



Collision Course

On September 10th the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest particle accelerator, was test fired at 99.9% of the speed of light. Some feared that starting this device would put an end to the world while others see it as one of the greatest achievements of mankind. The purpose of the device is to send highly charged plasma streams along the seventeen mile loop along the French - Swiss border so that they will collide and reveal subnuclear particles that have been thought to exist but had not been discovered. One of the results is to identify what has been called the "God particle" believed to be responsible for the creation of the universe that we live in. Scientists theorize that thirteen billion years ago a very dense particle the size of a coin exploded giving birth to the universe. One source stated that the project has a price tag of over nine billion dollars and took over twenty years to build. To those of us who accept the Biblical account of creation this all seems excessive, to say the least, and unnecessary as the origins of the universe can be found in the pages of the scriptures for the cost of a Bible. Speaking of the wisdom of the world, Paul states, "***For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.***" (1 Cor 1.21). The extent to which man will go to disprove the existence of the creator is astounding when one thinks of the good that such an amount of money could do in other ways. While I am not a scientist there are some principles that would contradict such a notion. One of these principles, in man's wisdom, is that the simplest answer to a problem is usually the one that is correct. In this case the idea of a particle giving rise to the diversity of life and the nature of human consciousness seems to be more an expression of ignorance than great learning. Isaiah writes, "***For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.***" (Isa 55.8-9). Revealing the mechanics of the world that we live in does not really answer the question of the origin of all

things as we know them. The collision of highly charged particles to reveal the "dark matter" of the universe seems to be like someone attempting to understand the origins of the automobile from a car crash. As we pick up the pieces we may understand the forces involved and the way in which they have interacted, but we would not find out where or how the vehicles involved had come to be in existence. Understanding the physical properties of the universe, even on such a minute scale as subnuclear particles, does not answer the question of ultimate origins although there will undoubtedly be other gains in technology from the knowledge that is gleaned. We find that this is another example of the finite mind of man attempting to explain away the reality of a creator who has revealed himself in the very creation that is being used and manipulated to deny his existence. Paul, writing to the Romans, states, "***For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.***" (Rom 1.20-21). God has revealed himself not only through the physical creation but he has given us his word and told us what we need to know in order to understand our place in the universe. Solomon states, "***Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.***" (Eccl 12.13). Solomon found that the pursuit of worldly things put one on a collision course with God and his commands. The end result of that has always been physical as well as spiritual destruction, yet man continues in the same direction toward darkness.