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Can the existence of God be scientifically proved? Where did the first LIFE come from? Can we know whether God possesses MIND power?

LET'S FACE this question! Is it rational to believe in God? Is God merely a myth — an invention of an ignorant, superstitious past? Many, today assume this.

I Questioned God's Existence

With me — and I hope with the reader — I wanted to KNOW! I wanted to be SURE! I *questioned* the existence of God! Also I questioned the opposing doctrine of evolution. I did not seek to DISprove either. But I did research and carefully examine *the evidences* on both sides of this two-sided question. For this question is the very *starting place* for the acquisition of *all* knowledge. It is the FOUNDATION for UNDERSTANDING!

In my in-depth research into this question, starting 46 years ago, I emptied my mind of prejudice. I sought the TRUTH, whether it was what I wanted to believe or not.

There are the two possibilities of origins — special creation by a Creator, God, and the theory of evolution. It has become intellectually fashionable to accept the evolutionary doctrine. It has won popular acceptance in science

and higher education. Even many professing Christian denominations have accepted it, if only passively.

Yet, though in the minority, there still remain scientists, educators, and fundamentalist religious groups, as well as those in Judaism, who cling to belief in the existence of God.

Don't Assume — KNOW!

Many of these, however, especially among the more or less religious individuals, have merely *assumed* the existence of God. Why? Simply because they were taught it from childhood. It has been believed in the circles in which they have lived or associated. But few of these have *proved* it!

Of course, on the other hand, perhaps a vast majority who accept evolution, at least passively, were simply swept into that acceptance in college or university. It has become the scholarly "IN" thing. The opposite belief, special creation, has not been taught. They have probably not examined it. Too frequently proponents utilize the psychological ploy that it is a badge of scholarly status to accept evolution, and a stamp of ignorance or intellectual inferiority to doubt the hypothesis.

All of which goes to show that people in general believe what they do, simply because they have been taught it or because it has been accepted in their particular social environment. People want to *belong!* They go along with their particular group. In general, they believe what they have taken carelessly for granted — *without examination or proof!*

Of course I know well, too, that people generally believe *only* what they are *willing* TO ACCEPT. In most instances people feel no compulsion to *refuse* what is accepted in their social or geographical environment. As one philosopher said, most dyed-in-the-wool evolutionists accept the theory *because of their reluctance or unwillingness to believe in God.*

As the book professing to be the Word of God says: "The carnal mind is enmity [hostile] against God: it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans

8:7). All the facts, positive evidence, rational reasonings and proofs in the world will never induce such a one to accept that against which he is prejudiced. For prejudice is a barrier to the entrance of truth into any mind.

I Found PROOF!

I was forced, on examination of the facts, to realize there is no proof for the theory of evolution. It is purely a theory — a belief — a faith, *not* based on proof. Though its zealous proponents push it onto the world *as if* it were proven fact!

I found PROOF of the existence of the Creator, God. I also found PROOF that the book called the Holy Bible is, in fact, the very inspired revelation from that all-intelligent, all-knowing God of the vital, necessary, basic knowledge and instruction, without which man is unable to solve his problems, prevent his evils, or live in PEACE, happiness, universal prosperity and abundant well-being here on earth. Man is the crowning product of his Maker. The Bible is our Maker's INSTRUCTION MANUAL He sent along with His product.

Which God?

An atheist wrote me: "We have the history of many religions, and many gods. Which one of these gods do you claim for *your* God — and *how do you know* that He exists?"

That's a fair question. It deserves an answer!

Yes, my friends, I have a God.

The gods of some nations have been carved by men's hands out of wood, stone, or other existing material. The gods of some religions and individuals have been carved out of human imaginations and faulty human reasonings. Some have worshipped the sun or other inanimate objects of nature. All these gods are merely the created — most of them formed and fashioned by *man*, therefore inferior to man.

But He who did the *creating* — He who brought ev-

erything that exists into existence, including all else falsely called God — He who created all matter, force and energy, who created all natural laws and set them in motion, who created LIFE and endowed some of it with intelligence — He is GOD! He is superior to all else that is called "God." He, alone, is GOD.

CREATION IS THE PROOF OF GOD!

But during the past two centuries especially, there has developed among God-rejecting men in the Occidental world the mental disease of theophobia. Two hundred years ago it appeared under the popular catch-phrases "deism" and "rationalism." Then it masqueraded itself under the appealing name "higher criticism." This pseudo-scholarship employed, as it advanced, such attractive titles as "progress," "development," and "evolution." It has appealed to the intellectual vanity of a world groping in spiritual darkness in an era of widespread diffusion of knowledge.

Creation Without a Creator?

The theory of evolution provided the atheist an explanation of a creation without a Creator.

But this misguided "rationalism" failed utterly to account for the *origins* of things and of life; and today the more candid among geologists and biologists confess that they do not know *how* life could have evolved from inanimate matter, through the simple life forms to the complex, interdependent species we see about us, finally to man. Lamarck's theory of "use and disuse," Darwin's "natural selection," and other theories have now fallen by the wayside, and "mutations" explain only the presence of varieties less fit to survive.

