

# The Master Programmer



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My Dad had been a research scientist, electronics inventor with five patents, an agnostic and evolutionist. I was an Evangelist Christian minister and creationist, helping Dad with rental maintenance on a small ranchette. One warm day we opened the doors of a metal hardware shed. A mud dauber wasp was flying in front of its nest, apparently trying to cool it down.

"I wonder how it knows to do that?" I said.

"It was probably programmed into its genes." Dad replied.

When I grew up, it wasn't safe to communicate with Dad, because I would have to preplan what I would say, and it had to be true to science, fact, and reason.

After thinking about the wasp, I wanted to add a second question, "**Programmed by Whom?**", but I was too scared to ask.

The Merriam Webster dictionary<sup>1</sup> states that the word program is: "a plan or procedure", "coded instructions for a computer."

Had my Dad made a *Freudian slip*? Evolution was telling him that the world came to pass by chance and random selection. His accomplishments in electronics had happend by careful planning and design.

An agnostic is someone who says he doesn't know if God exists. In the Bible, the apostle Paul, in his letter to the Romans states, "For the truth about God is known to them instinctively; God has put this knowledge in their hearts." — Romans 1:19 TLB

Dad and the wasp had something in common—instinct: "behavior originating below the conscious level", "a largely inheritable and unalterable tendency of an organism to make a complex and specific response to environmental stimuli without involving reason."<sup>1</sup>

The scientific terminology for the instinctive cooling programmed into the wasp by God our Creator is *thermoregulation*. An internet search into scientific studies states: "the most common cooling behaviours...are wing fanning (where workers fan their wings while standing in a stationary position to drive warm air away from the nest, and evaporative cooling (where workers collect water and place droplets on the surface of the brood comb)."<sup>2</sup>

Paul continues, "For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God." — Romans 1:20 NLT

The October 25, 2004 Time Magazine cover read:

*“The God Gene - Does our DNA compel us to seek a higher power? Believe it or not, some scientists say yes.”*

Saint Augustine said, “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord; and the heart of man is ever restless, untill it finds its rest in Thee.”

San Pascual, a French physicist, said, “There is a God shaped void inside every person that only Jesus Christ can fill.”

## **God's Good News**

Paul tells us about *God's Good News*. “For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is God's powerful method of bringing all who believe it to heaven...now everyone is invited to come to God...” — Romans 1:15-16 TLB

Mankind was made, not just to see the existence of God in nature, but to know Him personally, even walking and talking with God the way Adam and Eve did in the Garden of Eden. — Genesis 3:8.

My Dad disagreed with me, that, with all the catastrophic problems going on in this world, God could still take notice of (care about) my individual needs, like getting the next tank of gas for my car.

The Amplified Bible tells me: “Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your

concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully. “

— 1 Peter 5:7

Psalm 139 says God saw me being formed in seclusion in my mother's womb and wrote out a daily plan for my life before I was even born!

“You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your Book! How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn toward me.” — Psalm 139:16-18a TLB

“You chart the path ahead of me, and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am.” — Psalm 139:3 TLB

For decades I have seen proof of this in my own experience. On one occasion, in 1980, I was low on money and thinking about getting food, while volunteering at a West Hollywood photography studio. In faith, I prayed softly and specifically to my heavenly Father for a few of the three billion pennies supermarkets were looking for. Within two minutes, my Messianic Jewish boss walked in and handed me a 75mm film can half full of only pennies, that he had been saving in his desk drawer. “I feel like I am supposed to give you this.” he said.

You may have not yet found such heavenly love and care because—through sin or disobedience to God's commandments, man cut himself off from a meaningful relationship with God. God came to earth in the Person of Jesus Christ, Who took upon Himself the penalty for our sins, so we can reconnect with our Creator, becoming children of God.

Paul writes, "God our Savior...longs for all to be saved to understand this truth: That God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, himself man, is between them to bring them together, by giving his life for all mankind."

— 1 Timothy 2:3-5 TLB

Paul further writes: "For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!" — 2 Cor. 5:21 TLB

In 2010, at age 88, dying from pancreatic cancer, my Dad called me from the main house where we had observed the wasp. He wanted prayer for a miracle. I told him he wasn't ready to go for two reasons. First, he didn't know where he was going; and second, he didn't know how he was going to get there.

My Dad humbled himself, took my hands and repeated after me the World's Most Important Prayer, asking Jesus into his heart/life as his personal Lord and Savior. About two months later he died, checking

out of his worn out earth suit, as heaven's angels escorted him to his new eternal home in heaven.

The apostle Paul had written, "I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me."

— Philippians 1:23b NLT

"...away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. " – 2 Corinthians 5:5 NLT

The Creator programmed you to experience Him. Jesus, your liaison or escort to the heavenly Father, is knocking on your heart's door, patiently waiting, wanting in.

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My voice and open the door, **I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.**" – Rev. 3:20 NLT

Paul writes, "We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you—be reconciled to God."

— 2 Corinthians 5:20 TLB

Pray this **World's Most Important Prayer** (aloud, and from your heart):

**Dear Jesus, Come into my heart, Forgive all my sins, Wash me in your blood, Write my name in the Book of Life. Fill me with the Holy Spirit so I can serve and obey you. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

“But to all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them. All who believe this are reborn!—not a physical rebirth resulting from human passion or plan—but from the will of God.”

– John 1:12-13 TLB

## ***Welcome to the family of God!***

Evangelist Dr. David Hupp

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2. Nest Thermoregulation in Social Insects

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