**Order**

**To everything there is a season,**

**and a time for every purpose under the sun.**

***(Ecclesiastes 3:1)***

**Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for light by day**

**and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night.**

***(Jeremiah 31:35)***

**For the earth causes the seed to yield fruit,**

**and yet first it becomes a blade of grass,**

**then an ear, and at last a full grain in the ear.  *(St. Mark 4:28)***

**For God is a God not of disorder but of peace.**

***(1 Corinthians 14:33)***

**All things should be done decently and in order.**

***(1 Corinthians 14:40)***

**Put things in order,**

**and the God of love and peace will be with you.**

***(2 Corinthians 13:11)***

**For though I am far away from you in the flesh,**

**yet I am with you in Spirit,**

**and I rejoice to see your orderliness**

**and the sincerity of your faith in Christ.**

***(Colossians 2:5)***

**Affirm: “Our Father in heaven, let there be peace and order in the Earth, and let it begin with me.” *(Unity Daily Word)***

**The collective genius of ants: Ants are better than Google at processing data. That’s the conclusion of a new mathematics study that looked at how ants transform what begins as a seemingly random search for food into a highly organized network. Researchers used computers modeling to translate well-known ant behavior patterns into equations and algorithms. They discovered that the insects divide themselves into two groups: scouts and gatherers. Scouts that are successful in finding food will take a scrap back to the nest, dropping a trail of pheromones along the way to mark the path. Subsequent waves of ants will follow the trail, which becomes refined as more ants traverse it – leaving even more pheromone markers – until the best, shortest route between food and nest is found. “I’d go so far as to say that the learning strategy involved in that is more accurate and complex than a Google search,” professor Jurgen Kurths of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research tells The Independent (U.K.). Researchers also found that the scouts tend to be older ants, which have greater experience exploring the nest’s surroundings. The younger ants do the grunt work of gathering. *(The Week magazine, June 13, 2014)***

**Tetragonula carbonaria, also known as Australian stingless bees, live in massive colonies where one queen is surrounded by thousands of workers. They are the only known bee species to produce a beautiful spiral nest. The spiral-shaped towers may reach up to 20 layers. These layers are called brood combs, links of hundreds of individual egg chambers that form a continuous spiral staircase of unborn baby bees. Scientists have tried to understand why the bees build such an elaborate structure, but they remain baffled. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**Baseball is almost the only orderly thing in a very unorderly world. If you get three strikes, even the best lawyer in the world can’t get you off. *(Bill Veeck, former Chicago White Sox owner)***

**The basis of all scientific work is the conviction that the world is an ordered and comprehensive entity, which is a religious sentiment. My religious feeling is a humble amazement at the order revealed in the small patch of reality to which our feeble intelligence is equal. *(Albert Einstein)***

**Man’s three-pound brain is the most complex and orderly arrangement of matter known in the universe. *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 321)***

**There is beauty in space, and it is orderly. There is no weather, and there is regularity. Everything in space obeys the laws of physics. *(Wernher Von Braun, U.S. Army missile specialist)***

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**Historians related the heart-warming story of Abdul Kassem Ismael (938-95 A.D.), the scholarly grand vizier of Persia, and his library of 17,000 volumes. On his many travels as a warrior and statesman, he never parted with his beloved books. They were carried about by 400 camels - trained to walk in a fixed order so that the books on their backs could be maintained in alphabetical order. The camel-driver librarians could put their hands instantly on any book, their master asked for. *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 215)***

**It is believed that Abdul Kassam Ismael, Grand Vizier of Persia in the 10th century, carried his library with him wherever he went. 400 camels trained to walk in alphabetical order carried the 117,000 volumes. *(The Daily Chronicle Extra)***

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**Remember, when you look at the sky, clouds don’t roll by in a haphazard manner. Certain kinds of cloud formations always precede others. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Computer art arouses little of the hostility that greets computer music and poetry. Part of the explanation is that many computer images have a high degree of order. Most familiar are the chunky bar charts and pie charts produced by spreadsheet programs. Publishing programs generate sophisticated type fonts and complex page formatting. Television advertising has made computer color animation commonplace. *(O. B. Hardison, Jr., in Disappearing Through the Skylight, p. 248)***

**Order is “a condition in which everything is in its right place   
and functioning properly. We can only experience this on the spiritual level.” *(Winifred Wilkinson Hausmann, Your God-Given Potential, p. 164)***