Amazing New Knowledge of Science

Now suppose we confine ourselves to *facts!*

What, then, has Science actually determined?

Discovery and study of radioactivity during the past century has proved that *there has been no past eternity of matter!* Radioactivity is described as a process of disintegration. The atomic age is opening up new fields to ex-

plore. Soon after Madame Curie discovered the element radium, in 1898, it was discovered that radium, and the other radioactive elements as we know now, are continually giving off radiations.

Has Matter Always Existed?

So notice carefully what this now disclosed FACT of science means:

Uranium is a radioactive element heavier than radium. It has an atomic weight of 238.5. In decomposing, it gives off a helium atom, weight 4, repeated three times, and then the substance left is radium, atomic weight about 226.4. Radium, then, is simply the end product of uranium after it has lost three helium atoms. Then the disintegration continues in radium. And the final product of this process of radioactive disintegration is the element lead! Now of course this process requires great periods of time. The calculated half-life of radium is 1590 years — uranium much longer.

I have seen it myself, in the darkroom of an X-ray laboratory. A tiny portion of radium was placed on a mirror at the far end of a hollow tube, and I looked into this tube through a magnifying glass at the other end. Under this magnification what I saw appeared as a large, vast, dark sky, with thousands of shooting stars falling toward me from all directions. Actually what I saw were the emanations of tiny particles being emitted by the radium, greatly magnified.

We know, therefore, that *there has been no past eternity of matter!*

When Matter Did Not Exist

The radioactive elements in existence today have not yet been in existence long enough to have run their course, and disintegrated into lead. To have ALWAYS existed, without any definite time of *starting* in the past, this "life" period of radioactive elements long ago would have run its course. All radioactive elements would have long ago disintegrated into lead. Since these elements exist only for a definite span of years, and all the uranium, radium, tho-

rium and other radioactive elements in the world today have not yet existed that many years, there was a time, prior to the duration of this span in the past, when these elements DID NOT EXIST!

Here we have definite scientific proof that MATTER HAS NOT ALWAYS EXISTED. Here we have definite specific elements which once, in the long ago, did not yet exist. Then there came a time, later, when these elements CAME INTO EXISTENCE.

Evolution usually postulates that things come about GRADUALLY, through the slow-moving natural processes of the present. Try to imagine, if you can, *something* coming into existence out of *nothing* GRADUALLY! Can your mind entertain the idea?

I think not. No, I think if you are rational you will have to accept the fact of a special and necessarily instantaneous CREATION. And SOME POWER or SOME ONE had of necessity to do the creating. There is a cause for every effect. And in accepting that inevitable FACT, *proved* by the findings of science, of the existence of that GREAT *FIRST CAUSE,* YOU HAVE ACCEPTED THE FACT *of the existence and preexistence of the Creator* — GOD!

Where Did LIFE Come From?

But how about the presence of *life?*

How did life get here? Science has learned some things about that, too.

The wisest of the ancients did not know what science makes available today. Thus it is demonstrated today that LIFE COMES ONLY FROM LIFE, and that each *kind* reproduces *only after its kind* (Genesis 1:25).

The works of Tyndall and Louis Pasteur, in the field of bacteria and protozoa, finally demonstrated scientifically once and for all in these more minute fields what Redi first demonstrated with larger organisms.

All the advances of recent medical and surgical science in the treatment and prevention of germ diseases are based upon this great truth of the law of Biogenesis —that LIFE can come only from preexisting LIFE.

No fact of science stands more conclusively proved to-

day. Life CANNOT come from dead matter. There is not one shred of truth from science to account for the presence of life upon the earth by any means other than a special creation by the great original first Cause — God — Who is life and the fountain source of all life! It is now absolutely certain, according to all that can be KNOWN from science — according to all that is rational — that it required A REAL CREATION to produce life from the not-living — organic from inorganic matter.

Life Only FROM Life

One cannot rationally deny the existence of *my* GOD, unless he can account for the origin of LIFE without a Creator who, Himself, *is* Life! The Creator, therefore, begins to be revealed, by science and by reason, as a LIVING God — a God in whom is LIFE, and who alone has *imparted* life to all that have it!

I could go further, and show you that what science has discovered about energy and its origin and the laws of conservation of energy, also proves conclusively that "the works were finished from the foundation of the world" (Hebrews 4:3), that the material creation is a *completed work,* which *is not now going on!*

Next, then, let's examine whether the great FIRST CAUSE is a Being of *intelligence,* or merely some blind, dumb, unintelligent FORCE.

Is Anything Superior to Your Mind?

Look about you. You admit that the transmission of knowledge to your mind is limited to the channels of your five senses.

So now I ask you, do you know of anything that is superior to *your mind?*

Look at the planets coursing through the sky. Behold, in all its splendor, the entire cosmic universe, with its suns, its nebulae and galaxies.

