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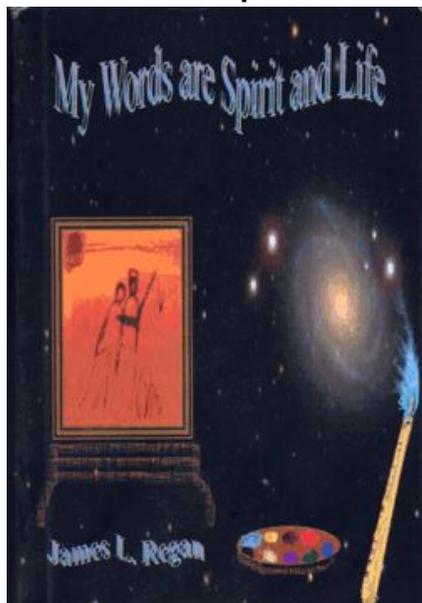
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Universal clues point to creator, author

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Connally Memorial lab worker writes book on intelligent design

"The heavens are telling the glory of God ... " begins a popular church hymn. According to author James Regan, the heavens, the earth — the universe, in fact — all contain clues carefully placed to lead humanity to identify a creator or author of everything.

Regan, a medical laboratory technologist at Connally Memorial Medical Center in Floresville, has published *My Words are Spirit and Life*, a book that he believes clearly outlines his argument that there is a God who created the universe and all that is in it, and that God has left clues throughout creation to His identity as the creator of all things.

Regan has been fascinated with science since he was very young and holds a bachelor's degree in medical

technology.

"There's been a division between religion and science that started in the Renaissance," Regan said in a recent interview. "The church had problems with scientific thought and scientists had problems accepting God, and so the division occurred. I wanted to share [in my book] that the divide isn't as great as some might think."

"The reality is that science and religion go very much together," Regan said. "Christians have trouble with some ideas on evolution, but some pieces of evolutionary thought are true — for example, adaptation and natural selection."

It's Regan's belief that some of the ideas presented in his book are as important as the discovery of the structure of DNA in 1953.

"DNA is a program," Regan said. "A program implies a programmer."

Regan was inspired to write out of concern that schools teach evolution, but no creation theory is taught alongside it. And yet, "When I read the book of Genesis, the Bible says that on the third day, God created all the plants. My scientific mind kicked in," Regan said. "If the Bible is just stories, like some think — OK. But if it's an actual chronology, then there's evidence somewhere in nature in general to support this."

Regan's probing uncovered an "artistic aspect" in nature, and revealed to him that many artistic patterns exist in the natural world. The patterns, coupled with science, indicate to Regan an entirely different view of Earth's origins than the views touted in evolutionary theory.

"I believe life was deposited into the sea, and not that it started in it," Regan said. "And that plants were here before multicellular animals. This completely messes with Darwinist thinking."

He offers seven lines of proof to show why he thinks plants were here first.

"We shouldn't be afraid to say God created everything. Creation was done out of love. God is love." An emotional Regan continued, "He's a very loving father. So loving that He's very concerned about our condition as a whole. So much so that He sent His Son to help us."

"He designed everything with intent and purpose. It all fits together like a tapestry," Regan said. "All things are there to point us back to Him."

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Among Regan’s proof are patterns that repeat in plant and animal life, as well as in inanimate objects. One example of this is the spiral, which appears in the layout of petals on flowers, in pinecones, shells, hurricanes, and galaxies.

Regan’s theory is that an artist or creator finds patterns that he or she likes, and repeats them as motifs many times over in various works. This is one line that leads him to believe that there is a creator responsible for all things, employing favorite designs in multiple works.

Several readers with a medical background have read Regan’s book. All, he says, have liked it.

“One said it takes creationism to a whole new level,” Regan said.

About the book, Regan said, “Even though there are mistakes, I knew we needed to get it out in public,” Regan said. “There are so many people who use science as a reason not to believe in God. This book is for the farmer, teacher, housewife, priest — anyone who is interested in this.”

Regan will be signing copies of My Words are Spirit and Life on Thursday, Aug. 24, from 2-9 p.m. at the Eagle Creek Christian Store, 91 Eagle Creek Ranch off U.S. 181 north of Floresville.

My Words are Spirit and Life, by James Regan, ISBN 1-4208-9326-2, is published by AuthorHouse. It is available online at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com in hardcover and paperback. Prices vary.

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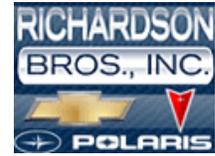
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