

# **“I AM”; Therefore, You Are**

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## Introduction:

- A. Rom. 1:18-21
- B. Our world is growing increasingly secular and unbelieving; it is not a new thing
  - 1. Sigmund Freud said that because man needs security, has deep-seated fears, and lives in a threatening world which feels out of his control, he invented a superior, supernatural being. Like the “bogeyman” represents all of our deep-seated fears, “God” represents our confidence in the face of those fears. Note that late in life, Dr. Freud became a religion man, a devout Jew.
  - 2. We live in a time when men are more confident in themselves, and as a result reject God and any faith in Him
  - 3. Men reject the existence of God because they do not want to know God
    - a. If God is, they would have to submit to His superior wisdom and infinite power.
    - b. If God is, they would have to cease the sin they enjoy.
- C. One’s willingness to believe in God is often determined by his worldview, affected by culture, peers, and education.
  - 1. In our world, believers are dismissed as superstitious and intellectually challenged
  - 2. Moral and spiritual instruction is banned, and sin is protected by law
  - 3. If unbelievers cannot answer a righteous man’s argument, he descends to the base tactic of ridiculing him.
  - 4. The one absolute he will never overcome - Psalm 14:1
- D. Four reasons for faith in God
  - 1. Universe is proof of God
  - 2. Order is proof of God
  - 3. Our nature is proof of God
  - 4. Our existence is proof of God

## **I. UNIVERSE IS PROOF OF GOD**

- A. Something cannot come from nothing.
  - 1. The first law of thermodynamics is the law of the conservation of matter: “Matter can neither be created nor destroyed, only changed.”
  - 2. For example: when fuel is burned, it produces heat, light, carbon, and gases; it does not cease to exist, it merely changes form. Even after a nuclear explosion, neutrons, protons, and electrons still exist, though many have been converted into heat, light, and forms of radiation.
- B. Since matter exists there had to have been an original source from outside of the system.
  - 1. The Big Bang or great expansion theory disregards the most fundamental laws of physics. It states that all matter and energy came from an infinitesimal point and expanded rapidly into the current universe in 13.7 billion years. It takes a great deal of faith to believe this

## II. ORDER IS PROOF OF GOD

- A. Rom. 1:19-20 is the only text in the Bible that speaks of evidence for God.
1. Perhaps that is because the Bible doesn't need to argue for the existence of God when He has an entire universe shouting that God is
  2. The point is that the existence of God is so obvious, that an illiterate can see Him in the world He created without reading a word
  3. The universe tells us that God is; the Bible tells us who He is and what He wants of us
  4. Only those determined not to see Him or determined to deny what they see, do not see God in the order of the world around them
- B. When we see something that has been made, we naturally, logically conclude there was a maker.
1. How would you react to a person who advocated that his automobile was a result of a petroleum explosion deep under an iron deposit under a forest of rubber trees. The oil and gas mixed with the iron ore and rubber tree sap and a car coalesced out of the chaos?
  2. What would be your reaction to a person who showed you a library of books and told you it was the result of ten million monkeys beating on ten million laptops connected to ten million inkjet printers for ten million years and the library spontaneously evolved out of the disorder?
  3. The only way to deny God is with a pre-existent bias, a closed mind
- C. Our universe is more precise than anything man has ever made. It is so intricately designed, it could never have happened by chance.

1. Michael Horner: "Astrophysicists have been discovering that the Big Bang appears to have been incredibly fine-tuned. The numerical values of the different natural forces like gravity, electromagnetism, sub-atomic forces, etc. 'just happened' to fall into an extremely narrow range that is conducive for life to exist. Minute changes in any one of these forces would have destroyed the possibility of life and in most cases destroyed the universe. If the expansion rate of the universe was less by 1 part in a million million, the universe would have collapsed very early -- greater by 1 part in a million, galaxies, stars and planets would never have formed. In fact tiny changes in the charge of the electron would block any kind of chemistry. If the Big Bang was merely a chance happening it is virtually impossible that all the values would have been exactly right to ensure the survival of the universe and to allow life. Given the potentially infinite number of other values these forces could have taken, it is much more likely that they would have fallen outside the extremely narrow range that is conducive to life. Therefore, this is evidence of an intelligent designer behind the Big Bang ensuring that it happened in such a way that the universe could support life."

2. Life on earth would never exist without a number of parameters that are too precise to just have happened. A planet with an oversized metallic core to generate a magnetic cosmic shield, and oversized moon in close orbit to generate tides to create weather patterns, and the perfect distance in an unusually stable tilted orbit around a quiet modest sized sun in the safe zone of a violent galaxy. The odds of this happening by chance preclude it from ever happening at all.

## III. OUR NATURE IS PROOF OF GOD

- A. Men everywhere have always worshiped; worship is universal to the human condition; it's what we do.
  - 1. "To say that there is no God is to take a position which has been rejected by humanity itself. Man has a God-shaped hole within him."
  - 2. Archeologists have never uncovered a civilization that did not worship.
  - 3. Communists tried for 70 years to destroy religion in the Soviet Union; as soon as the USSR fell, churches were back to pre-communist levels.
- B. Worship is part of the nature of humankind. We need it to be mentally and emotionally healthy - Acts 17:24-28
  - 1. Many are frustrated and unfulfilled, but don't know why. It is because they are not satisfying their need to worship. So they turn to extremes of behavior, excesses of sin, and mind altering substances as substitutes.
  - 2. People who have an active faith in God live longer than unbelievers.
  - 3. Medical science agrees that people who pray recover from illness faster
- C. The complexity of the human form demonstrates that there is a God
  - 1. Psalm 139:13-16
  - 2. We can't create an organic replacement for any human physical system
  - 3. We cannot develop a thinking device to replace the human brain
  - 4. We can only repair the body on a limited basis; we cannot create life for it nor restore life to it
  - 5. We cannot create single living cell; in fact, we can only guess how it actually functions
- D. Our morality proves a Divine origin - Gen. 1:26-27; Ecc. 7:29
  - 1. All human civilizations have had a system of values. Certain moral values have been universal.
    - a. Every culture recognizes the need to help each other.
    - b. All humankind places value on human life.
    - c. The need to maintain a strong family is a universal value.

#### **IV. OUR EXISTENCE IS PROOF OF GOD**

- A. It takes greater faith to believe that there is no God than to believe that God is.
  - 1. As adolescent children from creation until now, man has been rebellious; we want to be in charge without accountability
- B. Contemporary evolutionary science has no experiential or experimental evidence to support its theories.
  - 1. "Theory" refers to something that is not or cannot be proven. And calling it a "fact" does not make it a fact.
  - 2. Scientists begin with the unproven assumption that there is no God.
  - 3. The scientific method requires proof and the ability to reproduce results.
  - 4. We cannot trust the honesty of evolutionary scientists. Their strong bias has produced many frauds and deliberate suppressions of evidence.

#### **Conclusion:**

- A. Faith grows out of a foundation of knowledge, not from a blind leap.
  - 1. From the word in our hands - Rom. 10:17
  - 2. And from the world before our eyes - Acts 14:17