Yes, they are inanimate. They have no mind, no intelligence. They cannot do what *you* can do — think, reason, plan, and carry out plans according to private volition and will.

The human mind can know, think, reason, plan, and carry out its plans to execution. It can invent and produce instruments by which it may acquire knowledge of the vast universe, or of the minutest particle. By developing rockets and computers, man is able to send astronauts to the moon and bring them back alive. He can cause rivers to run backward, turn the forces of nature to serving human needs. And now he has learned how to release the energy of the atom, and utilize a power so vast that man is able at last to annihilate all life from the earth.

But there remains one thing no man ever has been able to do. He cannot build, make, produce, or create anything that is superior to himself!

A man can take existing materials and out of them build a house. An automobile is almost a living thing, but the intelligence and powers required to invent and produce it are superior to the thing produced.

The Supreme Intelligence

To suggest to *you* that anything you could invent, make, build, or bring into being could be superior in intelligence and ability to *you* and *your mind* would certainly insult your intelligence!

Now let me ask you candidly, *do you honestly believe that any power or force of less intelligence than your mind produced* YOU?

If you do not believe in my God, then you have only the alternative of believing that something *less* than your intelligence produced YOU — that dumb, purposeless UNINTELLIGENCE brought into being your intelligence! The only rational possibility is to acknowledge that the very presence of the human mind is PROOF that the great First Cause is also the SUPREME INTELLIGENCE, infinitely superior to the abilities of mortal man!

Suppose You Were Creator?

Suppose that you could add to your powers of reasoning, planning, designing, the actual CREATIVE power, so that you could project your will anywhere to produce and bring into being whatever your mind should plan and de-

sire. Then, suppose you undertook the designing, creating, fashioning, shaping, and setting in motion a limitless cosmic universe — with planets and suns and nebulae and galaxies in all their splendor, each of these vast units being of such intricate and complex construction as the existing universe. On one of these planets you would plan and produce all the forms of life that exist on this planet — and I do not mean *re*produce, for there would be no present universe to copy. There would be worlds within a world, down to the minutest infinitesimal particles of matter we cannot even see by the aid of the most powerful microscopes.

Do you think your mind would be equal to the task?

Just stop and think.

Is it rational, then, to believe that any power or force lacking even human intelligence could have planned, designed, created, formed, fashioned, shaped, put together and set in motion the awesome universe we behold?

The First Great Cause who *created matter,* then, stands revealed as the SUPREME INTELLIGENCE and ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE!

The Miracle of Living Food

But again I say, look about you! Here are human beings on this earth, composed mainly of certain, specific elements of matter — living, organic matter. These elements of life must be supplied and replenished through food, water, and air.

No man with all his ingenuity and science and laboratory facilities CAN PRODUCE FOOD! That is, he cannot take plain inorganic matter and turn it into the *living* substance we call food. But some Power, Force, Intelligence, or Being did in some way, at some time, start the process going — a process far too wonderful for any man to devise or produce.

And so it is that out of the ground grows grass, and green leafy vegetables, and all other vegetables, and vines, and trees yielding fruit — each with its seed in itself, each through this seed reproducing *after its kind* — and it is very good!

But when a marvelous little grain of wheat is planted

in the ground, a plant develops and sprouts above the ground, and in some manner too wonderful for any human mind to understand or imitate, the elements drunk in through the roots from the ground are utilized by the life germ in the seed of wheat, and new grains of wheat appear.

During this process, the inorganic iron and other elements dissolved in the ground, drunk into the roots and carried up into the new grain of wheat, have been actually converted into organic matter which can be assimilated as food.

And this same marvelous process takes place in the growth out of the ground of all grains, vegetables, fruits and foods. When we eat animal meat we are merely consuming, secondhand, the vegetation which the animal ate.

MAN, with all his vaunted science, his technical laboratory facilities, with all his inventive genius, lacks the intelligence and the powers to produce a grain of wheat, or to convert inorganic matter into living food. Then is it rational to say that forces or powers exist, of NO intelligence, which have been able to produce *this* living miracle of food? Did not a far GREATER intelligence than man design, create, and supply man with all of this?

Man's Intelligence Versus God's

But now let's COMPARE the wisdom and intelligence of man with that of God who brought these marvels into being, and keeps them functioning.

The grain of wheat GOD causes to grow out of the ground is a perfect food. But, like other perfect gifts from God, man fails to value the priceless perfection of the All-wise God, and, undertaking to improve on God's handiwork, perverts, pollutes, and defiles it! Every bit of God's perfection man's hand has ever touched, it would seem, he has besmirched, spoiled and polluted!

And the poor, defenseless grain of wheat is no exception! Into flour mills of human devising go the millions of bushels of healthful wheat. And there the supposedly intelligent human takes it apart, removes the 12 alkaline-reacting mineral elements, and turns out for human consumption sacks of white flour composed of the four acid-

reacting carbohydrate elements — with poison bleach added!

