

The Fact of God

Can the existence of God be proven scientifically? How can one know that there is a God who not only created the universe, but Who also continues to exist today?

1. THE LAW OF FIRST CAUSE

In all scientific observation and experience there is what is called the "*Law of Cause and Effect*"...which simply means that nothing happens in and of itself because it is, invariably, the effect of one or more proximate causes...a cause which is adequate enough to produce that which has happened...or, the *effect*!

Simply stated: "**NOTHING COMES FROM NOTHING**"

The art of Science seeks to relate each given phenomenon to the combination of factors, or causes, which produce it and then endeavors to describe this relationship, if at all possible, in quantitative...or functional...terms. The scientist not only attempts to state that a particular process is a "*function*" of one, or several, "*variables*," but he also tries to assimilate the effect to its cause, never doubting that the *cause and effect* relationship is logically, and rigorously, applicable.

EACH EFFECT, THEREFORE, HAS A CAUSE
ADEQUATE ENOUGH TO PRODUCE IT!

APPLYING THE LAW TO OUR UNIVERSE

When we consider the vastness of the physical universe and how inconceivably great it is, we have to admit that its Cause must be at least co-extensive with space and co-terminus with time...which means, therefore, that the *First Cause* is infinite and eternal ...and...nothing can be more vast than infinity or longer in duration than eternity!

The existence of these two absolutes...**eternity** and **eternity**...is evidence enough that such absolutes are a reality.

Everywhere, and always, in space and time, occur phenomena of *energy*, *matter* and *motion*. To cause and maintain such an infinite array and variety of power-producing systems...which includes the galaxies and all the power-converting processes of all the earth's phenomena...this *First Cause* must be *omnipotent* and *omnipresent*. The fact that all such systems and processes are orderly and capable of systematic and intelligent description, as well as mathematical formulation, clearly bespeaks of intelligent design.

Therefore, in this case, causality indicates the *First Cause* to be intelligent...and, indeed, omniscient.

This subject is so broad...so all encompassing...so diverse...in its many ramifications that it is possible in this discourse, to only barely scratch its surface...but...suffice it to say...in one's endeavor to offer explanation of the question of origins...one must not only offer explanation of the origins of matter, force, energy, gravity, inertia, and the other origins...or laws...but one must also offer explanation of the origin of *life* as well.

If one is to be honest in his search for an explanation of the origin of life, he must **not** start where evolutionists start...that is, with all these laws already created and in existence...because for one to begin an explanation...or theory...of creation with the works of creation already having been created...such as matter...laws...etc...is for one to overlook the *First Cause*, which is God!

2. THE LAW OF LIFE

The knowledge...the reality...that is immediate, and that cannot be doubted, is the fact that **one exists** and the fact that one did not produce his own soul or his own body. He was "*caused*" by someone...or something...either some Person...or...some impersonal force...with power sufficient enough to produce his soul and body.

REMEMBER: THE CAUSE MUST BE ADEQUATE ENOUGH TO PRODUCE THE EFFECT

Laboratory experiments prove there is a great gap between the *non-living* and the *living*...a gap that is so wide...so insurmountable...so unfathomable...by man, that evolutionists can only offer vague *theories* as to how life "*might have*" **accidentally** begun.

The Law of Biogenesis, ["*Bio*" meaning life..."*genesis*" meaning beginning], simply stated is that *life comes only from life!* There is no law known to science that can be any more firmly, and easily, demonstrated than the Law of Biogenesis.

LIFE DEMANDS A LIFE GIVER

An impersonal force...which can neither think nor will...is incapable of producing a **soul** because an impersonal force, with no self-consciousness, could never produce that which is self-conscious...which means, therefore, that the reality of man's existence was not "*caused*"...cannot be explained...by the working power of some "*impersonal force*."

The theory of evolution...even if it were true...cannot be appealed to as the "*cause*" of life because, in fact, it only describes the "*process*" of life...it does not describe the active "*Cause*" of life.

In the same way, the process of birth does not describe the *cause* of life, either, because all that physiology of the birth process tells us is that the human body can *transmit* life...not *produce* life.

