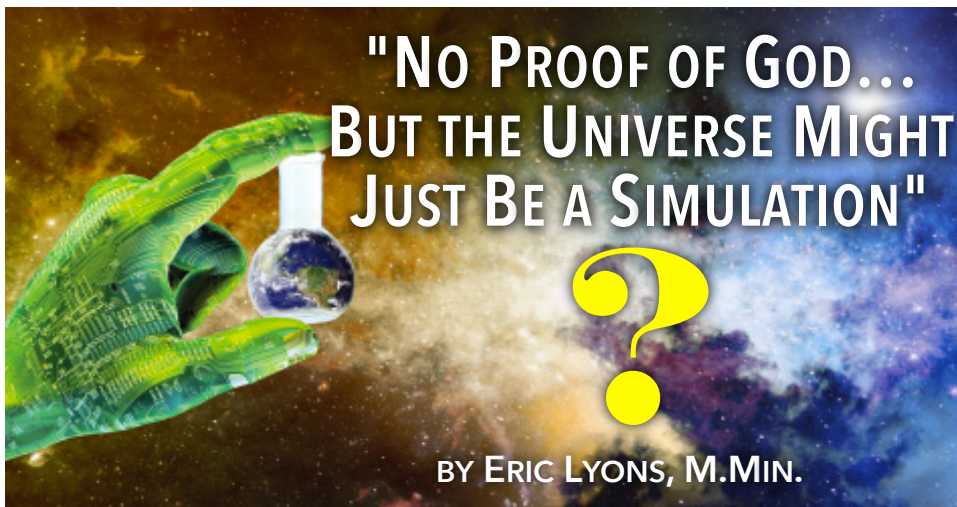


The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 12, 2018



Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson is one of America's most well-known evolutionary astrophysicists. He has worked as the Director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York City for two decades. He also frequently appears on television shows such as *The Colbert Report* and *Real Time with Bill Maher*. Though Dr. Tyson has made some oppressive comments regarding theism (and theists) in the past,¹ he is not an atheist; Tyson is agnostic: he admits that he is "someone who doesn't know" and "hasn't really seen evidence for" God, but "is prepared to embrace the evidence" if it is ever presented.²

Interestingly, Dr. Tyson recently made some outlandish ...

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & fellowship for lunch every Sunday!

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... comments at the 2016 Isaac Asimov Memorial Debate at the American Museum of Natural History about the nature of the Universe. According to Tyson, "the likelihood of the universe being a simulation 'may be very high.'"³ News organizations reported that Tyson indicated "it's not too hard to imagine that some other creature out there is far smarter than us" (emp. added).⁴ Perhaps we're just "some sort of alien simulation."⁵ Tyson went so far as to say, "[I]t is easy for me to imagine that everything in our lives is just the creation of some other entity for their entertainment. I'm saying, the day we learn that it is true, I will be the only one in the room saying, I'm not surprised."⁶

Isn't it baffling what evolutionary agnostics and atheists will believe and what they won't (or don't) believe? Dr. Tyson is a very educated scientist who seems to have no problem imagining that god-like aliens made our Universe for their pleasure despite the complete **lack** of evidence for such a belief. Yet, at the same time, Tyson refuses to believe in God because he does not believe there is **enough** evidence to come to the conclusion that God actually created the Universe for His own glory (Psalm 19:1-4; Isaiah 43:7) and to be inhabited by His human creatures (Isaiah 45:18), who are made in His image (Genesis 1:26-27).