Out of this, the human population makes white bread, biscuits, doughnuts, pastries, puddings, macaroni, spaghetti, gravies, etc., etc., often mixing flour with white "refined" sugar and greases or fats — a combination guaranteed to wreck any stomach in time! Yes, the sugar refiners do the same thing to sugar; and nearly all foods on the market for human consumption today have gone through man's factories and suffered from man's processes until they have been devitalized, depleted of their health-giving properties and turned from foods into slow-acting poisons! And these foodless foods with which man has tampered in lust for profits have produced in human bodies a whole series of diseases of which our forefathers of a few generations ago never heard!

Cause of Diseases

Result: Today human beings drop dead before their time with heart failure, others die with cancer; the population suffers rheumatism, arthritis, diabetes, kidney diseases, anemia, colds, fevers, pneumonia, and thousands of other diseases. We respond to the toothbrush and toothpaste ads and frantically brush our teeth, but our teeth keep decaying and we lose them beginning at an early age because of lack of calcium and fluorine in our diet.

Today Americans are undernourished overeaters. We cram down too much bulk, yet starve our bodies of essential minerals and vitamins. It would seem man is not very intelligent after all!

Then, too, the God who created this earth and all vegetation told us to let our land lie idle every seventh year. But man is too greedy to do that. And so our land is worn out and depleted, and such natural good foods as carrots, beets, and turnips are lacking in the necessary mineral elements and vitamins! And drug companies get rich selling vitamin pills!

Whose intelligence is higher — that of the GOD who provided every perfect need for every living thing or that of greedy, gullible, God-rejecting humans who in the inter-

est of bigger profits and more luxuries for themselves have ROBBED the very foods God created and gave us, of their health and body-building values?

"There Was No Watchmaker"

I needed an accurate watch with a very plain dial for timing broadcasts. The only kind that filled the need was a railroad watch. I have one — the very finest railroad watch made, a 23-jewel watch.

But it does not keep perfect time. Once or twice a week I have to adjust it a second or two, if I want to be sure it is accurate to the second. I set it by the master clock of my city, or any city, which is always found at the Western Union. But even this clock does not keep perfect time. Once or twice a week it must be adjusted a second or two by the master clock of the nation, by telegraph, from the Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C. There at the Naval Observatory is the Master Clock of the U.S.A. But this great master clock of the United States is not perfect, either. It, too, must be adjusted and corrected occasionally.

Yes, it is corrected by the MASTER CLOCK OF THE UNIVERSE — up in the skies — by astronomers! Up there in the heavens is the great Master Clock that NEVER makes a mistake — is *always* ON TIME — never off a fraction of a second — the heavenly bodies coursing through the skies!

Now you, sir — my doubting friend! If I show you my fine precision 23-jewel railroad watch and tell you that it was not made in these factories after all — in fact, it was not designed, planned, put together, by any watchmaker at all — that it just sort of HAPPENED — that the iron ores just brought themselves up out of the ground, refined themselves, formed and shaped themselves into the delicate little cogs and wheels and other pieces; the silicon just came of its own accord out of the earth and turned itself into the glass crystal; the gold case just refined itself, shaped itself; the cogs and wheels and scores of little parts just assembled themselves together in that case, wound themselves up, and started themselves to running and keeping almost perfect time — well, if I should try to tell

you anything like that, you'd tell me I'm crazy or a fool, would you not?

Certainly! You *know* that the presence of that watch is RATIONAL AND POSITIVE PROOF of the existence of a watchmaker, or watchmakers, who thought it all out, planned it, formed it, shaped it, put it together, and started it running.

Master Clock of The Universe

But then you, Mr. Skeptic — you look up into the great vast sky at the MASTER CLOCK of the universe, which never misses a second — the perfect watch by which we must constantly set all our imperfect man-made watches — and you tell me, "That all just HAPPENED! There was no Great Watchmaker! No Master MIND thought out and *planned* that vast universe, brought it into being, set each star and planet in its own exact place, and started the myriad heavenly bodies coursing through space, each in its prescribed orbit, in its orderly precision. No, it just fashioned itself, put itself together, wound itself up, and started itself running. There was no Intelligence — no planning — NO CREATION — NO GOD!"

Do you say that to me?

If you can, I answer that I do not respect your intelligence. And the God I acknowledge replies to you, "None but the FOOL hath said in his heart, There is no God!" (Psalm 14:1; 53:1.)

If you can look about you, and observe how intelligently PLANNED and executed is everything in nature, and in plant and animal life — everything we see except the bungling, botching, polluting of God's beautiful handiwork by the clumsy hand of God-ignoring-and-rejecting MAN — and then say you doubt the existence of an All-wise, All-knowing, All-powerful Creator GOD, then I do not have much faith either in your rational processes or your sincerity as a seeker of the TRUTH!

PART II

SEVEN PROOFS GOD EXISTS

This is the most vital decade of all history! Never has it been more urgently necessary to answer the question, "Does God exist?" Atheists and evolutionists assume He does not! Churchgoers, some Christians assume He does! It's time to quit assuming! It's time you saw the proof!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

THERE IS A delusion gripping the minds of more people today than Communism. It holds them in its sway, deluding and deceiving them, making them veritable *slaves.* It is the concept of "no God."

