. 8:21-23). Thus we are given the "date" of this change, so to speak: that undatable event, the Rapture and the Resurrection. In Romans 8:19, it is called the "manifestation of the sons of God."

By way of summary, let us quote from **Man and Energy**, 1955, page 149, by a scientist, A.B. Ubbelohde: "In all energy transformation, there is a tendency for some energy to be transformed into non-reversible heat energy." Henry Morris in **The Twilight of Evolution**, page 323 speaks of this non-reversible change as the occasion for a "qualitative deterioration." Here is indicated the occasion for decay everywhere, according to the Law of Entropy. It is locked up, limited, but not lost. "The grass withereth the flower fadeth" (Isa. 40:7) the same verse indicates that this item of Entropy is the work of the Spirit of the Lord.

"As for man, his days are as grass: as the flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it and it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him" (Psa. 103:15-17).

The heavens and the earth are described as "the work of thy hands. they shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea all of them shall wax old, like a garment, as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed" (Psa. 102: 25-26)

"The heavens shall vanish away like smoke ... wax old ... they that dwell therein shall die" (Isa. 51:6). "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Mt. 24:35). "All are dust and all turn to dust again (Eccl. 3:20).

With all this array of the very words which the Lord has spoken about Entropy, can we doubt that the Lord Himself has set up this Law for our correction and that He will in turn, change it again for our eternal welfare, in accordance with His promise?

In the one thousand year reign of Christ upon earth, we do not yet know what we shall be like, but we now know that we shall be like Him in our personalities (1 Jn. 3:2) and in our bodies (1 Cor. 15:51-53). Even now we

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have received power to become the sons of God, even as children are similar to their fathers (Jn. 1:12). In that day, “His glory shall be revealed” and we shall be glad also with exceeding joy (1 Pet. 4:13). “And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away” (Rev. 21:4).

And why shall all this happen to us and to all nature? Because the Lord is here promising to repeal the Law of Entropy which He imposed upon all the earth after the Fall. Entropy shall be lovingly liquidated “far as the curse is found.”