If anyone could look *inside* his body and see the life processes rebuilding its tissues, he would not need to ask whether or not there is any difference between the non-living and the living. Since life is intelligent, it can only point to the fact that, behind the process of life, there is a Power that is also Intelligent...there is a Personal Cause with power adequate enough to produce this life.

3. THE LAW OF DESIGN

The Law of Design simply states that the characteristics of an effect...such as the characteristics of wisdom and design...can only come from a *cause* with those same characteristics...can only come from a Wise and Designing Cause.

Does it not make sense that because *plan* and *purpose*...which are so characteristic of our minds...can also be found to be characteristic of nature...that this is indicative of the fact that the *Cause* of the universe is capable of purposeful thinking?

EVERYTHING IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE - FROM THE SMALLEST PORTION OF ORGANIZED MATTER TO MAN HIMSELF - FROM MAN TO THE IMMENSE SPHERES THAT ROLL IN BOUNDLESS SPACE - IS FULL OF DESIGN.

The examples of the illustrations of *design* are so extensive that it would be impossible to explore them all here...the universe about us...the composition of the human body...nature working together to produce and sustain life...are just a few of these many, many illustrations.

The old question of which came first, the chicken or the egg, is a question which the evolutionist cannot answer. The total interdependency of all life forms...the tremendous design of this universe...shows us that, behind it all...behind this overall plan of creation into which all life forms fit...is a great *Designer*...a great *Architect*.

THEREFORE, THE DESIGN IN THE UNIVERSE
PROVES THE EXISTENCE OF A *DESIGNER*!

4. THE LAW OF BEAUTY

One of the characteristics of our personality is to be able to enjoy beauty. Is it not true, that the beauty and grandeur of our world arouses feelings of pleasure and appreciation within us?

How could anyone call a sunset a "*chance happening*"? Is it possible for anyone to explain the separation of different colors of the rainbow through reflected sunlight...or the harmony of natural colors in nature...or the music of birds...or a waterfall...or the bursting of the petals of a rose...or the delicate scent of the violet...as all "*just chance accidents*"?

5. THE LAW OF INTELLECT...OR...WILL

The **WILL** is a fundamental faculty of man's soul and all of his activities are the result of the acts of his *will*...acts which result in motion.

When one looks at nature...air...plant life...animals...insects...clouds...he sees constant motion everywhere. As a matter of fact, the very particles of matter which compose our world are in constant motion as well because matter is made up of "*atoms*" which contain negative electrons that revolve rapidly around a positively charged nucleus. This "*nucleus*" is composed of protons and neutrons which are, in and of themselves, "*bottled up energy*" ...*so motion is everywhere!*

If motion is produced by an activity of man's **WILL**, does it not then seem logical that the motion of the universe is the expression of a Mighty Being Whose "*Will*" is manifesting itself throughout the universe?...and does it not likewise seem that the motion of the universe, rather than acting according to any purposeless, uncontrolled, activity, is acting according to certain laws and order?

In fact that all the laws of nature are universal in their application...and uniform in their action...makes it impossible to believe any other explanation but that "*the Cause*" is a great intellect...that great intellect...that great Person...being, namely, God!

6. THE LAW OF MORALITY

Man is not only a creature of appetites and passions, but he is also a creature who has standards of right and wrong...standards of justice and duty...and...because man has these standards...because he is the only creature who possesses a *conscience*...he is the only creature considered to be a "*moral creature*."

Although it is true that early training and environment have a great deal of influence upon a man's opinions...and upon his moral judgments...it is, nonetheless, also true that there is...innate in every man...a certain characteristic which enables him to make a judgment as to the rightness...or wrongness...of a course of action which is presented to him.

Instinctively...and involuntarily...there is, within every man, a conscience which prefaces a course of action with the realization of, "*I ought to do right*."

The fact of this reality, of course, does not insure that one will make a correct judgment because one's actions are only trustworthy when he is working within certain definite laws. A man's *conscience* may be acute or it may be sluggish...it may be warped by sin or enlightened by right choices, but all men have a *conscience*.

