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## GOD

### *Our Loving Creator*

Study #7

#### Checklist

- This Lesson
  - Choruses Tape
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The Bible does not present any argument for the existence of God; it takes the FACT of God for granted. God is the infinite and perfect Spirit in Whom all things have their source, support, and end.

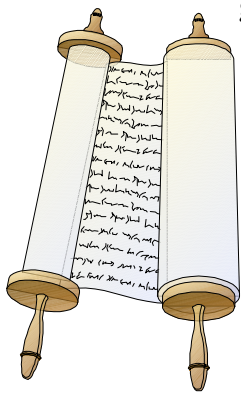
The Word of God reveals God to us. Because God is infinitely beyond our human comprehension, the Bible often “couches” God in human language.

**Lesson Overview**

- I. Who Made God?
- II. How Do We Know There Is A God?
- III. How Many Gods Are There?
- IV. What Is God?
- V. What Is God Like?
- VI. What Is God Called?
- VII. God is Your Heavenly Father.

### I. WHO MADE GOD?

**Answer:** No one!  
God is eternal. The fact that we cannot



grasp  
this

does not make it false. (We may not understand how electricity makes the lights work — but why sit around in the dark until we figure it out!) Look up Hebrews 11:6. Those that come to God must B\_\_\_\_\_ that He \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. HOW DO WE KNOW THERE IS A GOD?

#### Informal

#### Conversation –

This is a continuation of the Discipleship series of lessons. Ask about his week. Ask about answers to the prayer requests you have shared.

#### Discuss Last Week's Assignments –

1. Ask him to share his Scriptural insights, prayers, and applications from his Spiritual Journal.
2. Share one of your Quiet Times.
3. Exchange highlights of your sermon notes.
4. Ask him about his effort of handing out a gospel tract.

#### Comment:

Genesis 1:1 assumes the existence of God.

A number of reasons are given in the Bible to show how we can know there is a God.

**A. The Fact of Universal Belief Proves There is a God.**

Man has a “religious nature” which is unique to humankind. All men in all ages and in all civilizations have manifested a belief in a Higher Being. Most times this belief is perverted — but it demonstrates that there is a Higher Being.

Look up Romans 2:14,15. This verse teaches that even those who have never heard of the Lord have His law written in their H\_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The Fact That Everything Must Have a Cause Proves There is a God.**

Man is an intelligent being; therefore his Cause must also be intelligent. Man has personality; thus his Cause could not be impersonal.

**C. The Fact of Intricate Design in the Universe Proves There is a God.**

A watch not only requires a watchmaker, but also a designer and a purpose.

Look up Psalm 139:14. How does the human body prove there is a God? “. . . for I am \_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Whole of Creation Proves There is a God.**

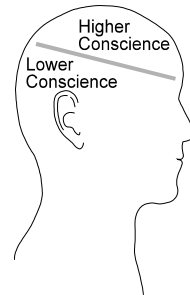
Look up Psalm 19:1.  
What do the heavens declare?

Look up Romans 1:20.  
What two invisible things about God are seen and understood through creation?



**Comment:**

Arguments for the existence of God: Man has a conscience, the Bible often calls it “the heart.” *Conscience* literally means “to know with God”. Our conscience asks, “What does God say?” The conscience is both trained and untrained.



The *Lower conscience* is inborn. It is God’s law written in one’s heart. This is where man’s sense of shame resides, as well as a sense of right and wrong. The *Higher conscience* must be trained – by God and parents. It is where one’s standards of right and wrong reside. Our *Lower conscience* says there is a God.

**Ask:**

What is the *Cosmological* and *Teleological* arguments for the existence of God? See page 13 of the supplement at the end of the lesson.

His E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ and  
G \_\_\_\_\_.

**E. The Events of History Prove There is a God.**

Many times God has intervened in human history, and His hand is often seen in the rise and fall of nations. See: Psalm 75:6,7.

**F. The Bible Says There is a God.**

If there is a God, it is reasonable to expect Him to reveal Himself to man. He has done this — first through creation, then (in detail) through His Word. Look up Genesis 1:1. The Bible begins with God— not philosophical arguments for His existence.

