



MAN IS CREATED FOR LIFE

Is it possible to live and
not die?

Summary

There are two types of cells in our body that do not age or die. Why do the other types of cells in our body age or die?

František Mladějovský
fmladej@gmail.com

Man is created for life

I like to watch children and young people playing, laughing, playing, nudging, teasing and discussing with passion. They radiate joy of life. Although this playful joy fades away with age, instead people usually begin to appreciate life more and try to make the best of it. We are simply creatures for life. In addition, we are surrounded by nature with so many diverse forms of life and beauty that are breathtaking to observe and learn about. Our minds and hearts are naturally mostly focused on the things of life. The human mind and heart usually, throughout life, collects experiences, creates conclusions and knowledge from them. She is studying. We usually only think about death when it reminds us of something. That's why you might be surprised when someone says the popular phrase today that death is a natural part of life. Our hearts and minds do not naturally perceive it that way.

After all, there is a misleading contradiction in this, because death is the negation of life and there is nothing natural about it, for man. That statement alone leads away from the

true cause of our impermanence. Death is something that a healthy person does not wish for, and if they don't have to, they prefer not to even think about it. How much effort have people in the past and present made to prolong their lives or even become immortal. Let us recall the Sumerian epic of Gilgamesh, the alchemists' quest to discover the recipe for immortality, and the very intensive scientific research going on in our time mapping human DNA with the aim of discovering the key to stopping aging and achieving biological immortality. In fact, the human effort to achieve immortality has been going on since time immemorial.

It is noteworthy that not only ancient epics and religious writings mention immortality. Scientists have also found two types of cells in the human body that do not die but regenerate even when the cells of other organs age. Don't you believe? In the magazine **Vesmír 4/2018**, published by the Academy of Sciences, but also from other sources, you will find out that human brain neurons do not usually die biologically, but are capable of regenerating themselves throughout life and still being functional. However, glia age. The scientifically estimated lifespan of neurons in the human

brain is 90-120 years. One hundred and twenty years, by the way, is the length of life that our Creator set for man, when it became clear that his opponents had succeeded in influencing man's actions so much that his work was bad (Genesis 6:3).

The heart of **Vesmír 7/2005** is similar. Some heart muscle cells also do not "age" but regenerate (cardiocytes). However, the pericardium, which nourishes the heart, ages. If some cells in the body do ¹not age, why is it different with others? Why, for example, do elephant tortoises live up to two hundred years, sequoias and cedars of Lebanon live more than a thousand years, and mayflies only twenty-four hours? Because the lifespan of various animals and plants is set so that the natural system is in balance. It is evident that the lifespan of cells, human life and other living creatures and plants is biologically

1 "., And the Lord said: My spirit shall not dwell in man forever, because he is flesh. His days will be a hundred and twenty years. "Genesis 6:3;"

2 "And even small questions: How is it possible that different organs in your body age at different rates? Some organs, for example the heart, or the brain, or rather neural networks, do not age. Glia, as a key part of the brain, age. How is it possible? Why do some get old and some don't? Why do chromosomes work in this mechanism?" said Peter Staněk when he thought about what information is.

adjustable and in the case of humans it is intentionally limited for the reasons mentioned. But psychologically, people are set differently. King Solomon wrote that the desire for eternity was placed in our hearts by our Creator.

"He made all this beautiful in his time. He also put eternity in their hearts, without man touching the work that God had done from the beginning to the end." Ecclesiastes 3:11;

People are not normally set up mentally or spiritually to die, and the fear of death and the grief that death causes is proof of this, because death is not really natural to a healthy person. People who attempt suicide are treated as sick. Even well-known religions offer people different prospects for continued existence. Why probably? Because people internally do not want to come to terms with the end of their existence, with the fact that they will die and leave everything they have done here and their existence will be wasted. A person is mentally really set up for life.

Yes, the desire to live permanently is normal with healthy people. People usually deal with their own impermanence by investing their efforts in securing the future of their descendants. They see their future in them.

But the already mentioned King Solomon (the wisest ruler of his time and would probably still be one today) said:

"I have come to hate all my toil that I toil under the sun, because I will leave it to the man who shall come after me. And who knows whether he will be wise or foolish; but he shall rule over all my labor, in which I have labored, and in which I have become wise under the sun. This too is vanity. ... For there is a man who himself sought after wisdom, after knowledge, and after gain, but he will give it as his portion to a man who did not seek after it. This also is vanity and great evil." Ecclesiastes 2:18,19,21;

Even in the account of creation we find a strong argument for the claim that man was created for life:

"And God said: Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, that they may rule over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth and over all the creeping things that move on the earth." God created man in his image, he created him in the image of God, he created them male and female. God blessed them and said to them: Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, subdue it and

rule over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth. ... And it was so."