In contrast, animals do not have consciences...it could not be said of an animal that he "*committed adultery*"...a dog is not said to be a "*thief*" because he took someone else's bone! Unlike man, animals are a-moral creatures...that is, they are without moral quality ...they are neither *moral* nor *immoral*...they neither possess...nor lack...moral standards or principles!

The question is: *Can a moral creature come from a non-moral creature...or force?*

It is unthinkable that all the splendid characteristics of man could ever be produced by a Cause having none of these same characteristics!

A MORAL MAN MUST HAVE A MORAL GOD AS HIS MAKER

Rational evidence of the reality of God is so abundant...so easily collected and so convincing...that we are hardly able to see how anyone could fail to discover God and, yet, the human heart, unaided by the supernatural, cannot know God.

I am reminded of the skeptic who, while speaking in a public assembly, said...in the course of his sweeping denial of the existence of anything supernatural, and with words that rang out over

the awed hush of his listening audience..."*If there is a God, I defy Him. I will give Almighty God fifteen minutes to come down here and strike me dead and, if He doesn't do it, I will have proved that God does not exist.*" With bated breath, the audience waited until the fifteen minutes had passed, at which time, the skeptic pocketed his watch and closed his speech by saying, "*I have proved that there is no God.*"

Mr. Arthur Brisbane, a brilliant syndicated columnist whose opinions were read by more people than any other columnist published in America at that time, wrote the following: "*Out in the desert of New Mexico, a colony of little red ants decided to move from their old home to a new one. As they were hurrying busily across the plain, their progress was suddenly interrupted by two bright shiny streaks of steel that intersected their pathway. An inquiring ant said, 'What is this barrier across our path?' A wise and intelligent ant replied, 'It is the right of way of the Santa Fe Railway.'* The first ant said, '*What is a railway and what is the Santa Fe?*' In response to this question, the second ant gave a graphic description of the mighty railway system called the Santa Fe...how it spanned two-thirds of the continent with this girdling road-bed of steel...and how these mighty steel horses, snorting smoke and fire, drew a race of super-beings, called humans, at an incredible speed across the desert.

When he had finished his description of this mighty transportation system, the skeptical ant said, 'I do not believe a word of it! How could it keep going?' So the intelligent ant explained to the skeptical ant how a man named Benjamin Storey, who lived in a place called Chicago, operated...and guided...the destinies of this great system. Upon hearing this, the skeptical ant drew himself up on his hind legs and, staring at the gleaming wall of steel, announced, "I deny that there is any Santa Fe and I deny that it has a president. If there is such a man as Benjamin Storey, I will give him fifteen minutes to come out from Chicago and step on me to prove his existence."

Mr. Brisbane humorously concluded by saying, "*Can't you imagine the busy president of the Santa Fe Railway...with the destinies of that great concern in his hands...closing his desk and suspending his business to dash out to New Mexico to step on one red ant just to prove that he did exist?*"

This illustration speaks for itself

To further illustrate the relationship between Cause and Effect, let's consider the intricacies of a watch. Let's suppose that you and I had never seen ...or heard of...a watch and, yet, one day, as we walked along, we found one. Upon examining it closely...in our endeavor to see what makes it run and keep exact time...we discover, in a cylindrical box, a tightly coiled elastic spring which...in the process of unwinding itself...creates power which carried from the box to the fusee by means of a flexible chain. We then discover that...by means of a series of wheels that are made so precisely that the gear teeth of one wheel fit perfectly into the openings of the other wheel...the power is conducted from the fusee to the balance...and then from the balance to the pointer...and... all of this is so regulated that it causes the hands on the face of the watch to pass over a given space in a given time, giving us the exact time both night and day.

We further notice that the spring is made of steel...which makes it most pliable...the wheels are made of brass...which make them less liable to rust...the face of the watch is made of glass...which makes it possible for us to see the correct time...and the outside cover of the watch

is made of gold...which helps to protect its glass face...and the delicate works... from being damaged.