**To put the world right in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our hearts right. *(Confucius)***

**The root meaning of the Greek kosmos – from which are derived English “cosmos” and also “cosmetic” – is “order” or “arrangement.” It has the additional meanings of “comely order,” “decoration,” or “ornament.” In its dominant mode, Greek science was the study of the comely and harmonious order of the world – an order that is in the world whether it is perceived or not. Science, for the Greeks, was more an aesthetic than a practical pursuit. Its great triumphs were in geometry and the theory of proportions. Greek science assumed that creation is beautiful as well as orderly. *(O. B. Hardison, Jr., in Disappearing Through the Skylight, p. 11)***

**When life gets chaotic, it’s natural to crave order. But as the global financial system spins out of control, says Science, people should be aware that the craving for order can lead to magical thinking and self-deception. Scientists in Texas and Illinois recently collaborated on a project that examined how people respond to times of stress. They found that when people feel out of control, they tend to throw out their common sense and start subscribing to conspiracy theories and superstitions, and to see patterns where none exist. Asked to explain why they failed at a task, for example, people who were made to feel insecure were more likely to ascribe what happened to their failure to repeat a “lucky” ritual, such as stamping their foot on the ground three times. These findings support earlier studies that found that during the Great Depression, there was a sudden spike in the popularity of astrology and newspaper horoscopes. Unfortunately, says behavioral economist Dan Ariely, magical thinking tends to overcome us when we need our wits the most. He suggests that people feeling distraught over the economy avoid impulsive actions, and seek advice from financial planners pr therapists, not psychics. (The Week magazine, October 24, 2008)**

**It is not a miracle that is needed to create a job for you but an expression of divine order in bringing you together with that which is looking for you. (Eric Butterworth, in Spiritual Economics)**

**Two dangers threaten the universe: order and disorder. (Paul Valery, poet)**

**Jesus recognized order as a fundamental factor in the law of increase. When He fed the multitude He made them sit down in companies. If you study the story carefully you will see that there was a great deal of preliminary preparation before the demonstration was made. There was a recognition of the seed ideas, the loaves and fishes carried by the small boy. There was a prayer of thanks for that supply and then it was blessed. All this preceded the actual appearing and appropriation of the supply. Every demonstration is based on the same law of increase and goes through the same orderly steps. *(Charles Fillmore, in Prosperity, p. 84)***

**To develop divine order in our life, we must learn to cooperate with spiritual law. Obedient cooperation with God’s plan for good is the secret. *(Winifred Wilkinson Hausmann, in Your God-Given Potential, p. 156)***

**In the late 1800s, librarian Melvil Dewey created a book classification system which would later be referred to as the “Dewey Decimal System.” Dewey’s system organized books by subject and is widely used today in school and public libraries. *(Jeff Harris, in Shortcuts)***

**A world in disorder is the product of disorderly thinking on the part of those who live in it. In the past, by letting greed, selfishness, and fear have the upper hand, we have used our thought power to create conditions that we do not want. Today let us at once begin to set our world in order by reforming our thoughts. Let us invoke the divine wisdom of Spirit to guide our thinking. Let us lay hold of and make manifest the great thoughts of God, the ideas that point the way by which we are to establish His kingdom and bring happiness to ourselves. *(The Unity Daily Word message for Monday, September 1, 1941)***

**Amid cheers, honking horns, and ringing church bells, Samoa became the first nation in more than 30 years to switch its driving from one side of the road to the other – without a single accident. At 5:50 a.m., Police Minister Toleafoa Fa’afisa made a radio announcement for motorists to stop; at 6 a.m., Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sa’ilele Malielegaoi ordered all cars to switch sides, from right to left; and at 6:10 a.m., a final announcement was made to resume driving. The switch was made to bring Samoa in line with the traffic flow in Australia and New Zealand. *(The Week magazine, September 25, 2009)***

**On October 6, 1931, Myrtle Fillmore passed to the invisible side of life. Those who knew her closely felt that in some way beyond their own power to understand, Mrs. Fillmore had willed to make this change. For months, she had had her secretary put everything in order as if she knew that she was going. Several times, in earlier years, she had told friends that she personally felt that she had accomplished all that she was able to in this lifetime and wanted to pass on, but that it had been revealed to her that it was not yet time. This time, she had felt strongly that she was going to make the transition. (*James Dillet Freeman, in The Story of Unity, p. 202)***

