This link from my friend Frank. Craig Venter, a DNA researcher who has been involved in deciphering the human genome, is expected to announce within days that he has successfully engineered a <u>life form</u> from laboratory chemicals. Under Venter's direction, a team of twenty geneticists examined the gene sequence of a bacterium called Mycoplasma genitalium. They then painstakingly reconstructed much of its genetic code using laboratory chemicals. The next step involves the transplantation of this manufactured chromosome into a living bacterium. The chromosome should then take control of the cell, and be able to replicate itself, making it the first synthetically produced life form on earth.

Quote: " The new life form will depend for its ability to replicate itself and metabolise on the molecular machinery of the cell into which it has been injected, and in that sense it will not be a wholly synthetic life form. However, its DNA will be artificial, and it is the DNA that controls the cell and is credited with being the building block of life. Mr Venter said he had carried out an ethical review before completing the experiment. " We feel that this is good science, " he said. He has further heightened the controversy surrounding his potential breakthrough by applying for a patent for the synthetic bacterium. Pat Mooney, director of a Canadian bioethics organisation, ETC group, said the move was an enormous challenge to society to debate the risks involved. " Governments, and society in general, is way behind the ball. This is a wake-up call - what does it mean to create new life forms in a test-tube? "

I have no doubt this news will be championed by the evolutionists, who will boldly proclaim that mankind has proven that the creation of life is not dependent upon a Creator God. But in reality, what this news proves is that not only was God involved in the creation of life on earth, but that without an intelligent designer, life itself would not exist. Craig Venter boasts in this article that not only can we read our genetic "code", but now we have the technology to write it. What the evolutionists cannot answer is, where did this "code" come from? It did not come from the chemicals themselves. The order of proteins in DNA is independent of the properties of the chemicals of which they consist. The order of DNA in living things parallels that of language, where the information is not contained within the ink, or even the letters. The information comes from the complex arrangement of letters, which make up words, which make up sentences, which make up paragraphs, which make up chapters, which make up books, which make up volumes, which make up libraries. God is the architect of you. And as His creation, you will one day have to give an account to Him of the life you have lived. The book of Amos warns us, remember now your Creator in the days of your youth. Turn to Jesus Christ for salvation today.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-2

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

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