At this point, could anyone make you believe that this watch came into being by mere chance?...that the steel made itself out of the iron ore miles away and then placed itself in that cylindrical box...that the brass wheels, not only made themselves out of the copper and zinc ore miles away, but also made themselves so scientifically that the gear teeth of the one wheel fit exactly into the openings on the other wheel...that the glass face not only created itself, but also created itself in such a wonderful way that it exactly fit the face of that particular watch...that the gold casing formed itself in such a way...with- out the aid of any human being...that it was the exact shape and size to cover that special watch?

I think your answer to the question poised at the beginning of the previous paragraph would be "**no**"...no one could make you believe that this watch came into being by mere chance because anyone who could believe that a watch came together by mere chance...without the help and direction of some great and wise designer...would be the greatest of all fools.

If it is agreed that anyone would be a fool to say, and believe, that a watch could come together and form itself by chance, then it should be easy to prove...to the satisfaction of every logical mind...that anyone who believes that this great world...and man... came into being by mere chance...without being created by a great omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent Being Who, not only created all things...both spiritual and physical realities... but Who also *continues* to direct and control all things...is a million times more a greater fool!

THE EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF GOD IS OVERWHELMING...so much so that the Psalmist exclaims, "***The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God,***" while the New Testament says, "*...even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind*" [Romans 1:28]...and...if one needs further proof of the reality of God's existence...one has but to:

1. EXAMINE OUR VAST SOLAR SYSTEM

Our solar system consists of nine planets: Mercury, Mars, Venus, Earth, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. [Jupiter alone is 1,390 times large than this earth.]

All of these vast bodies are flying through space with lightening rapidity and, yet, there are never any collisions. **Why?** Because God not only keeps each one of them in its own prescribed course, but He also keeps each one flying on a time schedule...and not one of these planets has ever been "*off schedule*."

While our best watches sometimes fail to give us the exact time, not only are God's planets always on time, but we can also tell, years in advance, when any one of His planets will be at a certain point in the heavens...and...year after year, **they have never been known to disappoint us** because, year after year, they're right where they're supposed to be!

Why is this? It is possible because the Bible record is true that God Almighty is directing all things. The very fact that these great planets exist...that they each have their own set orbit... that they never, never deviate from that orbit and are always on time to the very second...reveals to us the stupendous truth that there must be a great controlling mind behind

it all...a mind ten million...**yes, *ten hundred billion***...times more wonderful ...and more powerful...than the mind of the creator of that watch.

The Pleiades consist of fourteen distinct **suns** revolving around Alcyone...a sun whose blaze of light outshines 12,000 such suns as ours. [This alone should certainly prove that the God of the Bible knows all about *everlasting fire* and possesses it.]

Again, if we would brand as an illogical fool anyone who tried to tell us that a mere watch came into being by chance, how must more ought we to brand anyone an illogical fool who would try and tell us that our great Solar System...the Pleiades and Alcyone...all came into existence by chance...or by *evolution*?

2. STUDY THE SUN

For thousands of years the sun has been giving forth light and heat to this world and yet, it's tremendous heat has in no way diminished.

What kind of fuel does the Sun consume? The great Scientist, Herschel, tells us that, if this earth were one lump of coal, it would not furnish one month's fuel for the Sun. This is not to be wondered at when we remember that the Sun is 866,900 miles in diameter.

The Sun's fuel is a marvelous mystery and proclaims, most emphatically, to all logical thinkers, that Genesis 1:1 is a great eternal fact: "***In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.***"

3. STUDY THE WONDERS OF EVAPORATION

Scientists tell us that air above this earth contains at least 54,460,000,000,000 tones of water...**[that's 54 quadrillion, 460 trillion tons of water!]** How is this possible, since water is 773 times heavier than air? Why doesn't the water fall down to earth and drown us all?

