

2019-12-22 Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?



First Hymn

1. Hymn. 544

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth;
Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meekness will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.



Scriptural selection

1. Job 38:3-7

- 3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
- 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.
- 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
- 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;
- 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

2. Ps. 24:1, 2, 6 (to 1st .), 7

- 1 The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
- 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
- 6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. ...
- 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

3. Isa. 11:1–4 (to :), 5, 10

- 1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
- 2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;
- 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
- 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: ...
- 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
- 10 ¶ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.



Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 310

Sing, ye joyous children, sing,
 Glorious is the Christ, our king,
 Truth has come again to earth,
 Through the lowly Saviour's birth.
 Men and angels, anthems raise;
 Hymns of joy and shouts of praise.
 Hear th' angelic song again:
 Peace on earth, good will to men.
 Sing, ye joyous children, sing,
 Glorious is the Christ, our king.

When the stars together sang,
 Then the Truth triumphant rang:

Be there light; And there was light.
Gone are chaos, fear and night;
Truth hath rolled the mists away;
Dawns on earth harmonious day.
Hear th' angelic song again:
Peace on earth, good will to men.
Sing, ye joyous children, sing,
Glorious is the Christ, our king.

3. Hymn. 170

Let every creature hail the morn
On which the holy child was born,
And know, through God's exceeding grace,
Release from things of time and place.
I listen, from no mortal tongue,
To hear the song the angels sung,
And wait within myself to know
The Christmas lilies bud and blow.

The outward symbols disappear
From him whose inward sight is clear,
And small must be the choice of days
To him who fills them all with praise.
Keep while ye need it, brothers mine,
With honest zeal your Christmas sign,
But judge not him who every morn
Feels in his heart the Lord Christ born.



Benediction

Phil. 4:7

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.