Stop here and read the supplement at the end of this lesson entitled Why I Believe . . . In God.



**Comment:**  
The Scriptures denounce *Polytheism*, which is the belief in many Gods (for example, Greek mythology, Hinduism, etc.) and *Pantheism*, which is the belief that nature is God (God may be a tree, rock, etc.). The New Age Movement is pantheistic.

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**III. HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE?**

**A. Look up: Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5; and I Timothy 2:5.**

There is only \_\_\_\_\_ God. ----->

**B. Look up: Matthew 28:19 and I John 5:7.**

This one God eternally, equally, and essentially exists as T \_\_\_\_\_ persons:

- The F \_\_\_\_\_
- The S \_\_\_\_\_
- The H \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_

This is known as the doctrine of the *TRINITY* — the Bible teaches there is **one** God but **three** Persons in the Godhead. *Trinity* (*Tri* = three and *nity* is short

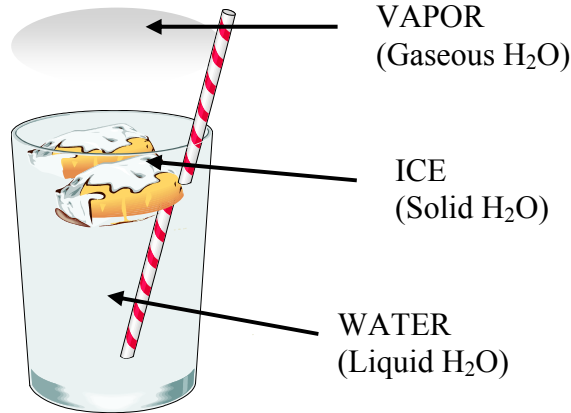
The Trinity –  
**Look up:**  
Matthew 3:16-17

- Jesus got baptized.
- The Holy Ghost descended upon Him.
- The Father spoke from Heaven.

2 Corinthians 13:14  
All 3 members of the Trinity are present.

for unity) means “three-in-one.” While we cannot comprehend this fully, we can explain it generally by using an illustration of a glass of ice water:

As can be seen, there is *one* essence (H<sub>2</sub>O) existing in *three* distinct phases. Each phase may exist separately, or with another, or all together.



Explain the illustration.

Explain God's essence. He is *incorporeal* (without a body). The Bible uses *anthropomorphisms* to help us understand God. These are statements such as “the *hand* of the Lord” and “the *eye* of the Lord.” God helps and God sees.

#### IV. WHAT IS GOD?

There are 4 statements in the Bible telling us what God IS.

- A. **God Is** \_\_\_\_\_ . *John 4:24 (Divine Essence).*
- B. **God Is** \_\_\_\_\_ . *I John 4:8 (Divine Compassion).*
- C. **God Is** \_\_\_\_\_ . *I John 1:5 (Divine Holiness).*
- D. **God Is A** \_\_\_\_\_ . *Hebrews 12:29 (Divine Righteousness).*

**Ask:**

What does *God is Light* mean?  
Answer: God is the revelation of truth. Light exposes and dispels darkness (error). Do you want truth? It is found in God and His Word. John 17:17 “...thy word is truth.”

**E. The Bible Also Teaches That God Is A Person (that is, He has personality).**

1. John 3:16. God L\_\_\_\_\_ S.
2. Proverbs 6:16. God H\_\_\_\_\_ S.
3. Genesis 6:6. God G\_\_\_\_\_ S.
4. Deut. 6:15. God is J\_\_\_\_\_.
5. 1 Kings 11:9. God can be A\_\_\_\_\_ Y.
6. 1 Peter 5:7. God C\_\_\_\_\_.

**Ask:**

Read the six answers to these fill-in blanks.

**Comment:**

We are made in the image of God, see Genesis 1:26. That is, He made us with intellect, emotions, and will.

God is a personal God who cares for you. He knows the issues of life you face and He is concerned about you.

How much does God care?

Answer: Enough to send Jesus Christ to die in your place.

All these are the characteristics of personality. (There are some that think God is just an impersonal “Force” or that He is in all of “Nature.”)