The reason is that, after every great rain or flood, our Omnipotent Heavenly Father lets His Sun shine forth and the heat of the sun transforms millions of tons of water in our oceans, lakes, and rivers into *vapor*. Then the vapor, being lighter than air, rises up and forms clouds above us. These clouds are kept floating over us until God again desires to send more rain upon the earth. He then simply makes the atmosphere colder than water... which make the water heavier than air...and, being heavier than air, it again falls to earth.

By the marvelous way in which the earth is watered, reveals the fact that our God is omniscient as well as omnipotent.

Could anyone be fool enough to say that all our city water systems...which, through underground pipes, convey to our homes purified and filtered water from our rivers and lakes...all came into existence by mere chance...without the minds of men having planned every detail? Of course not...no one in this world would be such an intellectual fool!

Then how can anyone who studies the wonders of Evaporation...God's marvelous water system...say that it is all a result of mere chance...or of evolution? Anyone who could

say this would have to be a greater fool than the man who could say that all our modern city water systems are a result of chance...or a result of having evolved themselves into existence.

When Thomas A Edison, the electrical genius, was once asked if he believed in God who created this world and man, he replied, "*After years of watching the processes of nature, I can no more doubt the existence of an Intelligence that is running things than I do my own existence. Take, for example, the substance, water, that forms the crystal known as ice. Now there are hundreds of combinations that form crystals, and every one of them, save that of ice, sinks in water. Ice, I say, does not. And it is lucky for us mortals that it does not; for, if it did, we would all be dead. Why? Simply because if ice sank to the bottom of rivers, lakes, and oceans, as fast as it froze, these places would eventually be frozen up, and there would be no water left. This is only one example out of thousands that prove to me, beyond the possibility of a doubt, that some vast Intelligence is governing this and the other planets.*"

A Greek professor and great scholar closed his lecture on Socrates with these words: "**Remember, gentlemen, all true thinking leads to God.**" Oh, how true this statement is!

4. EXAMINE THE WONDERS OF NATURE AS REVEALED BY THE MICROSCOPE

A microscope discloses that, in one atom of radium, there are 200,000 cells, or corpuscles, that move in regular orbits with a speed of 30,000 times faster...and a weight of 900,000,000 times greater...than a bullet being fired from a rifle. This reality of the atomic bomb reveals the truth of this statement.

The microscope also discloses the fact that the air we breathe...the water we drink...the blood in our veins...every living cell...is filled with "*little animals*" called organisms...and these organisms are so tiny that 1000 of them could stand on a pin point...yet, despite their minuscule size, each one has a bit of intelligence within itself and knows what it is supposed to do...or, be. Each organism has its own: (1) Organs of locomotion; (2) Organs of reproduction; (3) Organs of digestion; and (4) A perfect nervous system. Added to this fact, molecular biologists now tell us that "*each cell contains a half a million molecules.*"

And...to further add to the wonder of it all...is the fact that...involved in all this intricate organization...is what is called an invisible DNA code that holds, in its memory, enough information to fill a set of encyclopedias! All of which, if we truly try and grasp it, is far beyond our mental capacity.

The truth of it is that...behind this microscopic, invisible world...is Someone...a Mind...Who is employing chemistry and mathematics that would paralyze the greatest computer ever made by man...and...how can anyone believe otherwise?

5. STUDY THE WONDERFUL MECHANISM OF THE BODY

Every human being who has ever lived has begun his or her existence as a single cell. His weight, at conception, was about fifteen ten millionths of a gram, while at birth...if he was a seven-pound baby...His weight increased two billion times because now, rather than being only one cell, he was 200 billion cells...and when he reached adulthood ...he was trillions of cells!

It is any wonder that, in Psalm 139:14, David cried out, "*I am fearfully and wonderfully made?*"

(A) **LOOK AT THE PARTS OF MEN'S EYE**

The eyelid...which functions like a door to protect the eye...which is so tender...from all harm. The eye brow...which keeps the sweat and dirt from rolling down into the eye. The pupil...upon which everything that is seen must first be reflected. The optic nerve...which conveys the reflected image to the brain...the *muscles*...which open and close the eye and move it from one side to the other. These muscles are all arranged like a wonderful system of pulleys...and this system is so wonderful that it completely surpasses all the wisdom and ingenuity of man.

