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The Existence Of God Selected Scriptures

Thomas Paine, an immigrant to American in 1787, had leaped from obscurity to fame after writing some brilliant pamphlets on freedom. But then he made a fatal mistake. He began to write his “masterpiece”, called The Age of Reason which scoffed at Christianity. “This will destroy the Bible, he predicted. “Within 100 years, Bibles Will be found only in museums or in musty corners of second—hand bookstores.” His book was published in London in 1794. But it brought him so much misery and loneliness that he once said: “I would give worlds, if I had them, had The Age of Reason never been written.” Paine became a bedridden invalid until his death, friendless and alone, in 1809. The Bible remained a best—seller. #337

Many individuals have attempted to speak against God to their own hurt as they express their unbelief in God and the Bible.

So we want to look at the Bible and see what it has to say about the existence of God.

Remember that we established last week that:

1. The Bible is God’s revelation of Himself to man
2. The Bible is inerrant and infallible for it is God breathed.

3. The Bible is the only reliable source to know absolute truth about God, man, sin and the devil.

Therefore we are to teach the Bible with full confidence to the people about God, which involves several things.

1. Contending for the faith. Jude 3
2. To stop individuals from teaching unbiblical teachings. 1Tim. 1:3
3. To convince those who contradict sound doctrine as well as exhort them. Titus 1:9

So the purpose for these studies is not to establish proof in order to arrive at a conclusion, but the reverse. We begin with the conclusion as an inerrant fact and then give the evidence within God’s revelation, arriving where we began, that we may contend for the faith, that was once and for all delivered to the saints. Jude 1:3

We want to look at the existence of God from three vantage points.

- I. The existence of God denied.
- II. The existence of God affirmed.
- III. The existence of God confirmed.

I. The existence of God denied.

- A. There are those individuals that call themselves atheists, who profess that there is no God or the existence of God.

1. Yet any statement of fact believed to be valid should be verifiable by some form of evidence.
 2. There is not one atheist who can produce valid evidence that would be accepted as proof by a court of law that there is no God.
 3. The word “atheist” is made up of two words.
 - a. The letter “a” before a word negates the meaning of the word.
 - b. The word “theos” means God.
 - c. Therefore “Atheist” means one who believes there is no, none at all.
 - d. Literally it means “without God”.
 - e. So when a person says I am an atheist, though he or she believe they are saying, there is no God, they are really saying, “I am without God”.
 - f. Paul said that the Gentiles are lost “without God in the world”. Eph. 2:12
- B.** There are also the more refined individuals which say they are agnostics.
1. This group owes its roots to Thomas Huxley who in 1869 at a meeting of Metaphysical Society, invented the term to cover up his negative religious views.
 2. The word comes from the heretical group, the Gnostics of the first century and even before the gnostics.
 3. The word means to know, they professed special revelation and intuitive knowledge.

4. They denied the deity of Jesus Christ and his humanity, John deals with in his first epistle.
 5. Now, if we put the letter “a” in front of the word “gnostic”, it becomes negative, no knowledge or ignorant of knowledge in relation toward God.
 6. And this again confirms what God’s word says about man, that he cannot by his intellect conclude that God exists or know the things of God. 1Cor. 1:20-22
- C.** Then you have the evolutionist who believes that we are the product of billions of years on a long process of transitional forms, going from the simple to the complex.
1. Peter identifies them as those who are scoffers and willingly ignorant of God’s revelation. 2Pet. 3:3-7
 - * “Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the

same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

- a. They being informed by the record of God reject it and of their willful rebellion call God a liar.
 - b. The philosophy is called “uniformitarianism” described by Peter, “For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.”
 - c. They choose to mock at the idea of a Creator and rather believe we owe our existence to the ape and the evolutionary model.
 - d. They reject that God judge the world by the flood and use the fossil record to prove evolution rather than interpreting the fossil evidence as the proof of God’s sudden cataclysmic judgment.
 - * By the way there has never been found one transitional fossil, but they have falsified many to keep the religion of evolution going in the Public schools.
2. In 1891 a Dutch physician called Dubois discovered a skull cap.
- a. A year later, 90 feet from the same place he found a femur bone (thigh).
 - b. He put them both together and came up with *Pithecanthropus erectus* “erect ape man”.

- c. Two years after, in 1898 a premolar tooth was added and out of these three came Java man said to be 500,000 years old. Before his death, he convinced most it was an ape.
 - d. Then 1922 a tooth was found in Nebraska and from it an entire man was created and published in the London Illustrated News.
 - e. 1927 it was found to be a pigs tooth.
 - f. Later in 1912 a part of a skull and jaw bone produced Dawn man, 500,000 years old.
 - g. Then in 1950 it was checked for fluoride content and proved the jaw to be no older than the year found and the skull a few thousand years, not 500,000 years.
 - h. Noted also was the treating of the bones with iron salts to make them appear older and teeth had been filed.
3. Dr. White, a British scientist, in his book A Little On Living Fish said, I have often thought how little I should like to prove organic evolution in a court of law.”
- a. In the early 80’s a professor at Berkley came up with the solution for transitional forms, he said, “That a snake laid an egg and a bird flew out of it.”
 - b. They can’t accept the miracles of the Bible, but believe in evolution.

