

The God of Heaven Does Exist

Introduction

Job 26:7 He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.

1. **A bouncing basketball, an automobile traveling a highway, a rolling skateboard – all have at least one thing in common.**
 - A. **Something set them in motion. The universe has been set in motion.**
 - B. **The Bible offers the logical answer when it proclaims:**

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Logic

1. **If the brain of man is a product of chance, is it reliable?**
 - A. **How could we have confidence in the conclusion, “*There is no God,*” if that conclusion is reached by a brain that just, by chance, happened into existence?**

Design

1. **A house is not built without a builder.**
 - A. **Our environment gives ample evidence of design. This suggests that it was created.**
 - 1) **The Bible says:**

2 Peter 3:5 For this they willfully forget: that **by the word of God** the heavens were of old

Right and Wrong

1. All of mankind tends to have a sense of right and wrong. What is the source of this moral awareness?
2. Does it not suggest that a creator designed man with this?

Inner Being

1. It is natural for man to believe in the existence of God.
 - A. This would suggest that a creator designed man with this capacity.
 - B. Mankind the world over tends to feel a spiritual need. Why?
 - 1) The apostle Paul said:
Acts 17:24-27

God Has Spoken

1. God has spoken in order that we may know of Him and His purpose for us.
Hebrews 1:1-2
2. The unerring and consistent nature of this message indicates a divine source.

The Prophets

1. **A prophecy fulfilled centuries following the death of a prophet indicates a source of knowledge beyond man.**
 - A. **For example, David lived about one thousand years before Christ and wrote of the suffering of the Messiah and the dividing of His garments and casting of lots for his robe.**

Psalms 22:18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

2. **There are many examples which could be cited:**
 - A. **Isaiah foretold the suffering of Christ and the purpose of His death about 700 years before the crucifixion (Isaiah 52:13–53:12)**
 - B. **Earlier, God revealed himself personally to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**
 - C. **When He spoke directly to Moses, He described himself as the “I Am.”**

Exodus 3:14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

3. **The personal name of God (YAHWEH) incorporates the Hebrew verb translated “I AM.”**
 - A. **Thus, God revealed His eternal nature and the Hebrew people believed Moses because they knew the eternal God who sent Moses to them in Egypt.**

- 4. God caused Job to think by asking questions Job could not answer.**
 - A. We perceive something of God's infinite knowledge and power when we read those same questions today.**
 - 1) The significance is not in the answers but in the questions.**
 - 2) If God does not exist, then who is Job's time (3,500 years ago) possessed the knowledge required to ask the questions?**
 - a) With this in mind, please consider some of the questions God asked Job:**
 - **Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? (Job 38:4a)**
 - **Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth? (Job 38:8a)**
 - **Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea? (Job 38:16a)**
 - **Have you entered the storehouses of the snow? (Job 38:22a)**
 - **Can you bind the beautiful Pleiades? (Job 38:31a)**

The Heavens

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

- 1. The intricate design of the universe with its precision movement suggests an infinite source of knowledge and power.**
 - A. To assume it all happened by chance requires as much credibility as would be required to believe that a precision watch could assemble itself by chance.**

The Powerful Word

1. Which of the writings of men could truly be described as perfect?

Psalms 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;

2. Which of the writings of men contain a message of such merit as to bring about such unprecedented reformation of lives?

- A. Aspiring to noble ideals, knowledge of sin and understanding of God's plan of forgiveness in Christ?

3. Truly, *"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul"*

Conclusion

1. I am totally convinced that one day everyone who has ever lived and everyone living today will know that the God of heaven truly does exist.

2. Those who have died have their fate sealed. But what about us?

- A. We must read and heed the pages of God's inspired Word to ensure that we will inherit an eternal place with Him in heaven.

Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