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**V. WHAT IS GOD LIKE?**

If we examined God’s creation, we would discover Him to be Mighty, Glorious, and Majestic, but it is through the Bible that God reveals Himself completely. No man will ever be able to comprehend the essence of God (what He is). It is only through His **attributes** that God makes Himself known to finite man.

**A. God Is All Knowing (Omniscient).**

1. Read Psalm 139:1- 4. List five things God knows about you.
  - a. My D\_\_\_\_\_ and U\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. My T\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. My P\_\_\_\_\_ and lying down
  - d. All M\_ W\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. My W\_\_\_\_\_
2. Read 1 John 3:20. What does this verse say God knows? A\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_.

God knows everything.

**Ask:**

- Does God know all about you? – Yes
- Does God know about your failures? – Yes
- Does God love you anyway? – Yes
- Then what are your feelings toward God?

- Can you trust God with your life?
- Will you trust Him?

**B. God Is All Powerful (Omnipotent).**

1. Read Job 42:2. What can God do?



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2. Read: Matthew 19:26. What are all things with God? P \_\_\_\_\_

**C. God Is Everywhere (Omnipresent).**

Read Psalm 139:7-17.  
What is your conclusion regarding the question, “Where is God?” \_\_\_\_\_

**D. God Is Eternal.**

1. Look up Exodus 3:14. What is the Name of God? “\_\_\_\_\_.”  
Notice He does not say “I Was,” or “I Will Be,” — both of which would imply either a beginning or an ending.
2. Look up Psalm 90:2. This verse tells us God extends from E \_\_\_\_\_ to E \_\_\_\_\_.

God can do anything. **Give** your Timothy the cassette tape of choruses that teach about God. Listen to *God Can Do Anything But Fail*.

Recommend that he and his family listen to and memorize the choruses together.

**Ask:**  
What does the truth that God is ever-present do for you? Help you trust. . . . Help you not fear. . . . Cause you to pray. . . .



**E. God Is Unchanging (Immutable).**

Read Malachi 3:6. What does this verse say that God does NOT do? C \_\_\_\_\_

**F. God Is Holy.**

Look up Psalm 99:9. Why should we exalt the Lord and worship Him? \_\_\_\_\_

**G. God Is Love.**

Look up Romans 5:8. How did God commend (prove) His love toward you and me? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Comment:**  
God does not change. What does God think of man’s behavior? The Old Testament reveals what He thinks of sin, homosexuality, adultery, lying, truth-telling, honesty, faith, righteousness, trust, and so on.

God doesn’t change; He still measures man’s behavior against truth.

**H. God Is Gracious.**

1. “Grace” means “undeserved favor.”

G od’s  
R iches  
A t  
C hrist’s  
E xpense

**Ask:**  
If God is love and is gracious, why not live in sin and let God continually exercise His forgiveness?  
Read Romans 6:1-2.

2. We are S\_\_\_\_\_ by grace. Ephesians 2:8
3. We are *taught* by grace (Titus 2:11,12).
4. We are *kept* by grace (2 Corinthians 12:9).

**Comment:**  
God’s Riches = all that God has to offer (peace, heaven, no pain or sorrow, joy, forgiveness, etc.)  
  
At  
  
Christ’s Expense = all that Christ endured (the cross, crucifixion, death, pain, mocking, scourging, separation from God, etc.)

**I. God Is Truth.**

1. Look up Titus 1:2. What is it that God cannot do? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Look up Isaiah 40:8. What is it about God that will stand forever? \_\_\_\_\_

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**VI. WHAT IS GOD CALLED?**

There are three primary Hebrew words used to designate “God” in the Old Testament.

- A. “Elohim” — which is translated “God” in our English Bible. (The Greek equivalent in the New Testament is “Theos.”) This speaks of God’s greatness.**
- B. “Adonai” — which is translated “Lord” in our English Bible. This means that God is the Master.**
- C. “Jehovah” — which is translated “LORD” in our English Bible.**

**Comment:**  
Here is a verse that uses both words for Lord –  
O **LORD** our **Lord**, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.  
Psalm 8:1

1. To distinguish “Jehovah” from “Adonai,” the translators of the Authorized King James Bible had it printed in capital letters.
2. The meaning of “Jehovah” is given in Exodus 3:13,14: “I AM THAT I AM” — “The Self-Existent One Who Reveals Himself.”
3. The word “Jesus” is the Greek form of the Hebrew “Joshua,” and literally means “Jehovah-Savior.” The New Testament clearly teaches that Jesus IS Jehovah.
4. Write out John 8:58.