**The evolution of the universe from a random distribution of elementary particles into elements, compounds, stars, planets and complex life forms seems to fly in the face of the law of physics, which call for constantly increasing entropy and disorder. There is apparently a force in the universe working toward order rather than disorder. Could we call that force intelligent design? *(Bruce Herbert, in Time)***

**Order fosters tolerance: Could cleaning up clutter make people more open-minded? Researchers from Tilburg University in the Netherlands say it can, Nature.com reports. In a series of innovative experiments, they found that exposure to disorder – from standing on a shabby street to looking at a photo of a messy bookshelf – made people more likely to agree with negative stereotypes about Muslims and homosexuals, and less disposed to donate to charity. They also found that when white subjects were asked to sit down on a trash-strewn train platform, they tended to choose a seat farther away from black people than from white ones; on a clean platform they didn’t discriminate. The authors say their study suggests that stereotyping may be “a way to cope with chaos” by mentally organizing people into neat categories, and that investments in tidying up neighborhoods and parks “may be relatively inexpensive and effective ways to reduce stereotyping and discrimination.” *(The Week magazine, April 29, 2011)***

**We make a little order where we are, and the big sweep of history on which we can have no effect doesn’t overwhelm us. We do it with colors, with a garden, with the furnishings of a room, or with sounds and words. We make a little form, and we gain composure. *(Robert Frost)***

**Christopher Falconer, a professional gardener in Suffolk, England, remarks on the fact that a large percentage of the local gardens open to the public belong to ex-military men: “I think it must be something to do with order. They love complete order, and nobody can stop them imposing it on a garden. Gardening allows them to go on having routine, tidiness, straight edges, upright posts. You can be strict in a garden.” *(Ronald Blythe, in Akenfield)***

**Science cannot answer the deepest questions. As soon as you ask why there is something instead of nothing, you have gone beyond science. I find it quite improbable that such order came out of chaos. There has to be some organizing principle. God to me is the explanation for the miracle of existence – why there is something instead of nothing. *(Allan R. Sandage, cosmologist)***

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**Jesus points out here that there is an orderly activity of growth, which has nothing to do with time. The time required in healing or demonstration of any kind depends only on the consciousness of the individual – the response of the finite to the expansiveness of the infinite. *(A Synoptic Study of the Teachings of Unity, p. 51)*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life. *(Immanuel Kant)***

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**A “law is a principle that works. Sir William Blackstone, well-known writer of the law, pointed out many years ago, that a “law” is a settled rule of action. The word “law” usually suggests a desire for order. People experiencing limitation need just that – order in their thinking, emotions, bodies, financial affairs and in all phases in their lives. *(Catherine Ponder, in The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity, p. 5)***

**Three laws scientists work with whether they know it or not:**

1. **There is perfect order in the universe.**
2. **Mankind can understand order.**

**3. It is good to understand it. *(Dr. Saltman, Consultant to NASA)***

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**A library founded by Aristotle was one of the first to organize its collection in order to aid scientific research. The highly organized library of King Ptolemy I was established around 300 B.C. in Alexandria, Egypt. It was one of the greatest libraries of its time and is believed to have contained nearly 500,000 scrolls. *(Jeff Harris, in Shortcuts)***

**A national hero hailed as the “man who saved San Francisco” after the 1906 earthquake, Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston grew up in Iola, Kansas, where his home has been restored as a museum. After the quake, Funston mobilized forces to keep law and order, established emergency medical facilities and housing, and generally restored order to the destroyed city. He was born in 1865 in New Carlisle, Ohio. *(American Profile magazine)***

**The world is music, and creation is dance. For more than two thousand years, this orderly and comely beauty was symbolized by the nine concentric spheres determined by the orbits of the fixed stars, the planets, the sun, and the moon and revolving perpetually around the earth. The invisible world begins at the outer surface of the last sphere. Christian tradition peopled it with nine orders of angels. *(O. B. Hardison, Jr., in Disappearing Through the Skylight, p. 12)***

**A tourist got separated from his tour group in the Sahara. He begged a passing nomad for water. “Sorry,” said the tribesman. “I have no water, but I do have some lovely neckties I’ll sell you.” “You must be crazy,” the tourist mumbled. Nearly dead from thirst, he spied another man. “Water!” the tourist gasped. “Please, give me water.” “I have no water,” came the reply, “only these handsome ties, which I will happily sell you.” The wretched tourist stumbled on until, to his surprise, he saw a grand hotel in the distance. Crawling into the foyer, he cried, “Please – give me water!” “Sorry, sir,” the concierge replied. “We don’t let anyone in without a tie.” *(Paul Dunne, in Reader’s Digest)***