Sir Julian Huxley, grandson of the famed evolutionist, has stated: *"There is no longer either need or room for supernatural beings* capable of affecting the course of events in the evolutionary pattern of thought. The earth was not created, it evolved. So did all the animals and plants that inhabit it, including our human selves, mind and soul as well as brain and body."

Is there "no longer any need for a concept of God"? Is the *Bible* merely a collection of Hebrew fables, or the dynamic living Word of an intelligent, all-wise Creator Being?

These questions *demand* an answer. Your very life,

the lives of your loved ones, and the *future of this world* hang in the balance.

Proof Number One

Need "Christians" be afraid or apprehensive of science textbooks? Is the Bible totally out of harmony with all science? Do modern-day discoveries in the sciences render the Christian helpless to reconcile his belief with the "enlightened age" in which he lives?

This first POSITIVE PROOF of the existence of God is so broad, so all-encompassing, so diverse in its many ramifications that it is possible only to barely scratch the surface in this booklet. However, there can be no clearer way to substantiate this proof than to quote from a typical college textbook which discards the Bible record. In the foreword material, the authors offer various explanations as to the origin of the earth:

"Our own galaxy, which we remember is but a tiny part of the universe, has *probably* existed a million, million years.

"But *some progress has been made in attempting to explain* how and when the sun and its nine planets came into being. The study of the solar system gives us *at least a clue* to the origin of that part of the universe most important to us — the earth.

"The *explanation commonly accepted* today is called the *Hypothesis* of Dynamic Encounter, formulated about 1900 by T. C. Chamberlain and F. R. Moulton of the University of Chicago. In brief *it suggests* that our solar system had its birth when the sun was approached by another huge star. The latter, through the operation of the law of gravitation, detached from the sun great masses of flaming gas. The orphan masses from the parent sun gradually cooled and crystallized to become the nuclei of planets. These continued to revolve around the sun, held in their orbits by the gravitational pull of the parent body.

"The evolution of the earth to its present state was very gradual" (Wallbank and Taylor, *Civilization Past and Present,* Vol. I, page 31).

Even though it is outdated in certain respects, I quote

this statement in full for a *very special reason.*

Let's go back and carefully ANALYZE what we have just read.

Guesses vs. Factual PROOF

Notice carefully the *italicized* words in the quotation you have just read. We have such words in the opening phrases as *"probably, some progress has been made, attempting to explain, at least a clue, explanation commonly accepted, Hypothesis,* and *it suggests."*

What a collection! Here are numerous "attempts" to explain, "some progress" being made, at least a "clue," and the "suggestion" of a "hypothesis" — the very word itself meaning *"we guess."*

Then, in very careful wording, having begun with a number of "possibles" and "perhapses" the book begins to tell of *definite* past occurrences which are *said to have taken place.*

But let's analyze further. Let's get to the very trunk of the tree of this very vital first proof of the existence of God.

In the very beginning the writers, even though beginning with many attempts to explain, clues and guesses, admit the existence of our *solar system,* a "sun," another "huge star," the "operation of the law of gravitation," great "masses of flaming gas," and *admit* that these gases "gradually cooled."

They also mention how these gases "crystallized" and then continued to "revolve around the sun, held in their orbits by the *gravitational pull* of the parent body."

What a fantastic array! Here is a tremendous, limitless, imagination-defying expanse — an *entire universe.* Here is a whole solar system, a huge sun, the operation of certain, definite, immutable, unchangeable LAWS. Here is a supposed collision between gigantic, breathtakingly huge astral bodies, resulting in the supposed formation of our present solar system.

Must Admit Laws Existed

Think of it! All of these myriad *laws* — of heat, light, energy, motion, the rotation of astral bodies, the laws of

gravity, the principle of isostasy, which demands that every orbital body must gradually assume and maintain a near-round shape, and myriad other laws, entirely too numerous to mention — are *admitted to exist.*

Get back to the real TRUNK of the tree. Where is the place to begin? Is it an attempt to explain the existence of our present *solar system?* Decidedly not. Scientists and astronomers tell us that our solar system is only one of many such systems in our great galaxy called the "Milky Way." However, even our galaxy is only *one* of myriad galaxies, which form *only a part* of the vast, limitless expanse of the universe. Our planet, astronomers assure us, is merely a third-rate planet in a second-rate solar system, lost in the expanses of seemingly limitless space.

Do you begin to comprehend? By what law did one star approach another? By what law did heat gradually cool? By what law was there a "gravitational pull"? By what law was there the existence of the "operation of the law of gravitation"?

Yes, there it is. In dissecting and looking carefully into the statements of some of the preposterous hypotheses which have been advanced, you begin to see that in every case the writers *have begun* with an *orderly,* law-abiding universe, *governed by irrefutable* laws.

