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Creation shouts design.

Design shouts designer.

Could the designer be Time + Chance?
Or does the evidence shout Creator God?

Could you ask a someone who is uncertain about the existence of God a few questions that might cause them to think? God reveals Himself through His word of course, but He revealed first through His creation. A skeptic may be annoyed at first having a verse cited as proof of God. Real science points to God.

He continues to reveal Himself in the wonders of the incredible world around us. Noah did not have a Bible. Abraham did not have a Bible. Old Testament Joseph did not have a Bible. What convinced them of the reality of God? What convinces you?

WHERE WE’VE BEEN & WHERE WE’RE HEADED NEXT . . .

March 1—Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA (Morris)

March 15—Banks Lake Bible Church, Electric City, WA (Hippe)

April 5—Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA **RESURRECTION SUNDAY OUTREACH** (Hippe)

March 14—ESM Board Meeting / Open for other opportunities the Lord makes available

WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY

Do you need assistance with Pulpit Supply, Creative Outreach Programs, AWANA or Kid’s Clubs, Community Outreach , Family Camps, Teen or Kid’s camps or other special events? Contact us. We are here to serve.

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“DOES GOD EXIST?”

A Two-part Series

1 Peter 3:15 “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,”

If you were asked, “Why do you BELIEVE God exists,” could you explain your answer? Are you convinced the God of the Bible is real? Many BELIEVE there is scientific evidence that proves there is no God. A process involving time and chance has produced all we know about our world and the universe. The evidence proves just the opposite. May the following thoughts reinforce your understanding of the truth of the Bible and help you ask questions that may cause a doubter to rethink his worldview and lead to you sharing the Gospel.

“BELIEF” defined: an acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof or a conviction of the truth of some statement or the reality especially when based on examination of evidence

BELIEFS are founded on basic presuppositions. One’s worldview is foundational to one’s BELIEFS. If one begins with the premise that God does or does not exist, conclusions will be reached conforming to what is presupposed to be true. “Evidence” can be molded to fit one’s BELIEFS, but what does the unbiased evidence suggest? **What do you BELIEVE?**



Once upon a time, long, long ago, (13.8 billion years to be exact) our universe came into existence as the result of an enormous explosion. The most widely accepted explanation for the origin of the universe is the “big-bang theory.” The source of matter and energy in the form of heat required for this explosion is unknown, but some scientists are certain it happened this way. To them the evidence is clear. Or is it? This imaginary event is pure speculation masquerading as scientific fact. This BELIEF is certainly not based on observable science. This is a BELIEF founded upon a questionable worldview.

The following is the conjecture: The universe expanded from a highly compressed state, releasing enormous amounts of energy, which soon combined into grains of matter. As expansion and cooling continued, conditions became suitable for the formation of atoms. These atoms gradually clumped together under the influence of gravity, giving rise to the first stars and galaxies a few hundred million years after the first expansion. These structures were the beginning of what we recognize as the universe filled with stars, planets, and galaxies. The expansion of the universe is still ongoing, deepening our understanding of its origins.

This certainly sounds scholarly, but where's the observed evidence? Many scientists scoff at the supernatural creation of our world by the God of the Bible. That would be a miracle. Would it not be even more miraculous if nothing could become something on its own and that began the scientifically impossible process of forming life as we know it? Once again, one's worldview is involved. If one **BELIEVES** there is no God, the impossible is the only alternative. I find it intriguing that the word "universe" means "one spoken sentence." I **BELIEVE** this word is a testament to the power of Creator God. Is it possible the Genesis account is accurate? Did God **speak** our universe, planets, stars, earth, sun and all life on earth into existence. Nine times in the first chapter of Genesis we read "then God said."

Consider the following basic scientific **FACTS** regarding atoms, molecules, protein, life, cells, organs and organ systems, DNA, and the "spark of life:"

AN ATOM If it were possible for an atom to be formed by chance, how is it that the positively charged protons in the nucleus of the atom do not repel each other? Science has proven like charges repel. This is a scientifically observable fact. What keeps the atom from disintegrating? Well, "science" has come up with the answer. Keep in mind that "science" is defined as "knowledge" or "the study of knowledge." There is a "strong force" or "strong nuclear force" that supposedly acts only in extremely small distances. Nowhere else in the universe does this take place except in the atom. Can this be proven or is this simply intellectual gymnastics attempting to explain that which cannot be explained except by the creative act of God?

Colossians 1:17 "He (Jesus, God in human form) is before all things, and in Him all things **HOLD TOGETHER.**" Not only does this verse verify the eternity of the God man, Jesus, but also the fact that He, as God, literally holds our world together. Without realizing it, evolutionary scientists have aptly named the force holding the atom together as the "strong force." There is no Force stronger than God.

