

who try to convince us that this is false, that we do not have, and that we are not an immortal spirit but that we are just a colocation of chemical molecules, just put together in a certain way temporarily soon to disappear!

I have here the book Carl Sagen wrote 3 or 4 years ago, called The Dragons of Eden. You see immediately from the title that it is a parody on the Scriptural teaching about Eden. Carl Sagen is very prominent just now. He is giving a series of 13 hour long presentations under the title of "Cosmos"--a history of the universe, of the nature of the universe. It is being shown on Channel 12 two or three times each week. One of them is Tuesday from 12 to 1:00. I forget just when the other parts are. I have seen them thus far. He combines a great deal of knowledge about various large things, the universe, distant stars, the galaxies, about history, and great thinkers with a considerable number of very dogmatic statements and an occasional little dig at Christianity.

In this book, The Dragonsof Eden, there is a statement that is quite relevant to what we are saying. It is on v.7. He says, My fundamental premise about the ~~phras~~ brain is that its workings sometimes called mind are a consequence of its anatomy, and physiology and nothing more." Further down on the page he says, There is not a shred of evidence to support the idea that inhabiting the matter of the ~~mind~~ body is something made of quite different stuff called mind. The idea that we are simply the product of evolution, of various accidental developemnt acting in a natural way and what we can know as thought or mind is merely the way the cells operate and has no reality apart from it.

If Carl Sagen really believes that we wonder why he tries to convince us of it! If we are nothing more than a collection of molocules, what's the point in trying to convey an idea to us? Of course he denies there is such a thing as an idea. But that is an attitude which many today have convinced themselves is true, but I don't believe many people really believe it in their hearts. I believe that most people when they reach a point where they have to make a decision and they make a decision without the idea that this is something about the way these molocules are working. There is an "I". There is an immortal spirit. God has assured us that this immortal spirit is more important than anything natural, then anything merely human.

It's so easy for us to become excited about the great achievement man has made. We think of his great accomplishments. How proud we are we have sent men actually to stand on the moon. Think of the tremendous endeavors it took to enable them to stand upon the moon! Think of the tremendous expense involved in getting to the moon. And it sounds in a way as if we conquered the universe, but actually if we were to go to Mars it would be 200x~~xxx~~ times as far as the moon. 200 times as great an effort would be required. We've hardly touched the tiniest part of the cosmos! Yet man thinks he's tremendous. But God has given us an _____ spirit. He has created us for eternity and this is one of the most varvellous gifts you can possibly imagine.