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## VII. GOD IS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER

You can know God as your Father, your Heavenly Father. This is a blessing of having your sins forgiven and having received His gift of eternal life.

### A. *The Parable of the Prodigal Son.*

Read Luke 15:11-32. This parable, given by Christ, teaches the relationship between God the Father and His children. Try to identify/explain the following:

1. The father (v.12) = \_\_\_\_\_
2. The younger son (v.12) = \_\_\_\_\_
3. The far country and riotous living (v.13) = \_\_\_\_\_
4. Filling his belly with the husks that the swine did eat (v. 16) = \_\_\_\_\_

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**Review** all of VII. GOD IS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER

**Explain:**

1. **Father** = God the Father
2. **Younger son** = us
3. **Far country and riotous living** = living in sin
4. **Filling belly...** = the consequences of our sin
5. **Coming to himself...** = repentance
6. **Father’s actions** = forgiveness (God forgiving us of our sin)



5. The younger son “coming to himself” thinking “I will arise and go to my father,” and saying “I have sinned against thee” (vv.17, 18) = \_\_\_\_\_
6. What would you call the actions on the father’s part when he sees his son returning?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Father Loves You!**

Look up Ephesians 2:4-5. Why did God save you?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. The Father Protects You!**

1. Notice these terms that indicate *protection*:  
The LORD *is* my rock, and my F\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_, and my D\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; my God, my strength, in  
whom I will trust; my B\_\_\_\_\_  
(shield), and the horn of my salvation, *and*  
my high tower (Psalm 18:2).
2. What protection does your heavenly Father promise regarding temptations you face? (1 Corinthians 10:13) \_\_\_\_\_

**Comment:**  
All Christians are tempted to sin. Satan knows where to hit you the hardest, but sin is always done by choice and is our own fault. In any given situation, you don't have to sin.

**D. The Father Provides for You!**

1. Look up Philippians 4:19. What will God supply for you? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why is there no need to worry?  
Matthew 6:31, 32 \_\_\_\_\_  
Ephesians 3:20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Ask:**  
Are you experiencing worries or fears?  
  
Counsel your Timothy regarding his fear and pray with him now about it.

**E. How Does God’s Fatherhood Affect You?**

Knowing God’s protection should eliminate fear and knowing His provision should eliminate worry. What fears or worries do you frequently experience? \_\_\_\_\_

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What should you do about your fears and worries?

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**SPIRITUAL GROWTH ASSIGNMENT:**

- ❑ Read your H Lesson (**H**oly Spirit) and answer all the questions. Look up the lesson’s references in God’s Word.
- ❑ Learn some of the choruses on the cassette tape.
- ❑ Continue reading through the New Testament and doing your Quiet Time by writing your own Scriptural insight, application, and prayer.
- ❑ Continue taking sermon notes.
- ❑ Give out a copy of *Life’s Greatest Discovery*.
- ❑ Memorize John 14:15-16
- ❑ Where would you like to meet for new week’s session?
- ❑ Be sure to bring your Bible, pen, **H** Lesson, and Spiritual Journal.

**Encourage** your Timothy and cast a vision for him regarding spiritual growth.

Pray for him and have him pray aloud.

**REMEMBER!!!**  
**Turn in the “Discipler Report Back” page by dropping it off at the Hospitality Booth in the church foyer.**



## <sup>1</sup>WHY I BELIEVE IN GOD

*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.  
Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity:  
there is none that doeth good.  
Psalms 53:1*

Is there a God or not? This question eclipses all other questions that mankind might ask. Should you feel that statement is the opinion of a theologian or a preacher, then listen to this statement, found in *The Great Ideas Syntopicon*, the crucial study guide for the Great Book series, a remarkable collection of most of the combined wisdom of Western civilization from the time of Thales to the present. Mortimer Adler states, “With the exception of certain mathematicians and physicists, all authors of the Great Books are represented in the chapter on God.” The reason is obvious. More consequences for thought and action follow the affirmation or denial of God than the answering of any other basic question. The whole tenor of human life is affected by whether men regard themselves as the supreme being in the universe, or acknowledge a superhuman being whom they conceive of as an object of fear or love and a force to be defied or a Lord to be obeyed. In this time of militant, marching atheism, which is spreading itself like a deadly fungus across our world, we need to consider the significance of this question and the evidence for the existence of God.

