



**You're Not Really an Atheist,
You Just Think You Are.**
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You may contend that you are an "atheist." You may tell others that you do not believe there is a God. You may try to convince yourself that the very idea of a God is an insult to your intelligence, but the truth overpowers every empty argument you formulate to defend an indefensible position. As one science professor at the University of Idaho stated, "I know it takes more faith to believe that we got here by accident than by design, but I refuse to be held accountable to a God." His honest answer reflects the core issue. Men do NOT want to be held accountable for their actions. Man desires to establish himself as god. This gives a new understanding to the Psalmists words, "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God (no God for me)." Paul's admonition in Romans 1 also challenges us, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, exchanging the truth for a lie." An honest look at your belief system may reveal that you have ignored the very truth you seek.

It seems to me that by continuing to ask questions about origins and the purpose of life we are lead to only one of two logical conclusions:

1. We are the random result of time and chance with no real purpose here on earth, with non-existence as our ultimate end.
2. We are here by the design and creation of a loving God. Our purpose is to know Him more; our ultimate goal is to be in His presence forever.

How is it possible to argue against the nonexistent? It would seem logical that the true atheist would invest nothing in defense of his "belief," since it is not a mere belief, but reality, a certainty that needs no defense. The best defense against the false belief in the actual reality of a Santa Claus or Easter Bunny would be silence. Time reveals and sustains truth.

The intricate balance of life shouts, "Design." Design points logically to a Designer. If the "designers" of life are time and chance, then it is pointless to plan anything in life. Let time and chance do their work and with enough attempts, the outcome will undoubtedly be miraculous. In fact, if time and chance are life's "designers," it is futile to plan anything. Our plans may even hinder the work of time and chance. What does the evidence demonstrate?

How does any thinking person equate the following to time and chance?

- Nothing became something.
- Space, matter and time resulted from nothing.
- Non-existent energy came into existence and provided the enormous power to eventually explode previously non-existent matter with such force the basics for all that we know came into existence.
- The precise orbit of the earth to allow life
- The exact distance from the sun to allow life on earth
- The precise makeup of our atmosphere to allow life
- The intricate water cycle to allow life
- The elaborate Oxygen cycle to allow life
- The millions of species of life
- The complexity of human body (Newton - "My thumb alone convinces me of God.")

- Irreducibly complex systems and functions of humans and animals that could not have possibly developed in "stages."
- The function of the human eye / Blood clotting (developed in stages?)
- The incredible complexity of each living cell (1,000 cells would fit in a period on this page)
- The heart cells (taught themselves to beat?)
- Blood cells (they decided their shape and eliminated the nucleus to allow transport?)
- The incredibly complex DNA holding the genetic code of life
- 20 specific amino acids (from over 2,000) line up in an exact sequence all positioned in the same direction ("chirality") to form protein, the building block of life.

These are but a few observations that point to the "miracle" of time and chance or the design of an infinite Creator God.

Multiplied thousands of statistically impossible events would have to occur at precisely exact moments for the millions of life forms to exist as we know them. The possibility of time and chance producing all that we know has been calculated to be the same as an explosion in a junk yard creating a B-1 stealth bomber. Keep in mind that the product of this explosion would merely be a complex machine, not a life form. How did "LIFE" come to be? What is that intangible differentiating the inorganic from the organic?

Here is a basic, extremely challenging question: WHAT IS LIFE? Through scientific study, we understand the characteristics of life. All living things are organized or are complex. All living things metabolize, grow, reproduce and respond to stimuli. These characteristics are observable. These observable characteristics of life do NOT define life; they merely aid us in distinguishing the living from non-living. You possess life, but what is this intangible. Man can create artificial flowers that look, feel and smell exactly the same as their living counterpart, but they do not possess life. Seeds can be made to look like real seeds, but they do not have that spark of life that will cause them to germinate under the right conditions. What is the distinction? The answer is most elusive and truly thought provoking. The pursuit of the answer again should lead the logical thinker to the Creator.

At one point you did not exist, but now you do. Will you go out of existence, or will your life force, the essence of you continue after life in your present human form ends? Einstein believed in life after this life based on the law of physics that in our current earth state, matter is neither created nor destroyed.

"Science" = knowledge, the study of knowledge

Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge / "science." The fear of the Lord is the beginning of science. True science presupposes the obvious, a Creator. "In the beginning, God created . . ." I propose that there is no real science/knowledge without acknowledging as a basic presupposition that God does exist. A self-proclaimed "atheist" presupposes that there is NO God. What empirical evidence is available for us to identify time and chance as life's designers? Someone is wrong.

If you believe and live as if there is NO God, you'd better be right.

If you truly believe there is a Creator God and there is ultimate accountability, live like it.

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