(Genesis 1:26-30)

God created man in his own image to multiply and fill the whole earth, to subdue it and rule over every living thing that is in the water, on the earth, and in the air. When the immortal God says that man was created in God's image, how does the shortness of human life fit into God's image? The fact that man was not supposed to die according to God's original plan is evidenced not only by the presence of the tree of life in the garden, but also by the serpent's conversation with Adam's wife:

"The serpent was the cleverest of all the beasts of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman: Did God really say: Do not eat from any tree in the garden? The woman answered the serpent: We can eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God said: You shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die. The serpent said to the woman: You will not surely die, for God knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened and you will be

like God, knowing good and evil. " (Genesis 3:1-5)

What did the snake say to the woman? "Ye shall not surely die." You see, even the snake in the garden at the beginning does not dispute that man is meant to live, not die.

You might argue that man was not immortal when he needed the tree of life to become immortal! And you are right, but God gave people tasks, in the fulfillment of which they would learn, they would know God's work and they would come to know good and evil. Man was created as a living soul (physical creature with mental properties) to develop and mature in the SPIRITUALITY of an adult individual **1**.

Before the flood, people lived almost a thousand years, and that probably wouldn't have been the upper limit of life if they hadn't been kicked out of the garden. They would have enough time for their development. And the result would be, among other things, the knowledge of the value of life, which would naturally lead them to the tree of life to eat from it. And they probably wouldn't have to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil at all. He was in the garden perhaps only as a test of whether a person will

voluntarily respect God's authority and order. And also, for a person to know from the beginning about the existence of good and evil, so that he can gradually recognize them.

Man had everything prepared by his Creator so that he could continue to develop, learn and learn. Death is the denial of this God's purpose for man. That is why God warned our grandparents against breaking the prohibition so that they would not die, but the "serpent" used the woman's inexperience to prevent our grandparents and us, their descendants, from developing without limitations and with the possibility of eating from the tree of life at any time. Death is not a natural part of life, but is the result of the deception that God's adversary has perpetrated on us humans.

You might oppose that it doesn't matter what causes us to die, because there's no indication that anything can be changed about it. Can't really? We mentioned in the introduction that there is scientific research that aims to map DNA and find the key to biological immortality. Some people see some hope precisely in scientific knowledge, if not for themselves, then for their descendants. That may be hope for some people.

Our Creator, the God who knows the key to biological immortality, also offers us hope. His offer of permanent life is completely different. It offers eternal life by removing the cause that caused us to die. The sin to which the serpent seduced the woman, to which Adam also joined. Today, the word evokes in quite a few people, rather a sneer, because they do not believe in any sin or God's justice. They regard these terms as religious talk for fools. He probably does not know that the word sin does not mean only moral and ethical failure, but includes everything that ultimately leads to destruction, extinction, death. Literally, the Hebrew word "chatta" translated as sin means "to miss the mark", "to step aside", "not to fulfill a promise", etc. . God said it and had it written by Moses:

"Look, I have set before you today life and good and death and evil. This is what I command you today, to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways and to keep his commandments, statutes and ordinances. So you will live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are going to possess. ... I call heaven and earth to witness against you today. I have presented you with life and death, blessing and curse. Choose

life, that you and your offspring may live,"
(Deuteronomy 30:15-19)

God says here that man has a choice and encourages us to choose life. And not only that. When he saw that people, because of the weakness of the flesh and the machinations of God's adversary, were unable to control sin, but were increasingly enslaved to it, he sent his son Jesus Christ to pay a ransom for us, free us from the slavery of sin and reconcile us to our Creator. That is why Jesus said:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, he will live. And everyone who lives and believes in me will surely not die forever. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25,26)

That's what he said to Martha, just before he brought her brother Lazarus back to life. Jesus immediately confirmed his words with action. Why did God offer people mercy and forgiveness instead of anger? Because he knows who bears the main responsibility for our situation. God is the source of life. Ruin is not inherent in him.

Due to increasing lawlessness, injustice, mass spreading of lies of all kinds, many people

have stopped believing that there is any justice and do not believe or even know that there is a real hope of eternal life. That there is still a choice. It's not always an easy choice. Jesus put it this way:

“Enter through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction; and there are many who enter it. How narrow is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life, and few there are who find it!” (Matthew 7:13,14)

We all have this choice. Remember, man was created for life.