Perhaps one of the most commonly held opinions of modern sophisticated Americans is that somehow science has disproved God or, as Julian Huxley said, they have reduced him “to simply the disappearing smile of the Cheshire Cat.” Has science really disproved God? In his book *God, the Atom and the Universe*, James Reid states: “Science is preparing a surprise for mankind! At least it will be a surprise for those who have doubts about the Bible and its God. It will also come as a surprise for those who are laboring under the misapprehension that science has undermined the Bible. In fact, it may even shock some scientists, who may be startled to find that their newly uncovered fact, or

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accepted theory, provides still another link in the chain of evidence that is showing the facts of the universe support the Bible's statement—including creation. “ He further states that for years, as a man of science, he had endeavored under the old classic physics, the Newtonian physics, to discover support for these in the Bible and had been unable to do so.

As we moved into this century and the old classical physics gave way to the new quantum physics, the atomic theory, a whole new concept of the universe emerged. As Einstein's theory of relativity revealed the inner relationship of mass and energy, he suddenly found that the new discoveries of science were establishing the teachings of the Scripture. The facts of the universe are supported increasingly by the findings of science, and the consequences of this are incalculable. We live in a time which there is a popular idea that there is no God to whom men are responsible. I believe this thought is basically responsible for the enormous incidence of crime, murder, rape, robbery, and every conceivable civil evil that we face in our society today. I have heard scores of men, supposedly knowledgeable on the subject, discuss a variety of remedies for the situation, and I am amazed at their incredible blindness. It seems none of them realizes it is the rampant denial of the God of the Bible that has caused men to become increasingly animalistic. Teach men that they are animals and eventually they will act like animals.

L. Woodward, Oxford's Professor of Modern History, states: “the value of our Western heritage, justice, mercy, kindness, tolerance, self-sacrifice are incompatible with materialism...” materialism being the view of the universe that there exists nothing but matter—no soul, no spirit—no god. “If I may borrow a well-worn phrase about the State [which he borrows from Marx] these values will wither away in a materialistic culture.” He further states that “it is meaningless to talk about human ‘rights’ in a materialistic society: one might as well make a moral appeal to the Atlantic Ocean.”

Have scientists disproved God? There is no branch of science which looks at a larger portion of God's handiwork than do astronomers. The Scripture says: “*The Heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiworks*” (Ps 19:1); “*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen*” (Rom. 1:20). Ninety percent of all astronomers today believe in God! Those who have most thoroughly examined his handiwork believe in God. That is a higher percentage than will be found of butchers, bakers, or candlestick

makers. Those who have looked most intently and to the farthest extent that man has been able to see in the universe have concluded that the hand that made it is Divine.

Pierre Simon de La Place, one of the greatest of our astronomers, said that the proof in favor of an intelligent God as the author of creation stood as infinity to unity against any other hypothesis of ultimate causation; that it was infinitely more probable that a set of writing implements thrown promiscuously against parchment would produce Homer's Iliad, than that creation was originated by any other cause than God. The evidence for God as opposed to the evidence against him as the Creator of this universe was an infinity to one. It could not even be measured.

There are many different arguments for the existence of God. One is known as the cosmological argument. Though Kant and Hume directed their attacks at the various classical arguments for God, they did so without suitable evidence and without sufficient proof to refute them. Since the various theistic proofs are not mathematical (they are really arguments for overwhelming probability), these arguments still stand, and the mind of the creature still recognizes in them evidence of a Divine Creator. Sir James Jeans, one of the greatest of modern astronomers, said that the more he examined the vast expanses of space and the tremendous complexity of these things, the more the universe seemed to be one gigantic thought of a great mathematician.