These are a few ways the existence of God is being denied!

II. The existence of God affirmed.

- A. The existence of God is attested to be a fact throughout Scripture
1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen. 1:1
 2. Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. Ex. 3:6
 3. In Leviticus, at least twenty-five times the phrase, “I am the Lord your God” is repeated.
 4. He is called the God of the spirits of all flesh. Num. 16:22
 5. For what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works and according to Your might? Deut. 3:24c
 6. The Psalmist declares, “He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge? The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they *are* futile.” Ps. 94:9-11
 7. Isaiah is probably the book that reiterates the existence of God, as well as His self-existence more than any other.
 - a. “Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of

the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or *as* His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and *who* instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations *are* as a drop in a bucket, And are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. All nations before Him *are* as nothing, And they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless. To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him? The workman molds an image, The goldsmith overspreads it with gold, And the silversmith casts silver chains.” Is. 40:12-19

- b. “Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me.” Is. 43:10
- c. “I am the first and I am the last; and besides me there is no God.” Is. 44:6
- d. He declared, “I know not any”. Is. 44:8
- e. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” Jn. 1:1-4

- f. “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.” Col. 1:15-17

B. The existence of God is attested to by creation.

1. The principle of cause and effect, who started it?
 - a. The evolutionist call it the “big bag” theory, but no one can explain what or who caused it, in fact they say that every complicated element of our world and universe came about by this explosion and went from random chance from simple to complex.
 - b. The only problem is that explosion do not assemble things, but rather destroy things and is contrary to scientific laws.
 - c. The first and second law of thermodynamics deny such a premise: that matter is not lost but converted into gas,

liquid or solid and that everything is deteriorating.

2. The Psalmist tells us, “the heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.” Ps. 19:1-3
3. Paul tells the Romans,”For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.” Rom. 1:20
4. Jesus said God feeds the animal kingdom that was created by Him. Matt. 6:26
5. Have you noticed that the balance of nature is only upset as man intervenes?

C. The existence of God is attested to in the presence of design.

- * For there to be design, there must be a designer.
1. It gives evidence of intelligence.
 2. It also declared purpose in mind.
 3. Just as a watch, car, or an expensive piano have been made by someone for a purpose, so as we see all of God’s creation.
 4. The basic principle of cause and affect has to be acknowledge, for one can not have effect without the initial cause.

5. The entire creation is contingent and dependent upon other parts of the creation and in relation to them.
6. Therefore the creation is not eternal or self-existing and if someone says it is, then how can the parts that make up the whole of creation be dependent and related?
* You can not have it both ways!
7. The wind cycle and hydrological cycle is described by Solomon. “
* “The **wind** goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The **wind** whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit. All the **rivers** run into the sea, Yet the sea *is* not full; To the place from which the **rivers** come, There they return again.” Eccl. 1:6-7
8. The Bible tells us of the currents in the ocean which ships follow as they sail, name after the man “Corialis effect”. Ps. 8:8
* The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the **seas**.
9. “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.” Heb. 1:10-12; “Ps. 102:25-27”

- D. The existence of God is attested in man’s innate belief in God and the conscience of man regarding good and evil.
 1. The Gentiles who do not have the law by nature, do the things in the law, show the law written in their hearts their conscience also bearing witness and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them. Rom. 2:14-15
 - a. To alleviate his guilt, justify and blame others.
 - b. Who put this conscience in man?
 2. Paul says that because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. Rom. 1:19
 3. Paul again says, “Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” Rom. 1:21
 4. Do you realize that if the record of Genesis is complete then Noah dies two years before the birth of Abraham and Noah’s father knew people who knew Adam, Eve, their sons and daughters prior to the flood, so Noah had receive and pass on the first hand record of God’s judgment.
- E. The existence of God is attested to by fulfilled prophecies.

- * God declares through the prophet Isaiah, “I am God and there is none else and I am God and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning.” Is. 46:9
1. In Genesis it was prophesied about the seed of the woman, Isaiah confirms that a virgin shall bear a son and call his name Emmanuel. Gen. 3:15; Is. 7:14
 2. Mary was espoused to Joseph and the one born to her was declared to be Emmanuel. Matt. 1:18, 23
 3. Paul says that when the fullness of time came God sent forth his Son, made of a... Gal. 4:4
 4. John provides for us the existence and the incarnation of God as a fact to reveal the way to the father. Jn. 1:1,14,18
 5. John calls Jesus the true God. 1Jn. 5:20
 6. God calls Cyrus by name and describes the place to enter the city for Medo-Persia to overthrow Babylon, 150 years before his birth and when Medo-Persia was the leading empire. Is. 45:1
 7. Christ would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. Zech. 11:12
 - * God challenges the gods that are no gods to tell of things yet to happen, so he can acknowledge them as gods.

