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How can God Resurrect a Decomposed Body?

Many wonder just how God could resurrect a dead body that has rotted to bones and dust. Some bodies have been cremated, their ashes thrown to the wind or poured into rivers or lakes. So just how will God be able to put all the pieces back together again if they are scattered all over the earth? For some, the seemingly elusive answer to these questions hinders their acceptance of a faith in Jesus Christ. Many believe that the dust and ashes will have to be re-gathered from wherever they may be and be reformed into their original state in order for a resurrection to take place. But which particles will be re-gathered and resurrected? The ones present at birth? Just prior to death? Somewhere in between? While God can perform what seems impossible for man, these questions can be answered by going back to the creation of the first man.

The smallest unit of matter retaining the characteristics of a particular chemical element is an atom, which consists of electrons, protons, and neutrons. The physical body is made up of 28 elements, all of which can be found in the dust of the ground, including oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, calcium, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur, sodium, magnesium, and several others in trace amounts.

At the subatomic level, scientists have discovered that individual particles do not have a specific identity that distinguishes them from any other particle of the same type. It does not make sense to refer to "that" electron as being here at one moment and there at another moment. It only makes sense to say that "an" electron was at both places. For example, one could not find an oxygen atom, look at its subatomic particles, and conclude that it looks any different than any other oxygen atom. So, a water molecule consisting of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom cannot be distinguished from any other water molecule. They are interchangeable and have no separate identity. This is true of all other atoms in the universe as well. A hydrogen atom in a water molecule could be interchanged with a hydrogen atom anywhere else in the universe. Put another way, every hydrogen atom is an exact duplicate of itself.

Given this reality, the resurrection of a human body need not be as perplexing as it may at first seem. God need only use interchangeable atomic particles of which the universe consists to reform a physical body. The initial human being, of course, was created in the likeness of God using the chemical elements in the soil of the ground:

Gen 2:7 The Lord God formed the man **from the soil of the ground** and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Because all human beings consist of these same atomic particles, all that will be required to form the resurrection body is a collection of these atoms, which can still be found in the soil. It will not be necessary for God to reconstruct the exact chemical elements of which each particular human being consisted while living, which may have been thrown into a river and carried into the ocean, or eaten by a worm, which in turn was eaten by a bird, which was eaten by a cat, which was eaten by a dog, etc. Again, this is because atomic particles are identical to and can be interchanged with atomic particles of the same type.

What makes a person unique is not necessarily their physical body, which eventually decays to dust, but rather that person's intangible personalities and traits. These are contained within the soul, the genetic information which makes every person unique, and the spirit, the eternal body which can neither be destroyed nor viewed within the three-dimensional universe. When the resurrection takes place, the reformed physical body will be joined with the eternal soul and spirit, which Paul in I Corinthians chapter 15 called a "spiritual body":

I Cor 15:44 . . . if there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

This spiritual body includes the genetic material that is God-breathed, of which an omniscient God would possess intimate knowledge for each and every human being. Did not Jesus state that the Lord knows the

number of hairs on each head? If so, then he certainly has knowledge of the genetic material of which each person consists. God need only reform a physical body within the framework of the eternal spiritual body resulting in the re-creation of a body in his perfect image, just as Adam was initially created in a perfect state.

It is much easier to understand, therefore, how God will be able to resurrect a physical body if one remembers:

1 That the physical part of the human body is simply a collection of chemical elements which are found in the earth,

2 That no particular atomic or subatomic particle has an individual identity that would distinguish it from another atomic or subatomic particle of the same type, for example, no hydrogen atom is different from any other hydrogen atom.

3 That it will not be necessary to re-gather the exact physical particles of which a specific human consisted while alive in order to reconstruct a physical body for a reunion with the spiritual body,

4 That the human "spiritual body" is eternal, containing both an eternal spirit and genetic information with which unique traits and personalities will be reconstructed, and

5 That the Lord holds together all things, and because he controls all things, he will be able to transform the human body into the likeness of his glorified resurrection body.

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