The cosmological argument comes from the term cosmos, which means the universe and from which we get the word cosmetic. It means ordered and beautiful, and there is within the universe so much evidence of order that it would be impossible to list it all. Quantum physics has demonstrated that at the level of subatomic particles, there is an irresistible urge of electrons toward symmetry and that there is an amazing cosmetic aspect to the universe. One author said that nature is a great architect. Meaning that nature is God. It is also a great astronomer, a great chemist, a great physiologist, a great psychologist, and a great mathematician, demonstrating an incredible knowledge of the facts of the various sciences now known to mankind, which have all said the same thing.

There is also the teleological argument. The word telos in Greek means the end, and teleology is that view of philosophy which sees that in the universe things are designed for a purpose, for an end. Atheists and evolutionists (they must almost invariably be one and the same)

The *Cosmological* argument is an argument from **cause and effect**. Everything begun must have an adequate cause. A great effect must have a great cause. Unquestionably, our universe *is* a great effect. What is the great cause? God!

The *Teleological* argument states "Order and useful arrangement in a system imply intelligence and purpose in the originating cause; the universe is characterized by order and useful arrangement; therefore the universe has an intelligent and free cause."  
In simple words, *design* indicates a *designer*. If you see a wrist watch you know there is a watchmaker. A watch without a watchmaker is impossible; a creation without a Creator is also impossible.

detest the words purpose and teleology because they believe that the world has no purpose. They believe it is all one gigantic accident, simply the concatenation of atoms that happened to come together in a chance fashion. Although people may say that things exist in an incredibly complex way and that is the only reason why we are here, it is hard for the human mind to disregard that fantastic number of evidences that Someone has been providing for our well-being.

Consider the mass and size of this planet upon which we have been placed. It is just right. Dr. Wallace says that if the earth were either 10 times larger or 10 percent smaller than it is, life would not be possible upon this planet. Furthermore, it is just the right distance from the sun, and thus we receive the right amount of heat and light. If it were further away, we would freeze, and if it were closer (such as the distance of Mercury or Venus) we would not be able to survive.

Consider the amazing fact of the tilt of the axis of the earth. None of the other planets is tilted as ours is—23 degrees. The angle provides that the earth is slowly turned in all parts of its surface before the rays of the sun, much as a chicken would be turned on a spit. If there were no tilt to the axis, the poles would accumulate enormous masses of ice, and the center part of the earth would become intensely hot.

Another amazing aspect of our relationship in the solar system is our moon. Many people do not realize that without the moon it would be impossible to live on this planet. If anyone were ever to succeed in deflecting the moon from its orbit, all life would cease on this planet. God has provided the moon as a maid to clean up the oceans and the shores of all our continents. Without the tides created by the moon, all our harbors and shores would become one stench pool of garbage, and it would be impossible to live anywhere near them. Because of the tides, continuous waves break upon the shores of the ocean, aerating the oceans of this planet and providing oxygen for the plankton, which is the very foundation of the food chain of our world. Without plankton, there would not be oxygen and man would not be able to live upon this earth. God has made the moon the right size and placed it the right distance from the earth to perform these and numerous other functions.

There is the wonder of our atmosphere. We live under a great ocean of air—78 percent nitrogen, 21 percent oxygen, and the other 1 percent is made up of almost a dozen different trace elements. Spectrographic studies of other planets in the stellar universe show that no other atmosphere, no other part of the known universe is made up of

these same ingredients or anything like this composition. These elements are not chemically combined but are continually mixed mechanically by the tidal effect of the moon upon the atmosphere. This has the same effect that it has upon the seas and always provides the same amount of oxygen. Though man dumps a tremendous amount of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, this is absorbed into the ocean and man is able to continue to live on this planet. If the atmosphere were not as thick as it is, we would be crushed by the billion pieces of cosmic debris and meteorites that fall continually upon our planet.

Then there is the amazing nitrogen cycle. Nitrogen is extremely inert—if it were not, we would all be poisoned by different forms of nitrous combinations. However, because of its inertness, it is impossible for us to get it to combine naturally with other things. It is definitely needed for plants in the ground. How does God provide to get the nitrogen out of the air into the soil? He does so by lightning! One hundred thousand lightning bolts strike this planet daily, creating a hundred million tons of usable nitrogen plant food in the soil every year.