(B) **LOOK AT THE PARTS OF MEN'S EAR**

The ear has peculiar grooves which carry sound to the tympanum...the air-passage from the ear to the throat which preserves an equilibrium of sound in the tympanum.

(C) **LOOK AT MEN EYES, NOSE, AND MOUTH**

They are all in the front of the face so that one can see and smell every- thing that enters man's mouth...and...had there been no Omniscient God to create man this way...had he just evolved from some lower substance or animal...some men would have had eyes in the back of their heads...noses on the side of their heads...ears in the front of their heads...and mouths on the side of their faces.

*What intellectual fools men are not to
realize the reality of these stupendous facts*

(D) **LOOK AT MEN'S HEART**

Men's heart is about 6 inches long and 4 inches in diameter...and beats about 70 times per minute - (that's 4200 times per hour, 100,000 times per day; 37,792,000 times per year, and about 2,565,440,000 times in 70 years) - and each beat sends forth 2 and 1/2 ounces of blood through our arteries and veins - (that's 175 ounces of blood per minutes, or 656 pounds of blood per hour, or 7 and 3/4 tons of blood per day!)

All the blood in the body passes through the heart in three minutes, and this little organ...by its ceaseless industry...pumps 7 and 3/4 tons of blood through our arteries and veins...every twenty-four hours...to sustain our lives... and...if our hearts should stop beating...for just a few minutes...we would be dead. Because man's heart is such a wonderful organ...such a wonderful example of perpetual motion...and is ten million times more wonderful than any watch in its construction and in its method of operation...the God of the Bible can be the only explanation as to how something so wonderful could be created.

(E) **LOOK AT MEN'S LUNGS**

The lungs have bronchial tubes that bring fresh air into a passage which divides...and then sub-divides...and which leads off into tens of thousands of little honey-comb like air-cells. Through the walls of these air-cells run very small blood vessels...which are connected with the pulmonary artery and veins...and which bring blood into contact with the fresh air in the air-cells where it becomes purified...the carbonic acid gas, and all other waste products, being removed from the millions of blood corpuscles by means of all these intricacies involved in our "*breathing system*." Then the blood...having been revived by the introduction of a fresh supply of life-giving oxygen...passes out through the arteries to, once again, bring new life to all parts of the body.

Good health depends upon inhaling fresh air...to one's full lung capacity... many times each day. Why is this? Leviticus 17:14 tells us; "*For the life of all flesh is in the blood.*"

(F) **LOOK AT MEN'S BRAIN, LIVER, AND KIDNEYS**

These organs are every bit as wonderful as the heart and the lungs. The nerves of the body...which are all connected with the brain directly...or indirectly ...by the spinal marrow...together with their branches and minute ramifications... probably exceed 10,000,000 in number. A fact that is staggering to contemplate.

Not many years back, it was thought that the Atom was the smallest thing imaginable...in fact, the word "*adam*" means the "*uncuttable*"... however, today, man has *cut the adam*... he has split it again and again...many times. It was also thought that everything was made up of just three elementary constituents: **electrons, neutrons and protons**...however, now not only has it been discovered that there are a whole array of other constituents...or "*particles*"... but it has also been discovered that each particles has an **anti**-particle...which means that now man is dealing with matter and **anti**-matter. In addition, we are told that...at the innermost chamber of this maze of particles and anti-particles...there is **NO**-THING!

A few years ago three doctors won a Nobel Peace Prize because they were able to measure what was called the "**nearest thing to NOTHING**" ...which is an electronic impulse in the nerve cell of the brain that lasts on one-thousands of a second and carries signals to the body cells!

How foolish of anyone to suppose that all these organs...which are so marvelously constructed...just evolved.

