

Organized or Chaos?

*“For I know the plans I have for you’, declares the Lord,
‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.’”
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

One of a parent’s most important duties is to help their children organize their lives. I vividly recall our oldest son and his collection of dinky toy cars. Each day he would have 50-60 of his cars out on the floor. He never tired of playing with them. As we helped him put all the cars away at bedtime he always knew if one was missing. If one was missing, he would know it. He would describe it to us, and we would search until it was found. We were teaching him to organize his young life and keep his toys in order.

When we examine God’s creation, we easily see how it has a pattern, it is all well organized and displays how Someone has put everything in its proper place. Albert Einstein numerous times has commented on how orderly the universe appears. Some atheistic physicists express annoyance at Einstein for his many references to God. However, Einstein, being one of the most brilliant physicists who ever lived, was also honest regarding how the universe had the stamp of intelligent design. He accepted the principle Socrates stated, “Follow the evidence

wherever it leads.”

Seeing in the universe profound evidence for a Designer we need to conclude that He also has definite plans for His people. Our verse today assures us that the Lord always works in a logical manner. God’s plan for His people is always for our good and His glory. God’s plan guarantees us a wonderful and glorious future. Whatever happens will ultimately work for our good. Romans 8:28 (NIV) says, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Look today at some part of creation and observe the pattern of God’s handiwork. This tells us that God is orderly in all things regardless of how illogical it seems to be to us presently. William Cowper puts it so well in his marvelous hymn that follows. May your heart be blessed today and may you be encouraged to continue in spite of not understanding why your life seems so chaotic at this time.

God moves
in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps

in the sea
And rides upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill
He treasures up
His bright designs
And works His sov’ reign will.

Ye fearful saints,
fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy
and shall break
In blessings on your head.
Judge not the Lord
by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have
a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flow’r.
Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

- William Cowper

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