

**VESSELS OF LIFE****29/5/16**

*The human race has designed specific vessels to hold important things in safe and preserving ways. Likewise, planet earth and all that makes life possible (a vessel travelling through hostile extremes in the great vacuum of space), provides all the essentials for life to exist. The factors needed to make the earth a safe and vibrant planet are far too numerous to be an accident... rather we believe that God created the earth to be a provider and maintainer of life... a vessel of purposeful design, with a life plan than most humans fail to grasp.*

**Long before modern science tried to deny God and His intelligently designed earth, Isaiah revealed... ISA 45:18** For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be **inhabited**: I am the LORD; and there is none else. The earth was designed for life to exist... it wasn't accidental, but purposeful in every detail. Human arrogance and pride have rejected God's words, defaulting to convoluted and distorted reasoning. Consider this simple example. In the movie 'Contact', Jodi Foster plays a SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) scientist, seeking alien signals. SETI is a real world body that uses radio receivers to listen for 'organized' radio signals. If a signal is random static, it is natural. If it is organized, however, it would be undoubtedly sent by an intelligent source. For instance, the signal "2 – 2 – 4" (about **10 bytes** of information) would be considered intelligent. Although SETI has not yet heard any such signal in its 30 years of real world operation, they keep listening. By some stretch of logic, many of those same scientists say that a DNA molecule containing **four billion bytes** of perfectly arranged information did not come from a source of intelligence. It just 'happened' by accident!! This is the type of flawed logic, informed Christians are fighting on a daily basis.

**The human race has used its intelligence and inventiveness to build vessels that enable it to survive safely and comfortably in often hostile environments, while mostly ignoring their creator.** Consider the following...  
House... a safe place to live with the basics of life provided (shelter, food, water, sanitation, security, etc.).  
Car... a vessel for fast and efficient transport for individuals and families... cooled, heated, water proof, safe).  
Boat... a vessel for travelling safely on the water... can have all the attributes of a car and house in one.  
Plane... a vessel for travelling safely through the air... can have all the attributes of a car and more.  
Submarine... a vessel for travelling safely under the water... can have all the attributes of a car and house too.  
Spacecraft... a vessel for travelling and living outside the planet... But there is one vessel they cannot design.

*What type of vessel does the collective wisdom of science provide when a person dies? The best they can come up with is a coffin, a symbol of total failure and physical loss. Buried in the ground and never expected to be seen again. This is where natural wisdom and science run out of answers... the dead are abandoned while the living strive to defer their own death for as long as possible. All of the other vessels have been created to preserve and promote safer living; yet, none come anywhere near the complexity of the earth and its systems. Mankind delights in their own inventiveness, but ignore Gods as a solution for their greatest problem... death.*

**The natural body is a very flexible vessel designed as a dwelling place for our soul. PSA 139:14** I will praise thee; for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works**; and that my soul knoweth right well. The human body is the most truly remarkable vessel in the universe, yet most people don't understand the reason for its existence, because they confuse Godly design and purpose with short term goals and pleasures. Our bodies were also designed with a spiritual purpose in mind... where God and man can dwell together.

**This is where Jesus reveals the big picture for humanity...** he provides a vessel that will preserve the human soul long after the natural body has perished. **2COR 5:1** For we know that if our earthly **house** of this tabernacle were dissolved (physical death), we have a building of God, an **house** not made with hands, **eternal** in the heavens. Jesus offers to open the door into a new house for us... a place where death and human ignorance will no longer have any power. **JOH 10:9** I am the **door**: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. Like the ark... another vessel for surviving deadly extremes.

**The gospel of salvation reveals the only way of obtaining a vessel suitable for the soul to live in peace and harmony forever. MAR 16:15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **17** And these **signs shall follow them that believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **&20** And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. It doesn't matter how many times you survive the earth orbiting the sun, in the end you need a new vessel of life, or your journey will end forever. Good choices are a lot easier to make, when evidence rather than theory is offered!!