

## QA: Don't Scientific Discoveries Rule Out God?

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: "Don't scientific discoveries rule out God?"

ANSWER: Without God, there is no explanation for the absolute identity of humankind as separate from animals.

## A. THE FIRST SURGERY WAS SAME-DAY.

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (**Genesis 1:27**)

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (**Genesis 2:7**)

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. (**Genesis 2:21-22**)

## **B. ALL SURGERY TODAY FOLLOWS THE SAME PROCEDURE:**

- 1. Create "a deep sleep;"
- 2. Make an opening in the body to work on, or remove, a part;
- 3. Close the opening surgically made;
- 4. Awaken the patient for the healing process.

C. **THE MOST VALUABLE DISCOVERY** In 1847, Sir James Simpson of Edinburgh discovered the use of chloroform as an anesthetic in surgery. Some claim this to be the most significant discovery of modern medicine. In his later years, Sir James was lecturing at Edinburgh University and a student asked, "What do you consider to be the most valuable discovery of your lifetime?" He answered quickly, "My most valuable discovery was when I discovered myself a sinner and that Jesus Christ was my Savior." The book of Romans makes clear these two significant truths that Simpson articulated. The problem is sin. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23).

Paul declares that the power of God unto salvation is the gospel of Jesus (Romans 1:16). In Christ we have the divine provision: "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The price that was paid? "Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:9). Now what's the process by which we contact that blood? By placing our faith and trust in Jesus (Romans 5:1), confessing Christ (Romans 10:9-10), turning from our sins in repentance (Romans 2:4), and being buried with Christ in baptism (Romans 6:1-4). Then we are to dedicate the rest of our lives in service to Him (Romans 6:12-18; Romans 12:1).

The most valuable discovery you and I can make is that we are sinners and that Christ desires to be our Savior.

——- Allan Eldridge/David A. Sargent, Mobile, AL, November, 2020