Forty miles up there is a thin layer of ozone. If compressed it would be only a quarter of an inch thick, and yet without it life would not exist. Eight killer rays fall upon this planet continually from the sun; without ozone we would be burned, blinded and broiled by them in just a day or two. The ultraviolet rays come in two forms; longer rays which are deadly and are screened out, and shorter rays which are necessary for life on earth and are admitted by the ozone layer. Furthermore, the most deadly of these rays are allowed through the ozone layer in just a very thin amount, enough to kill the green algae, which otherwise would grow to fill all the lakes, rivers and oceans of the world.

How little we realize what God is continuously doing to provide for our life. We see that we live with a tiny ozone layer protecting us from an unseen deadly bombardment that constantly comes down upon our heads. Beneath us is a thin rock crust, thinner than the skin of an apple in comparison. Beneath that is the molten lava that forms the core of this earth. So man lives between the burning, blackening rays above and the molten lava below, either of which would burn him to a crisp. Yet man is totally oblivious that God has so arranged things that he can exist in such a world as this.

Then we have the wonder of water. Nowhere else in the universe do we find water in any abundance except here on the earth. Water, the amazing solvent, dissolves almost everything on this earth

except those things which are life-sustaining. This amazing liquid exists as ice, breaks up rocks, and produces soil. As snow, it stores up water in the valleys. As rain, it waters and cleanses the earth. As vapor, it provides moisture for much of the arable land of this earth. If we had clouds like Venus, Earth would not exist. But we have exactly 50 percent of the surface of the earth covered by clouds at any one time, allowing just the right amount of sunlight to come through. As steam, it runs the powerful machinery that we have here on earth. Other than *bismuth* it is the only liquid that is heavier at 4° C than it is at freezing. If this were not so, life would not exist on this planet. Therefore, when it is frozen, it is lighter and it rises. If this were not so, lakes and rivers would freeze from the bottom up and kill all the fish. The algae would be destroyed and our oxygen supply would cease, and mankind would die.

Even dust provides an incredible function for mankind. If it were not for dust, we would never see a blue sky. Seventeen miles above this planet there is no dust from this earth, and the sky is always black. If it were not for dust, it would never rain. One drop of rain is made up of eight million droplets of water, and each one of those eight million droplets is wrapped around a tiny particle of dust. Without these, the world would become parched and life would cease to exist.

Within human beings, there are many things that tell us we have been made by God. Our life is based upon the blood that flows in our veins. The amazing red blood cell, created in bone marrow, immediately gives up its nucleus when it reaches the bloodstream. For any other cell, this would mean death, like cutting the heart right out of man. A red blood cell is formed like a doughnut with a thin membrane across the hole. Without a nucleus it is able to carry more oxygen for the body because of this membrane and the shape of the cell. If it were shaped like other cells, it would require nine times as many cells to provide oxygen for the human body.

Then there is that wonder of wonders: the human eye! How could anybody look at a human eye and suppose that it just happened? Evolutionists tell us that where there is want, nature will provide what is needed. Can you imagine that we needed sight? No one had ever seen anything, but there was a need to see something. So nature created an eye. Imagine creating two eyes on a horizontal plane so that we not only can see but we also have a range finder that determines distances.



Did you ever wonder what happens to your tears that continually flow across your eye? Dr. William Paley wrote a classic work entitled “Natural Theology” in which he discusses the eye. “In order to keep the eye moist and clean—which qualities are necessary to its brightness and its use—a wash is constantly supplied by a secretion for the purpose; and the superfluous brine is conveyed to the nose through a perforation in the bone as large as a goose quill. When once the fluid has entered the nose, it spreads itself upon the inside of the nostril and is evaporated by the current of warm air which in the course of respiration is continually passing over it...It is easily perceived that the eye must want moisture; but could the want of the eye generate the gland which produces the tear, or bore a hole by which it is discharged—a hole through a bone?” Let the atheist or the evolutionist tell us who bored the hole in the bone and laid a water pipe through it for the dispersion of our tears.

