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(1912-1977)  
Father of Modern Space Flight

The two major realities of human life  
are the following:

“the laws of creation and the divine intentions  
underlying the creation. Through science man  
attempts to understand the laws of creation;  
through religious activities he attempts to  
understand the intentions of the Creator.  
Each approach is a search for ultimate truth.”

Bergaust, E., 1976, *Wernher von Braun*,  
Washington DC, National Space Institute

# On science and religion

“...there have been conflicts in the relationship between science and religion...Personally, I find this state of affairs unsatisfactory, for I wish to regard the Creator and His creation as an entity...science and religion are like two windows in a house through which we look at the reality of the Creator and the laws manifested in His creation. As long as we see two different images through these two windows and cannot reconcile them, we must keep trying to obtain a more complete and better integrated total picture of the ultimate reality by properly tying together our scientific and religious concepts.”

Bergaust, E., 1976, *Wernher von Braun*, Washington DC, National Space Institute

# On teaching of creation in classroom

“It would be an error to overlook the possibility that the universe was planned rather than happening by chance.”

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Washington DC, National Space Institute

# On Intelligent Design

“For me the idea of a creation is not conceivable without invoking the necessity of design. One cannot be exposed to the law and order of the universe without concluding that there must be design and purpose behind it all. In the world around us, we can behold the obvious manifestations of an ordered, structured plan or design. We can see the will of the species to live and propagate....the better we understand the intricacies of the universe and all it harbors, the more reason we have found to marvel at the inherent design upon which it is based.”

Letter to California State Board of Education, John Ford, 1974.

# More on Intelligent Design

"I have discussed the aspect of a Designer at some length because it might be that the primary resistance to acknowledging the "Case for Design" as a viable scientific alternative to the current "Case for Chance" lies in the inconceivability, in some scientists' minds, of a Designer. The inconceivability of some ultimate issue (which will always lie outside scientific resolution) should be allowed to rule out any theory that explains the interrelationship of observed data and is useful for prediction...Many men who are intelligent and of good faith say that they cannot visualize a Designer. Well, can a physicist visualize an electron? The electron is materially inconceivable and yet, it is so perfectly known through its effects that we use it to illuminate our cities...What strange rationale makes some physicists accept the inconceivable electron as real while refusing to accept the reality of a Designer on the ground that they cannot conceive Him? I am afraid that, although they really do not understand the electron either, they are ready to accept it, because they managed to produce a rather clumsy mechanical model of it borrowed from rather limited experience in other fields..."

Seagraves, K., *Jesus Christ Creator*, 1973, San Diego, Ca, Creation-Science Research Center.

# On Evolution

“While the admission of a design for the universe ultimately raises the question of a Designer (a subject outside of science), the scientific method does not allow us to exclude the data which lead to the conclusion that the universe, life and man are based on design. To be forced to believe only one conclusion-that everything in the universe happened by chance-would violate the very objectivity of science itself. Certainly there are those who argue that the universe evolved out of a random process, but what random process could produce the brain in a man or the system of the human eye?”

Seagraves, K., *Jesus Christ Creator*, 1973, San Diego, Ca, Creation-Science Research Center.

# On studying in science

“The more we learn about God’s creation, the more I am impressed with the orderliness and unerring perfection of the natural laws that govern it. In this perfection, man-the scientist-catches of glimpse of the Creator and His design for nature. The man-to-God relationship is deepened in the devout scientist as his knowledge of the natural laws grows.”

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# On Unbelievers

“...the day will soon arrive when we will be able to understand even the creation of the fundamental laws of nature with a Divine intent. They challenge science to prove the existence of God. But, must we really light a candle to see the Sun?”

Seagraves, K., *Jesus Christ Creator*, 1973, San Diego, Ca, Creation-Science Research Center.