Genetic Music – Creation Moments

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The entire creation is woven together on an invisible cloth of mathematics. Since mathematics is also the basis of music, the creation is often more filled with music than we think. In fact, Christians ought to think twice before dismissing as figurative those Bible passages about the whole creation praising its Creator.



Sometimes the music of the creation in praise of God is more clearly seen. As one California geneticist was studying the structure of DNA, it struck him that the pattern of bases out of which DNA is built followed a pattern similar to a melody. So he assigned notes to each of the four bases: cytosine for do, adenine for re and me, guanine for fa and sol, thymine for la and te, and cytosine again for do.

Upon playing different gene structures according to this orchestration the geneticist found that rather than endless repetition and wandering melodies, each gene has its own musical style and interesting melody. One collagen gene sounds like Bach. Genes which code for cell adhesion molecules sound like Debussy. And a mouse gene for RNA sounds very much like Chopin.

As our knowledge of the creation grows, so does the witness to God's power and wisdom. Truly the whole creation, in its every part, sings the praises of its Creator. Let us join that praise with our voices!

Psalm 65:13

"The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing."

Prayer: Dear Father, I thank and praise You in wonder for the work of Your hands. Let my thanksgiving never cease until the day I see You face to face. Amen.

Photo: Scientist examining DNA profiles, Envato.