One thing that Dr. Tyson did allude to that everyone should freely admit based upon the evidence: "[I]t is easy for me to imagine that **everything in our lives is just the creation of some other entity**" (emp. added). In truth, Creation makes sense.⁷ "For every house is built by someone, **but He who built all things is God**" (Hebrews 3:4, emp. added). "The heavens declare the glory" of the eternal, omnipotent Creator (Psalm 19:1), not some supposed alien civilization (who, in turn, would need an explanation for their existence if they really did exist).⁸ Sadly, men such as Dr. Tyson seem so open to the idea of "super" aliens, yet not to The **Supernatural** Creator, Who will judge our actions or lack

thereof at the end of time (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

ENDNOTES

- ¹ See Michael Brooks (2006), "In Place of God," *New Scientist*, 192[2578]:8-11. See also Eric Lyons and Kyle Butt (2007), "Militant Atheism," *Reason & Revelation*, 27[1]:1-5, <http://www.apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=12&article=2051&topic=296>.
- ² "Neil deGrasse Tyson: Atheist or Agnostic?" (2012), *Big Think*, April 25, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzSMC5rWvos>.
- ³ Kevin Loria (2016), "Neil deGrasse Tyson Thinks There's a 'Very High' Chance the Universe is just a Simulation," *Business Insider*, <http://www.businessinsider.sg/neil-degrasse-tyson-thinks-the-universe-might-be-a-simulation-2016-4/#.VypZthVrjq0>.
- ⁴ *Ibid.*
- ⁵ Michael Lazar (2016), "Could the Universe Be a Simulation? Neil deGrasse Tyson Thinks It Might," *Huffington Post*, May 1, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-lazar/could-the-universe-be-a-s_b_9816034.html.
- ⁶ *Ibid.*
- ⁷ Eric Lyons (2010), "Science, Common Sense, and Genesis 1:1," *Apologetics Press*, <http://www.apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=9&article=3758&topic=93>.
- ⁸ Cf. Bert Thompson (2004), "Is There Intelligent Life in Outer Space?" *Apologetics Press*, <http://www.apologeticspress.org/apcontent.aspx?category=9&article=1129>.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Stephanie Bayless, heart operation scheduled for 8/13; **Monica Meredith**, sprained ankle; **Clifton Angel**, thyroid cancer, surgery consult 8/13; **Tim Wilkes, Sr**, another eye procedure and other ongoing ailments; **GINNA Honeycutt**; **Sammy Williams**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Caleb & Elizabeth Baker**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**.

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Family & Friends

Judy Dowling, Joe's mother, fallen twice recently; **Tasha (Higginbotham) Johnson**, Stephanie's niece, kidney complications during pregnancy; **Martha Hatfield family**, Lynn's grandmother passed, funeral today; **Claire Easley**, Molly's mom, breast cancer; **Dan Talley**, Weslyn's father-in-law, stage 4 lung cancer.

Birthdays

8/4 Terry Davis	8/17 Dana Davis
8/6 Monica Meredith	8/18 Carl Honeycutt
8/10 Larry Campbell	8/19 Ron Johnson
8/10 Caleb Baker	8/19 Will Brooks
8/14 Lily Wilkes	8/25 Addi Bayless
8/15 Carolyn Davis	8/26 Jim Jackson
8/16 Clifton Angel	8/28 Jerry Davis
8/16 Whitney Acklin	8/30 Hannah Davis
	8/31 Kara Strickland

Anniversaries

8/1	Terry & Dana Davis
8/1	John & Suzanne Wofford
8/2	Jared & Rebecca Brown
8/6	Tim II & Rachel Wilkes
8/17	Tim & Monica Meredith
8/18	Ron & Anna Johnson

Get Involved!

Providence Place Devo: TODAY, 2 PM

3rd Quarter Series: Aug 15, 7 PM
"Let Us Grow" (Heb. 6:1), Jason Bayless

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: Aug 22, 10 AM

3rd Quarter Series: Aug 22, 7 PM
"Let Us Draw Near" (Heb 10:22), Jeffrey Ferrell

Coldwater Gospel Meeting: Sep 23 –36

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, August 12

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell
	John Wofford
Assist	Carl Honeycutt
	Tim Wilkes II
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	John Wofford
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Chris Martin

Wednesday, August 15

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Kevin Dixon

TECH:	Noah Davis
HALL:	Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell