

# *CREATION GROANS*

## **ROMANS 8:19-22**

The anticipation of the glory of a *NEW CREATION* that awaits us through the completed work of the Holy Spirit.

- The next ten verses contain three incomparable groans:  
**1.** Creation (**v. 19-22**); **2.** All Believers (**v. 23-25**); **3.** The Holy Spirit Himself (**v. 26-27**).
- This deep lament coming from the created universe as it now exists in the corrupted condition caused by the fall of man, which is, of course, the result of Adam's sin.

# CREATION ON ITS TIPTOES

*The Greek word Apo/kara/dokia: anxious longing*

- The creation is standing on tiptoes, as it were, as it ***waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God***—Rapture, Second Coming, and the Millennial Reign. Prophetically seen in **ISA. 65:17, ISA. 35:1, ISA.55:12**
- ***“Waits eagerly”***—the Greek verb *apek/dech/omai*—waiting in great anticipation but with patience
- ***“Revealing”***—Greek *apokalupsis*, which refers to an *uncovering, unveiling, or revelation*—apocalypse

# ***THE UNBELIEVING WORLD DOESN'T GET IT!***

Today, the world is largely ignorant of God's role in creating the universe; but at the appointed time, God will reveal His fullness. *"At the revealing of the sons of God"* (**v. 19**). By Adam's fall, creation was tainted!

- ***Before the Fall***, no weeds or poisonous plants, no thorns or thistles, or anything else existed that could cause man misery or harm. It was "very good."
- ***After the Fall***, God said to Adam, "you blew it, the earth is cursed" (**GEN. 3:17-19**). ***But not forever!***

# ***GOD LET THE WEEDS GROW***

The verb “***was subjected***” indicates by its form that nature did not curse itself, but was cursed by something or someone else.

- The curse on nature was executed by its Creator; God Himself “***subjected it***” to futility, decay, and entropy.
- We must be good stewards, but we will not stem the tide of decay by human effort. God ordained the corruption so man would not worship the creation (**ROM. 1:18-24**). ***THE EARTH IS NOT FRIENDLY!***

## ***BUT THERE IS HOPE!***

Therefore, Paul says, there is hope even for the natural creation itself, which will be set free from its “*slavery to corruption*”—**2ND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS**—into the “*freedom of the glory of the children of God.*”

**THERMODYNAMICS AND THE ORIGIN OF LIFE . . . Creation!**

- The real tendency in the natural world, as expressed by the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics, is from higher order and organization to disorder and chaos. ***OOOPS!***
- Things get worse, not better, with age!

# ***THE MYTH OF CHEMICAL EVOLUTION***

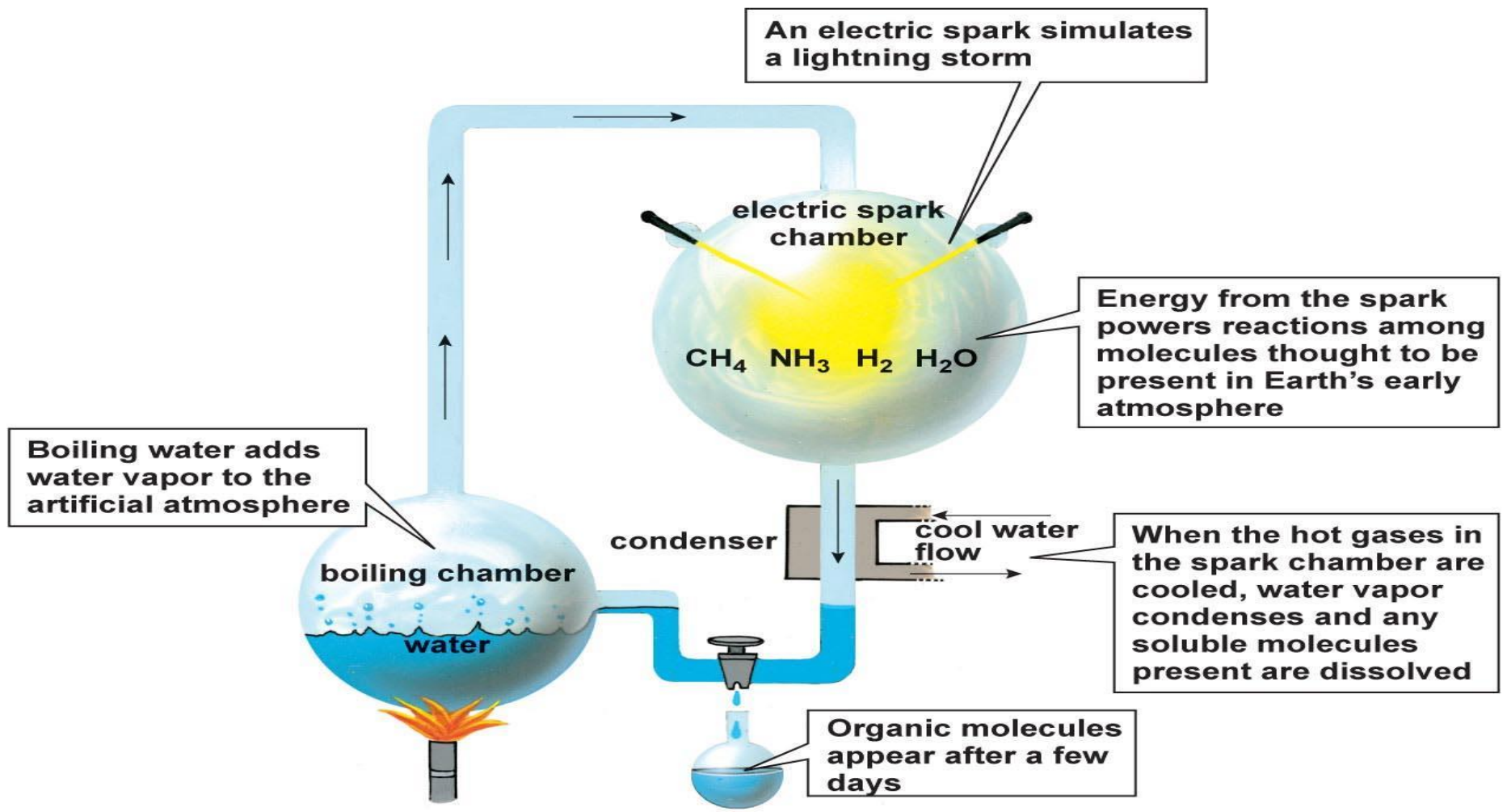
In the mid-1800s, Louis Pasteur showed that life did not arise from non-living material—abiogenesis.

- Yet those who deny the ***CREATOR'S EXISTENCE*** must believe abiogenesis happened once upon a time, or plan B: aliens.
- That is exactly what the 2007-08 \$557 million dollar JPL/NASA Phoenix Mars probe/The Mars landers were looking for—the so-called chemical precursors of life!

# ***THE TRUTH ABOUT ALL LIFE***

All life rides upon the same biomolecules, metabolic pathways, and genetic information. So life had but one origin—either created, or evolved, or transplanted.

- From amino acids to proteins to enzymes.
- Modern theories of the origin of life date back to the Soviet scientist Oparin in 1924.
- His ideas of a ***PRIMEVAL SOUP*** were promoted in the West by fellow communist J.D.S. Haldane of Cambridge. Enter Stanley Miller and Harold Urey in the 1950s.



# ***IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY***

Each component of a living cell is breathtakingly complex, yet in isolation it cannot survive nor replicate itself.

- All the parts of the cell are necessary to its function and replication.
- Nothing works until everything works—much like the five parts of a mousetrap.
- An example of this is the enzyme ***Adenosine Tri-Phosphate Synthase ATP***, found in all living cells including animals, plants, fungi, and bacteria.

# TALK ABOUT GROANING

***THERE IS A CREATOR. HIS NAME IS JESUS!***

- Yes, creation is groaning while the world remains in ***“slavery to the corruption”*** of sin.
- Yet despite our continuing corruption and destruction, neither nuclear war, climate change, nor GMO’s will bring about our ultimate demise.
- That is in the province of God alone, and there is no need to fear a human-initiated holocaust.

***The destiny of earth is in the hands of its Creator.***