

IS THERE A GOD?

"Everyone who is seriously interested in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that a spirit is manifest in the laws of the Universe - a spirit vastly superior to that of man, and one in the face of which we with our modest powers must feel humble." **Albert Einstein**

"I am fascinated by some strange developments going on in astronomy...The astronomical evidence leads to a biblical view of the origin of the world." **Robert Jastrow**, Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies

Have you ever looked up into the heavens at night - or felt a tiny baby grip your finger - and been filled with wonder? The world is filled with wonder everywhere we look. Who made all of this? Did it just happen? Or is there really a God who, as the Bible says, "created the heaven and the earth?"

Can anyone really deny it? If you say there is no God, then ...

1. All the wonders around you are just an accident.
2. The billions of stars in the sky just happened to make themselves and generate their own power to keep on course.
3. The land just happens to have topsoil without which nothing would grow.
4. The air we breathe - only 560 miles deep and exactly the right composition to support life - is just another accident in the laws of physics.

Can you believe these things just *happened*? Isn't it more reasonable to believe that a supreme mind is behind all of this and everything that exists? Take the deposits of coal, zinc, gold and uranium. Did they get there by accident? And what prevents lakes from freezing solid, all the way down to the bottom, making it impossible for fish to survive?

Why does the earth spin at a given speed without slowing up so that we have day and night? Who tilts it so that we get seasons? No one really knows the why and how of the magnetic pulls. Or think of the sun stoking a fire just warm enough to sustain us on earth, but not hot enough to fry us or cold enough to freeze us. Who keeps the fire constant?

And what about the human body - an intricate combination of bones, muscles, nerves and blood vessels. The human brain has far greater capacity than any computer we have ever imagined. The kidneys contain approximately 280 miles of tiny tubes, and in the course of a day filter 185 quarts of water from the blood.

And then there is the heart, an unbelievably rugged organ: a four-chamber, four-valve pump that handles 5,000 gallons of blood a day - almost enough to fill a railroad tank car. It supplies a circulatory system with 12,000 miles of vessels and, in the course of a lifetime, beats two and one half billion times. All the blood in your body is pumped through your heart every minute while your heart beats 100,800 times a day.

Before you say there is no God, think of these marvels.

All of creation gives evidence that there is a Creator. But why do people still doubt God's existence? How can we know that He really does exist and He is interested in us?

"The Bible says that we are by nature "dead in trespasses" and that we are "alienated from the life of God." Just as a body without physical life is declared physically dead, so anyone who is separated from God is described in the Bible as spiritually dead. And as long as we remain

spiritually dead we can never really know God. We all need a new life. We need to be cleansed from sin and its penalty and restored to fellowship with God. This is what Jesus Christ meant when He said we "must be born again."

God sent Jesus Christ, His only Son, so that we might have new, everlasting life. The Bible tells us, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

By His death and resurrection Jesus paid for our salvation. He broke the power of sin and death, making it possible for us to have everlasting life.

Jesus said "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Receiving the new life that Jesus offers is what being born again means. And this new, everlasting life will be yours if you will acknowledge you are a sinner and receive Him as your Savior and Lord.

"This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Is Jesus Christ your Savior? Have you every been born again? You can be right now by praying and asking Christ to come into your life.

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