(G) **LOOK AT MAN'S SKIN**

Man's skin is composed of three layers with an atmospheric pressure on it that is about 14 pounds to the square inch...which means that a person of medium size is subjected to an atmospheric pressure of about 40,000 lbs. Then consider how each square inch of the skin contains about 3,500 pores..."*sweat tubes*"... through which one perspires and which may be likened to small drain pipes, 1/4 of an inch long, which aggregate length...for the entire surface of the body...is 201,166 feet...which is

equivalent to a ***30 miles long*** tile ditch...and, as we consider all of this, once again, we must realize that man is indeed most wonderful made.

Is it possible to look at the human body...which is so miraculously...and wonderfully...constructed...without acknowledging the fact that some creative power above, and beyond, human comprehension must have been responsible for it? Can anyone deny the fact that every creation must have a Creator?

7. STUDY HOW EVERY ANIMAL HAS JUST EXACTLY WHAT IT REQUIRES FOR ITS PECULIAR MODE OF LIFE

Just a few examples:

The **camel**, which lives in the desert, has web feet to buoy it up when crossing the shifting sands...and has water-pouches in its stomach so that it can carry a reserve supply of water that is sufficient enough to last it for days when it crosses the desert where there is no water.

The **woodpecker**, who lives by securing worms from wood, has a peculiar beak... so that it can easily bore into a tree...and it has a tongue that is full of little teeth so that, when it darts it forth into the bored hole, it can draw out the worm.

The eagle...when flying a mile high...can see its prey upon the earth because its eyes are arranged like telescopes. In contrast to this reality is the fact that the smallest insects of earth have eyes like microscopes.

The eel...because in order to live, has to work its head through both sand and gravel... which is the roughest and harshest of substances...has a transparent, horny, convex case, or covering, in front of...and at some distance from...its eye...which serves to protect its eye from all harm without, in anyway, obstructing its sight.

Not only does the camel, the eagle, and the eel each have just exactly what it requires for its peculiar mode of life, but, also, so does *every* animal, bird, insect, and fish in all the world, have exactly what it requires for its peculiar mode of life.

Since there is an abundance of indisputable evidence that God exists, why, then, do so many intelligent people...even brilliant scientists...profess to be atheists?

How is it that an ideology squarely founded on atheism...as is Communism...can conquer half the world...in one generation...in the most enlightened and scientific age in history?

Even in "*Christian*" countries, such as the United States, humanistic atheism has gained almost complete control of the schools, the courts, the communications media, and the legislatures, where God has been expelled...and rejected...just as if He did not exist at all!

- WHY?

It is not enough just to prove the existence of God to someone because he must accept the fact that the God of the Bible really does exist...that He created and controls the universe ...that He is eternal and infinite. If the Bible's claims are true, then one can not remain indifferent to its claims because one's denial of them does not change the reality of them... and one's eternal destiny rests upon whether one chooses to accept...or deny..."*the fact of God.*"

Despite the fact that no real logic can escape from the conclusion that God does exist, nonetheless, many take refuge in diversionary arguments that...although they are unable to disprove God's existence...seek to point out some imagined flaw in His character.

Ignorance of God's motives and purposes does not prove that He has none...nor that these motives and purposes are not reasonable...and right...in the light of eternity.

What arrogance it is for creatures to question God's actions. It would do well for us to remember Romans 9:20, which states, "*Nay, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the think formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?*"

Nevertheless, we will meet people who will raise questions such as, "***How can an omnipotent, holy God allow pain and suffering in the world?***"...or..."***What about heathens who have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ...how can God hold them accountable?***" ...and it is because these questions are so often asked, that these studies will now endeavor to answer a few of them in the lessons that follow.

However, before we go on to these lessons, always keep in mind, that there is an area where man's *finite* mind can never understand God's *infinite* knowledge...which is why man can never set himself up to pronounce judgment that implies he has omniscience.

While one must seek to understand God's actions and purposes...within the limits in which God has revealed them by His own revelation...one must ever realize that there is much about God's actions and purposes that he will never be able to thoroughly understand in this present life simply because God deals with mankind in the light of His eternal values ...His ultimate present life. Nonetheless...and needless to say. it is presumptuous for anyone to have doubts about God's character simply because he does not comprehend all His eternal truths with his limited...*finite*...mind.