Did Matter, Force, Energy, Laws, Evolve?

Evolution purports to explain how the earth came to be — how MAN came to be. It is the atheists' attempt to explain the question of ORIGINS without a Creator — *without intelligence!*

But where do they start? NOT with any explanation of how MATTER came to be — without a Creator! NOT with any explanation of how LAWS came to be — or what CAUSES them to work. NOT with any explanation for how matter, force, energy, such laws as gravity and inertia developed WITHOUT A CREATOR.

In any explanation of the question of ORIGINS, one must explain the ORIGINS of matter, force, energy, gravity, inertia and the other laws, as well as the origin of LIFE.

But evolutionists *start* with all these ALREADY CREATED AND IN EXISTENCE. Therefore the evolutionists, in fact, ACKNOWLEDGE CREATION before their explanations actually begin! They are thus forced to acknowledge the pre-existence of the CREATOR — for they begin their theories and explanations with THESE WORKS OF HIS CREATION already having been CREATED! They begin with matter and LAWS already created and existing!

The existence of law, unchangeable, immutable, irrevocable, unseen and yet active, absolutely demands the existence of a great lawgiver.

"There is one lawgiver who is able to save and to destroy . . ." (James 4:12).

That lawgiver is God!

Proof Number Two

Before seeing this next amazing, irrefutable proof, it is first necessary to state, in simple terms, the meaning of the word "evolution." Of course, there are many processes called "evolution."

The process of development of music from simple to complex is, in a sense, an "evolutionary" process as is true in all technological inventions. This has perhaps led many to *assume* such a development is also true in organic, living material.

Here is one such stated idea:

"Evolution is the gradual development from the simple, unorganized condition of primal matter to the complex structure of the physical universe; and in like manner, from the beginning of organic life on the habitable planet, a gradual unfolding and branching out into all the various forms of beings which constitute the animal and plant kingdom" (Richard Swann Lull, *Organic Evolution,* page 6).

Evolution theorizes *from the beginning of organic life* — already having LIFE with which to begin. It does not now show, nor has it ever shown, nor will it ever be *able* to show, how life itself first CAME into existence.

The theory of evolution (the word "theory" means *"we think"*) states simply that all life forms that we know

today, including humankind, have gradually *evolved* from the most simple life forms to the complex, intricate, interdependent species we see about us today, each reproducing according to its own kind.

Evolution postulates that life evolved in a "gradual process," by *"resident forces"* into the complexity of life we see about us today.

And herein, at the very basic *trunk of the tree* of all evolutionary thought, lies one of the *greatest* proofs of God!

Evolutionists, geneticists, biologists, scientists in any field whatsoever have never been able to demonstrate, nor to offer the slightest evidence that the *not-living* can make itself into the LIVING.

It is true that certain laboratory experiments have taken place in which *supposed* "dead cells" are said to have been "revived" and brought back to life by the means of certain chemical compounds. In other experiments, scientists have diligently tried to produce organic type compounds called amino acids. This, however, is a far cry from "spontaneous generation."

Chasm Between Life and Death

There is a broad, gaping, yawning chasm of separation between *life* and *death.* The great gap between the not-living and the living is *so broad, so insurmountable, so unfathomable* by man, that evolutionists can only "suppose" and guess, offering vague, ethereal, nebulous "theories" as to how life *for the first time* "might have" begun *accidentally!* And by resident forces excluding the existence of an all-intelligent Creator!

However, on the other hand, there is an absolute, demonstrable *law* of science which comprises the second major proof of the existence of a life-giving God.

That is the law of biogenesis!

"Bio" means life! "Genesis" means beginning. This law, then, is a law concerning the beginning of life. This law, simply stated, is the absolute law that *life comes only from life.* That the not-living can never give rise to, give birth to or produce the living.

There is perhaps no law known to science that can be any more firmly and easily demonstrated than the law of biogenesis.

The very existence of life *demands* a life giver!

God states dogmatically, "And the LORD [Eternal] God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the *breath of life;* and man *became* a living soul" (Gen. 2:7).

Almighty God, the Life Self-Existent, the One who has life, who is Life, who was before all things, imparted life to the first man and set within man, the animals, and all plants the cyclical character of life which enables them to reproduce according to certain set laws. *God is the great life-giver!*

Proof Number Three

Many of these amazing proofs of the existence of an Almighty God "overlap."

That is, each is, to a degree, interrelated with the other. The third major proof of God can be stated quite simply from the quotation you saw under Proof Number One.

You will notice that evolutionists, in trying to substantiate their theory, always BEGIN with an orderly universe and the existence of *matter.* Notice the so-called Theory of Evolution BEGINS with matter, laws, and "simple" life.

What is matter? Matter occupies space and has weight. It is not always necessarily seen, since certain gases, and even the air which you breathe, are also classified as "matter."

Until recently, scientists talked of the law of the "conservation of matter." However, with the discoveries in nuclear physics, and following Madame Curie's experiments with radium, scientists have now found there *is* a certain amount of "disintegration" in matter.

