

We Can See the Work of God

“...since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

Romans 1:19, 20

It is nothing new that people try to disprove the existence of God, but since science has gained popularity in the last few hundred years, it has fueled this vehicle of deception. One thing science *has* proved is that there is order to the universe. The stars, planets, moons, gravity and everything else in the cosmos serve a purpose and are more precise than a Swiss made watch. The location of our moon is so exact that if there was even a slight change of its current orbit, we would either die from a great flood, or from a lack of water and extreme heat. The most basic of organisms is so complex it cannot be artificially reproduced to function exactly the same as what nature produces. And consider our bodies. We know more today about the make up and function of all aspects of the body and can treat diseases with greater success than any time in history, yet what we still do not know about the body is greater than all the progress medical science has made. It is true we are living longer, healthier lives but the increase in longevity is only a few years. We are still amazed when someone lives one hundred years or more, especially if that person is healthy. With all the order and complexity we see on earth and throughout the universe, it is baffling that so many reject the idea of a creator. Many will acknowledge there is a “higher source” but refuse to call this source God. Even more acknowledge God, but refuse to worship him.

God is not one to remain hidden. As we see in Romans, he has invisible qualities, yet he makes these qualities evident through what we can see. I can make bold claims that I am a great artist but if I never produce any work to be seen, my claims are empty. One of my favorite sculptures is the Pietá by Michelangelo. Mary is portrayed as a young woman holding the body of Jesus after he was taken off the cross. Michelangelo secretly completed his work and anonymously donated it to the Vatican but after great speculation as to who the artist was, he decided to come forward in a unique way. In the middle of the night he chiseled his name on the sash Mary is wearing. His signature made it clear who sculpted this work.

In the same way a signature identifies an artist with his work, God has given us his signature in his creation. He has not hidden it from us so that we need speculate, as in the case of Michelangelo and the Pietá. God desires that we know him and seek him. In Paul’s well known Sermon on Mars Hill, Paul preached that God created heaven and earth and does not live in man made temples. He goes on to say that every nation came from one man and then in verse 27 we read, “God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.” God gives us proof through his creation that he is real and he gives us every opportunity to turn to him.