**My philosophy always has been to take each day one day at a time – and not always in chronological order, either. *(Gil Stern, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Perfect order is the forerunner of perfect horror. *(Carlos Fuentes)***

**Keep the cave tidy: Modern homes have separate rooms dedicated to different activities, including the kitchen, home office, and living room. But the impulse to organize one’s living space into categories isn’t at all new. Archaeologists have unearthed evidence at an 800,000-year-old campsite in Israel that its residents, a hominid predecessor of humans called Homo heidelbergensis, segregated the space into discrete “activity areas” for sleeping, food preparation, tool-making, and hearths. Homo heidelbergensis was clearly “a very tidy species,” archaeologist Clive Gamble, who was not involved with the find, tells ScienceNow. Organizing living spaces at this level of sophistication connotes a level of cognition once thought to be exclusive to humans, or Homo sapiens, who migrated from Europe some 40,000 years ago. The new finding shows that even our primitive hominid ancestors were capable of spatial neatness. *(The Week magazine, January 15, 2010)***

**In the sixth century B.C., Pythagoras of Samos discovered the relation between harmony and mathematical ratios – according to legend, after hearing the tones produced by blacksmith’s hammers of different weights. His discovery convinced him that number is the foundation of the comely order of the world and that harmony is its corollary. The natural order is simultaneously functional and beautiful, and its basis is number. *(O. B. Hardison, Jr., in Disappearing Through the Skylight, p. 12)***

**The world is so ordered that we must, in a material sense, lose everything we have and love, one thing after another, until we ourselves close our eyes. *(George Santayana)***

**We all intuitively know that there is something wrong in a world where poverty, suffering, and sorrow prevail. We would not, any of us, create such a world. We all want to see these things blotted out in this world. *(Charles Fillmore, in Jesus Christ Heals)***

**A syzygy occurs when three astronomical bodies line up. *(Noel Botham, in The Book of Useless Information, p. 192)***

**Thank you Father that I have sufficient funds to meet all my obligations with plenty to share and to spare. Thank you Father that every cell of my body is right now manifesting the divine, perfect pattern within me. Thank you Father that divine order reigns in all my affairs and all my relationships are healed now. Everything in my consciousness is in divine order, therefore, everything in my world is in divine order. *(Roy E. Fox)***

**If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours. He will put some things behind, will pass an invisible boundary; new, universal, and more liberal laws will begin to establish themselves around and within him; or old laws will be expanded and interpreted in his favor in a more liberal sense, and he will live with license of a higher order of things. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

**Researchers have discovered a type of cell in the brain that they are calling a time cell. These nerve cells place a sort of stamp on certain memories so that we can recall important events or sequences of events in the proper order. The neurons, located in the hippocampus, help us create timelines that make sense. Researchers discovered that people with damage to the hippocampus have trouble putting memories in the correct order. Time cells can speed up and slow down, depending on one's mood, which explains why some experiences seem to drag on forever. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

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**The insistence on an essential unseen, but discoverable order has persisted in later scientific thought. Christian apologists could (and did) discover Pythagorean notes in the Old Testament as well as in Plato. Of wisdom Proverbs says: “When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth.” *(O. B. Hardison, Jr., in Disappearing Through the Skylight, p. 14)***

**There is an unseen order I do not understand, a higher wisdom and a love, and I am in its hand. *(James Dillet Freeman)***

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**When things seem inharmonious and out of order, instead of rushing about frantically trying to make them right in an outer way; instead of trying to change other people and make them more orderly (this process usually leads only to more disorder); remind yourself that lack of order first exists within you. If you can get your own thoughts and feelings orderly, then the people, situations and even the universe about you will respond in a more orderly way. *(Catherine Ponder, in The Healing Secrets of the Ages, p. 198)***

**The idea that the world is a comely and beautiful order remained central in later Greek scientific thought. It may, in fact, have eventually hampered the development of Greek science by encouraging interest in elegant demonstration at the expense of calculation. The motto over the doors of Plato’s academy was Medeis ageometretos eisito – “Let no one ignorant of geometry enter.” *(O. B. Hardison, Jr., in Disappearing Through the Skylight, p. 12)***

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