This *deterioration* of uranium is a scientific fact! Uranium (U^{238}) gradually disintegrates through many intermediate stages into lead (Pb^{206}). Uranium, as you may well know, is radioactive and gives off energy in the form of radiation.

Gradually, over a period of seemingly limitless years, this radioactive material disintegrates into lead. *There is no proof of any new uranium coming into existence today!*

Hence science has firmly established that *there has been no past eternity of matter!*

Matter must have at some time come into existence. It had to have been, at some time, created.

Creation, then, the *very existence of things, absolutely demands* and *requires* a Creator. That which is made requires a Maker. That which is produced requires a Producer.

Therefore, the third great proof is that the *creation* requires a great *Creator.*

Proof Number Four

The One who is quoted in the first person as being God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth *after his kind:* and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth *after his kind,* and cattle *after their kind,* and every thing that creepeth upon the earth *after his kind:* and God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:24-25).

Scientists have attempted to show the evolutionary pattern by "comparative embryology," by a study of selective breeding, genetics, and various other aspects of biology.

However, without taking the tremendous amount of space necessary to even faintly scratch the surface of such a broad subject, suffice it to say there is an absolute, irrefutable, immutable, unchangeable law, which absolutely prohibits a jump from *one kind* to another *kind!*

Varieties Not Kinds

There are hundreds of *different varieties* within the dog kind, and while there may be small, tiny dogs, such as the Mexican Chihuahua, and also huge dogs such as the St. Bernard or the Great Dane, *they are still dogs!* They are not cats, or horses, nor are they even beginning to show a gradual trend toward developing into *another* kind of animal. They are all of the *same kind.*

Comparative embryology tries to point out that the beginning embryos of fish, polliwogs, and humans look very much alike. This is absolutely true. But while it proves absolutely *nothing* for the case of evolution, this *does* offer a STRONGER proof of the existence of God. Scientists are *defied* to attempt to make the embryo of a fish turn out to be a polliwog, a man, or *anything other than a fish* of the *exact same kind* of fish which laid the egg in the first place.

Scientists have attempted to prove their evolutionary theories by "selective breeding" and studies in "mutations."

These do not prove evolution! They prove, rather, the existence of absolute, unchangeable LAWS governing the reproduction of all animal and plant life, and that those laws function within certain limited bounds that cannot be transcended or broken.

While we are able to breed and cultivate today *new varieties* within a great *kind,* they are still of the same KIND and *not* a totally new type of life.

Any farmer who labors in his fields, raising corn, wheat or other crops, knows some of the basic proofs of selective breeding.

Scientists working with guinea pigs or other animals in laboratories can arrange an absolute *pattern* of just how the genes and chromosomes are going to react in the interbreeding of certain animals according to their coloring and various characteristics.

They are able to tell in advance just *exactly* what the offspring are going to look like. Again, this does not prove anything except demonstrate the existence of an all-wise, all-powerful God who *made* these laws, and who also sustains them. The *fact* God said let the earth bring forth "after his kind," and has been enforcing and *sustaining* that law ever since, is the fourth major proof of the existence of God.

In attempting to array the skeletons of an orangutan, chimpanzee, ape, gorilla, and a man, evolutionists assure us there is a definite pattern showing all have come from one common ancestor.

This is an absolute fallacy! And again, this merely serves to show another *clear proof* of God. It does *not* prove an evolutionary process, but it *does* prove, rather, if men were willing to look at the FACTS, similarity of DESIGN. It shows that the same "Architect" had the same general plan and design in mind. It shows *functional similarity,* NOT the evolution of one into the other.

This absolutely *proves,* not only the existence of a Lawgiver, but that there is, *alive, acting* RIGHT NOW, a Great *Sustainer,* of all that is.

These laws are *upheld, sustained,* KEPT in action. How? By the *Sustainer,* who is GOD!

Proof Number Five

Look about you. You live in a complex, intricate and *interdependent* world.

It is a world of great design.

You have never seen an ugly sunset. You have never seen an ugly scene in the desert, in the mountains, at sea, or anywhere on the surface of this entire earth, *unless* it were a scene made ugly by man. All is in *harmony.*

Life, as we know it, is entirely interdependent upon other forms of life. Nothing lives or dies to itself.

The question to the evolutionists is: *Which "evolved"* first, the *flower* or the *bee?* Did the bee evolve slowly for thousands, millions or billions of years *independent* of the flowers and the pollens from growing things which are his life source?

Did the flowers and the flowering trees all evolve slowly and *gradually* over a period of millions or billions of years independent of the little bee, upon whom they must rely for their very continuation of life?

Unanswerable Questions

These are *totally insurmountable,* and *unanswerable* questions to the evolutionists! The old question, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" is a question which the evolutionist feels worthy only of disdain. Why? Simply because he cannot answer it.

It is better, from his point of view, to merely scoff,

make fun of and attempt to dismiss such a question when he cannot answer it.