Sir Charles Scott Sherrington, famous English physiologist of Oxford who wrote a classic work on the eye, said: “Behind the intricate mechanism of the human eye lie breath-taking glimpses of a Master Plan.” When confronted with darkness the human eye increases its ability to see one hundred thousand times. The finest camera ever made does not even vaguely approach such a thing, but the human eye does it automatically. Furthermore, the eye will find the object it wants to see and focus upon it automatically. It will elongate or compress itself. Both eyes moving together must take different angles to fix themselves upon what it is to be seen. When the eye got ready to create itself, it also had the forethought for its own protection, and built itself beneath the bony ridge of the brow, and also provided a nose on which to hang the glasses that most of us need. Then it provided a shutter to protect itself from any foreign object.

Lastly, we might mention the incredible mind of man. Sir Henry Fairfield Osborn, the noted modern anthropologist, said: “To my mind, the human brain is the most marvelous and mysterious object in the whole universe.” Weighing but 3.3 pounds, it can perform what 500 tons of electrical and electronic equipment cannot do. Containing 10 to 15 billion neurons, each a living unit itself, it performs feats that absolutely boggle the mind. Dr. H. M. Morris said: “Therefore men who reject or ignore God do so, not because science or reason requires them to, but purely and simply because they want to!”

The Scripture says, “*And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind.*” (Romans 1:28)

Not only are these compelling reasons for the existence of God, but I believe in God because I believe in Jesus Christ. The prophecies, the birth, the life, the miracles, the teachings, the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his continuous performance of those things which he said he would do convince me that God lives and that God lived in Jesus Christ and even now can transform people.

In his best-selling book *Through the Valley of the Kwai*, Ernest Gordon told about American soldiers captured by the Japanese in the Malay Peninsula who were tortured and starved. They were turned into a group of animals, clawing and fighting and stealing food from each other. Finally things became so bad they decided to start reading the New Testament. As Ernest Gordon, a university graduate, read those words to them from the New Testament, these men were converted to the living God through Jesus Christ. This community of animals was transformed into a community of love, because God lives and he lives in Jesus Christ. Christ is willing to live in the hearts of those who will trust in him. This joy, this peace, this transformed life, and this assurance of eternal life are what Christ offers to those who will place their trust in his atoning death.

What does the unbeliever have to offer? Such an unbeliever, W. O. Saunders, wrote in the *American Magazine*:

“I would like to introduce you to one of the loneliest and unhappiest individuals on earth. I am talking about the man who does not believe in God. I can introduce you to such a man because I myself am one, and in introducing myself, you shall have an introduction to the agnostic or skeptic in your own neighborhood, for he is everywhere in the land. You will be surprised to learn that the agnostic envies your faith in God, your settled belief in a heaven after life, and your blessed assurance that you will meet your loved ones in an afterlife where there will be neither sadness nor pain. He would give anything to be able to embrace that faith and be comforted by it. For him there is only the grave and the persistence of matter. After the grave all he can see is the disintegration of the protoplasm and psychoplasm of which my body and personality are composed. But in this materialist view, I find neither ecstasy nor happiness.

“The agnostic may face life with a smile and a heroic attitude. He may put on a brave front, but he is not happy. He stands in awe and reverence before the vastness and majesty of the universe, knowing not

whence he came nor why. He is appalled at the stupendousness of space and the infinitude of time, humiliated by the infinite smallness of himself, cognizant of his own frailty, weakness, and brevity. Certainly he sometimes yearns for a staff on which to lean on. He, too, carries a cross. For him, this earth is but a tricky raft adrift in the unfathomable waters of eternity with no horizon in sight. His heart aches for every precious life upon the raft—drifting, drifting, drifting whither no one knows.”

I believe in God. However, to believe in him is not enough, for even the devil believes in God and trembles. It is necessary not only that we believe he exists but that we believe he became incarnate in Jesus Christ and that he died for our sins. It is necessary that we believe and that we repent of our sins and cast ourselves at his feet and place our trust in him—in his atoning death for our salvation. If not, we shall face him as our angry Judge in that great day. I believe in him, and I know he is alive. He lives in my heart, and he has granted me the assurance that I shall live with him forever. It is my earnest desire that that assurance may be yours, if it is not already. Have you trusted him?

# Discipler Report Back



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