

## THE REALITY OF GOD

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In giving the commission, Christ claimed to have been given all power in heaven and in Earth, or all authority (Matthew 28:18-20). In listing the name of each member of the Godhead, He honored the Father by putting His name first in the list. He knew that God had sent Him into the world to save the world. (John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:14). He knew He had come down from heaven to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10; John 12:47; John 6:38).

At the close of Mark's record of the Commission, he says that Jesus was "received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God" (Mark 16:15-19). Jesus said He would send "the promise of the Father" upon the apostles, and that they would be endued "with power from on high" (Luke 24:46-49). Again, He said: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20: 21). In Acts 1:11ff., we again read of "the promise of the Father," etc. The whole Bible proclaims the fact of the existence and reality of God.

### NATURE PROVES HER MAKER

The invisible nature of God and things not seen are proved by things that are made (Romans 1:20). The reason a Russian astronaut could not find and see God in space is because God is a Spirit, not a physical/fleshly Being (John 4:23-24). But the heavens declare His glory, and that His hand has been at work (Matthew 19:13). The creation proves the existence of the Creator (Genesis 1:1). For every effect, there must be an adequate cause that produced the effect. The most powerful things we know about are invisible atoms or invisible things back of visible matter and composing it and making up our world (Hebrews 11:3).

### FOOLISH TO DENY REALITY

Some unbelievers have denied the existence of the Earth, the Universe, and man. They have denied their own existence in order to deny the existence of God. They claim that we are deceived by our senses and conscience and merely think we exist, that this "seeming reality" is little more than a hallucination of the mind. They argue that all matter is a mere illusion. This theory of the existence of the world and the Universe is so foolish as to make us think of the scripture which says: "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1).

### ALL THINGS CAME FROM SOMETHING

Since we really do have a Universe and man, there is back of it all a Creator, or Maker—One capable of designing and making all things (Genesis 1:1). God can exist without being material and visible to our eyes. We believe in many things that we cannot see with our eyes, such as gravity, atoms, electricity, wind, etc. Even the mind is not a visible thing. Neither is the soul or spirit. So, God is a Spirit and He created this Universe.

Even life comes from antecedent life **all the way back to God**. Scientists freely admit that they do not know anything about the origin of life. Their guesses and theories about it are not science, but belong in the realm of philosophy. The theory of spontaneous generation is not science—it cannot be proved or demonstrated. No one on Earth knows of any life that has not come from antecedent life. Professor Edwin Conklin of Princeton University, has well said: "The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the unabridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing shop."

### INTELLIGENCE BACK OF LIFE

Our guide on a trip to Egypt said he was a "Christian," but admitted that he would lose faith in God if and when man eventually creates life from dead matter. He was astonished when I replied that such a feat would not weaken my faith in God in the least. Rather, it simply would prove that it takes great intelligence to create life—even some tiny form of life that likely never would amount to anything. Up to now, men have not had sufficient intelligence to create life. If they should succeed in doing so, it would prove that there was intelligence back of the origin of the first life—that there is a God of infinite intelligence and wisdom Who designed and created all things, just as is revealed in the Bible, and confirmed by all the fulfilled prophecies and miracles recorded therein.

### NOTHING COMES FROM NOTHING

In all the realm of human knowledge, we know of no case of something coming from nothing. Nothing produces nothing. Something always comes from something, never from nothing. If there ever had been a time when there was not anything in existence, then there never could have been anything. Nothing could not have produced something. So there always has been something in existence, and that original something is God (Psalm 90:12).

## THE EARTH AND THE UNIVERSE NOT ETERNAL

The earth, matter, and the Universe are not eternal. The second law of thermodynamics proves that the earth and Universe had a beginning and that the Bible is right about the matter (Genesis 1:1). Heat is being lost at such a rate as proves the Universe had a beginning. If the Universe were eternal and without beginning, heat would have wasted away billions of years ago and no life could exist upon the Earth. As sure as the sands of time are running out, they have not been here eternally. God was before the Universe, and it was He Who created the Earth and the heavens (Psalm 90:12; Isaiah 45:18; Genesis 1:4).

## UNIVERSE DID NOT ARISE OUT OF NOTHING

When unbelievers tell us that the Universe arose from nothing, they are not teaching science based on knowledge, but rather vain philosophy. A great big nothing that had no existence, and could not think or act, and that could do nothing, could not have so acted and performed as to make itself into the Universe. Only a **powerful something** could have so performed as to create the Universe. Something has to come from something, not from nothing, and that eternal something is Jehovah God (Deut. 33:27).

## CREATION PROVES A CREATOR

To say the laws of nature created all things is not scientific. How could the laws of nature, at a time when there was nothing—no laws of nature nor matter nor anything else—how could the laws of nature, which did not exist, so design and create matter which did not exist, into the Universe? If it be contended that matter did exist before the Universe and man, then how did the matter come into existence? It could not have made itself out of nothing. In fact, **nothing ever made itself!** God made all things, and He alone is “from everlasting to everlasting” (Psalm 90:12).

## INTELLIGENT CAUSATION

Scientists tell us that there are millions of essential combinations of material things and circumstances necessary to the formation of both the Universe and our world, the lack of any one of which would have made the existence of the Universe and man impossible.

## NOT BY ACCIDENT AND CHANCE

If one were able to sow the whole face of the Earth in wheat, he would not be able a single time to spell out his own name in the growing grain. Accident and chance could not perform such a simple feat. But man (intelligence) can write his name in the soil of his garden, plant seed in the writing, and grow wheat in such a way as to form his name. The 26 letters of our alphabet on little wood blocks might be tossed into the air 500 million, million, million times and not once would they come down in alphabetical order. Such events as earthquakes and tor-

nadoes may occur by accident and chance and destroy whole cities, yet we agree with the Bible that “every house was builded by some man, but he that built all things is God” (Hebrews 3:4). The blind forces of nature, by accident and chance, never built a great skyscraper, much less a Universe.

## GOD CREATED LIFE

When our guide in Egypt said scientists were about to create life, and if and when they did he would lose his faith in the existence of God, I replied that if man were, by great intelligence and human wisdom, to create a living cell, it likely would not amount to anything. But if it were to become a howling success, it would only prove **that life is only** produced by great intelligence, that God produced the first life, and that it did not come from dead and lifeless matter without anyone to make it. **How could the creation of life by men of great intelligence prove that man and all life on Earth came into existence without background intelligence?** Let us believe in God and serve Him!

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