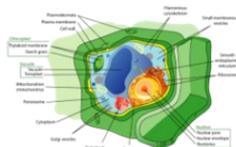
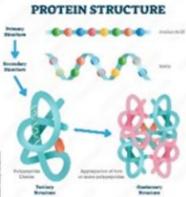
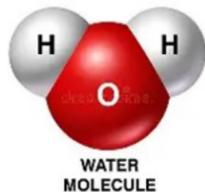
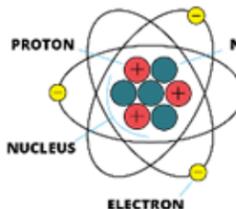
MOLECULES This is taken from the latest website information *with my thoughts inserted*. Here's the **THEORY**: The first molecules formed because early Earth supplied raw materials (from volcanoes, oceans, and space). *What is the source of volcanoes, oceans, and space? Time and chance?* Energy sources like lightning, UV light, and geothermal heat drove reactions. *These too were supplied by time and chance.* Mineral surfaces and hydrothermal vents began the formation of organic compounds. Environmental cycles organized and selected increasingly complex molecules. *How these chaotic events "organized" molecules remains a mystery, but it certainly could have happened according to scientists who are reaching for impossible answers.* Life didn't need a miracle. All that was needed was time, energy, and the right chemistry. *Somehow this complex process took place without any assistance.*

PROTEIN is the building block of life. Without protein, there is no life. Scientists admit the probability of the protein forming by random assembly is "improbable." They cannot make the leap. They cannot be honest and admit it is **IMPOSSIBLE**. There are over 500 known amino acids. Of these 500, 21 specific amino acids must line up in an exact sequence to form protein. How this happens is another mystery to many scientists. God certainly could not have been involved. Let's just say that protein formation is incredibly complex. The mathematical probability is 10^{74} to 10^{164} . Anything beyond 10^{50} (a number larger than all the atoms in the known universe) is impossible. No God, no protein, no life.

LIFE – BIOGENESIS The first **Law of Biogenesis** states that life comes only from life. Spontaneous generation is impossible. Pasteur and others have proven this to be true. Life cannot arise from nonliving matter. Even though scientists know abiogenesis is impossible, we are expected to **BELIEVE** that millions of years ago the impossible happened.

CELLS A cell contains approximately 100 trillion atoms (10^{14}). Simple cells do not exist. Cells are incredibly complex. It is estimated that the human body contains 20 to 100 trillion cells each with at least 13 organelles, each organelle with a specific function. There are 200 to 400 distinct types of cells. Are we to just **BELIEVE** the assembling of cells happened by pure chance? Where is the evidence

YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE WHAT WE SHARE IN PART 2 IN OUR MAY/JUNE EDITION.



Thoughts from Dawna—Using the Bible to Win Arguments Misses the Point

As social media arguments among conservative Christians increase, so does the use of scripture, drawn like weapons to win arguments.



I've observed the vilest of people go from belittling, name calling, and complaining, to then inserting themselves into the middle of a comment section on Facebook to vocalize their disagreement. Rather than substantiate their argument, they plop in a Bible verse, "There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him..." I'll let you go read the rest of that verse, but it has been used a lot. It seems to be a favorite among these fraudulent "spiritual experts", providing blanket coverage in an argument. YOU don't have to accuse someone of being all these horrible things, just use the Bible to imply that someone is haughty, lying, divisive, wicked, evil, and stirs up conflict. What are they going to do, argue with the Bible? You win!

Will God's Word ever lose its power? No. But if you're using scriptures from the pulpit or any public platform to gain some sort of spiritual advantage, that's not from God, it's not His message, it's yours.

Hearts of people won't be changed by copying and pasting a Bible verse to show someone else the error of their ways. The true power of transformation comes when God's Word is used in quiet, for inner renewal, and heart-level change.

Using the Bible for public performance completely misses the mark. Stay quiet, examine your own heart, and stay consistent in your own behavior.

Romans 12:2

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 STANDING FIRM WITH MY MOM, DAWNA

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A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUR ESM PARTNER, MRS. SHARON GERLACH. HER SON JUST NOTIFIED ME THAT SHARON HAD A STROKE. SHARON AND HER HUSBAND, RAY, WHO IS NOW IN HEAVEN, HAVE BEEN FAMILY FRIENDS FOR NEARLY FIFTY YEARS. IT IS CERTAINLY OUR PRAYER FOR A FULL RECOVERY KNOWING THAT GOD'S WILL MAY BE DIFFERENT. THANKFULL SHE HAS HER SON, DAVID, WHO IS WITH HER PROVIDING CARE. JOY IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF PAIN AND SORROW BUT THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

CONTINUE TO PRAY WITH US AND FOR US

- Pastor Chuck Evans and his wife Becky as doctors have indicated the brain tumor was not completely removed and may be growing. Test will reveal if radiation is required.
- **PRAISE** for men who have been available to assist with pulpit supply
- Pray for Pastor Chad and Amber Crouch as they serve at Country Bible Church in Dusty, WA
- Wisdom and health for our son, George II, with continuing health challenges
- Pastor Kevin Che'n and his wife Janell as Kevin battles kidney failure and dialysis
- Wisdom in seeking a "Timothy"—someone to potentially become ESM director
- **PRAY** for good personal health (Hippe & Morris)