This total interdependency of all life forms — the tremendous design within this universe — shows a common Beginner, one main Architect, one great *Designer* with an overall framework of a *plan* of creation into which all life forms fit.

Nothing lives or dies to itself. Each living thing, whether plant or animal, when it dies, supplies further life for other living things. Observe a forest. A tree grows, finally dies and falls, only to become part of the fallow forest floor, supplying life-giving elements for the young trees which it had sown in its lifetime.

This great universe, and the complex intricate earth on which you live and draw breath, is a world of great *design.* It is a world of such complex and intricate design as to take the very breath in beginning to investigate even the minutest part.

The cleavage properties of minerals, the wings of a bird or a fly, the beauty of a sunset, the facets of a quartz crystal, and above all, the marvelous, tremendous masterpiece of all design, *the human body,* all point out that for such intricate *design,* there had to be an eternal designer.

Design in the universe *proves* the existence of a designer!

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Proof Number Six

This sixth proof of the existence of an Almighty God is perhaps the most astounding of all.

About one full third of your Bible is *prophecy;* and while *most* of that one third pertains to our present day, there are many, many prophecies which *have already been* fulfilled, and which are presently BEING fulfilled.

God sent His prophets thousands of years ago to such major cities as Babylon, Ekron, Ashdod, Ashkelon and

Sidon. These prophets — simple human beings who had been commissioned with a message — foretold the events which were to befall each of these ancient cities.

And without fail, in *every single instance,* exactly at the time prescribed, all these things HAPPENED!

The very fact that God is able to foretell the future, and *bring it to pass,* is a *great proof* of His existence!

Proof Number Seven

This last proof is perhaps the greatest proof of all to true Christians. It is the proof of *answered prayer.*

However, since the skeptics, atheists and doubters probably have *never* prayed, and hence have never had prayers *answered,* they continue to DOUBT.

Now take George Mueller's example.

George Mueller is dead now, but he was a great man of FAITH. He founded five great orphanages and other charitable institutions in Bristol, England. He started out, as FAITH always does, with a very small work, without any financial backing, and absolutely *no* means of support, except to get down on his knees and send up *a believing prayer to God.*

For nearly *seventy years* George Mueller continued that great work, and it grew into a tremendous institution until it housed thousands. Every dime for feeding, clothing, sheltering, and schooling those thousands of orphans came in only one way — as a result of *believing prayer.*

Altogether he received more than a million four hundred thousand pounds — that was about seven million dollars — *sent* to him in answer to his prayers!

Real answered prayer is NOT the mere working out of events as a result of "concentration." Many people today seem to assume prayer is merely an accomplishment as a result of "positive thinking" or a psychological adjustment.

This is gross error!

Real answered prayer is a direct, completely miraculous supernatural intervention from Almighty God! It is the result of being obedient to God's Laws, asking according to *His will,* and then believing *in faith* until the answer comes.

These seven, irrefutable, unchallengeable PROOFS of the

existence of Almighty God represent only the minutest *beginning* of the subject. They are, nevertheless, *proofs*. It's about time people quit *assuming* — it's about time they began to really PROVE all things.

It's about time YOU said with Job, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19:25).

And, finally, to the hostile, prejudiced skeptic, who stubbornly REFUSES to believe what he does not want to believe, even on seeing PROOF — *IF* any such have read this far (which I doubt) — I say, as the Prophet Ezekiel records repeatedly, we are now *in* the very living generation that shall SEE the living Christ — the promised Messiah — returning to this earth in the full, supreme POWER and GLORY of the CREATOR GOD, and then THEY SHALL *KNOW* that He is the LIVING GOD!

As He, Himself, is quoted as saying, "Thus will I magnify myself... and they shall KNOW that I am the ETERNAL" (Ezekiel 38:23). □

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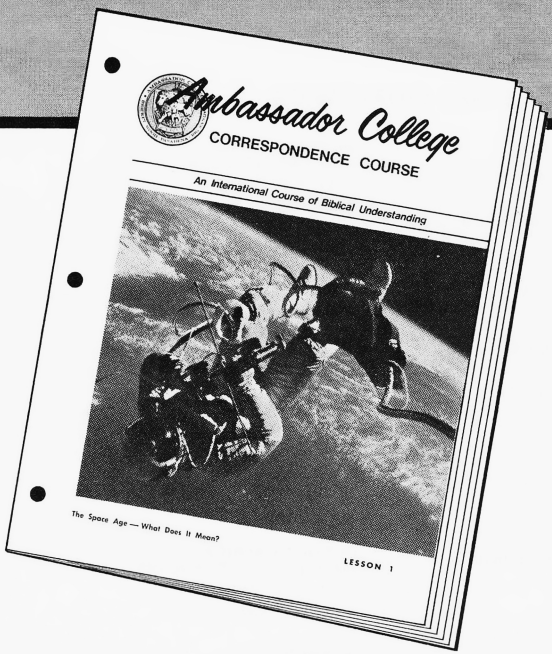

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