F. The existence of God is attested by history.

1. The universal inclination to worship something as a supreme being, be it a rock, a tree or an idol to replace the true God.
2. The archeological finds that verify the Bible throughout history.
3. The defeat of the nations in Canaan at God’s hand and the possessing of the land.
4. The rise of David and the kingdom.
5. Their captivity foretold by the prophets for 70 years.
6. God revealing to Nebuchednezer to kingdom of the world to Christ’s return.
7. The history of the nation of Israel should be sufficient to convince any of the existence of God for there is no logical explanation of her existence, despite her constant warfare.

These are a few ways the existence of God can be affirmed!

III. The existence of God confirmed.

A The staghorn beetle.

- * There is a particular type of beetle called the staghorn, of which there are two kinds, male and female. The male has magnificent horns twice as long as his body; the female has none. In the larva state they have to bury themselves in the earth and wait in silence and darkness for their transformation. They are of course mere grubs with no apparent

difference, and yet one of them digs for itself a hole twice as deep as does the other. Why? In order that his horns may have room to grow and that he may come out with them unbroken and unimpaired. Now why should these apparently similar grubs act so differently? Who taught them?

B. Birds' Remarkable Night Vision.

* Birds have remarkable ability to see at night, especially the owls. The vision of owls is 100 times that of man; they can detect objects in a glimmer of light. One species of owl can capture prey at a distance of 2,500 feet when the light is no more than an ordinary candle. **#456**

C. Birds Strong Muscles.

* A Bird's wing muscles are over 100-- times proportionately stronger than the arm muscles of the strongest man. A swallow, after one thousand miles of flight, will seek his nest at sundown- not because he is tired but because night has come. **#459**

D. Guided By Own Instinct.

* The longest flight made by a homing pigeon was the 7,200 miles that one flew in 1931 from Arras, France to its home in Saigon, Vietnam. To demonstrate that homers are not guided by landmarks, the bird was taken to France in a covered cage aboard a ship

that crossed the South China Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea and the Mediterranean. The pigeon - straight as an arrow and over "unfamiliar"¹ land - returned in just 24 days. **#460**

E. Other Migratory Birds.

* It has been estimated that ten billion birds yearly engage in migratory flights. For example, Alaskan curlews fly over thousands of miles of ocean to Hawaii. A tagged Baltimore oriole was reckoned to have taken a trip to South America and returned to the same elm in a New York town. The golden plover flies 2500 miles from Newfoundland to Colombia. One species of shrike wings its way 3500 miles from Central Asia to French Equatorial Africa. **#462**

F. Comparison From Hollowed Sun.

* The sun is so large that, if it were hollow, it could contain more than one million worlds the size of our earth. There are stars in space so large that they could easily hold 500 million suns the size of ours. There are about 100 billion stars in the average galaxy. And there are at least 100 million galaxies in the known universe. **#2204**

G. Big Hole Up North.

* One of the most inspiring and thrilling of recent disclosures of astronomers is that there is a great empty space in the north in the nebula of the constellation of Orion - a heavenly cavern so gigantic that the mind of man cannot comprehend it and so brilliantly beautiful that words cannot adequately describe it. All astronomers agree there is a huge opening in Orion which is perhaps more than 16,740,000,000,000 miles in diameter. The diameter of earth's orbit is 186,000,000 miles, which in itself is incomprehensible to man. Yet the opening into this heavenly cavern of Orion is 90,000 times as wide. In other words, there could be 30,000 solar systems like ours with a sun in the middle of each, across the entrance of the opening in the north, and still have room to spare. #2212

H. Energy Of the Sun.

* The sun is a great power plant. If you were to mark off one square yard on the sun you would find that it is giving off 70,000 horsepower of energy continuously. There are a tremendous number of square yards on the sun's surface: more than 10,000 times the number of square yards on the surface of the earth. Suppose that we decide to buy the energy that the sun gives off for a period of twenty-four hours. Suppose we can buy this

energy for one-fourth cent per kilowatt-hour. To pay for this energy in silver dollars would require enough money to cover the United States four miles deep. This represents a tremendous amount of energy. Yet when God created the sun, He had to put into that act of creation all of the energy that has come from the sun and all that which may yet to come from the sun. There is still enough energy in the sun to last for some thirty billion years. #6186

These are a few ways the existence of God is confirmed!

Illustration

It is a remarkable fact that Sir Isaac Newton, writing on the prophecy of Daniel 12:4 said that if they were true, it would be necessary that a new mode of traveling should be invented, for knowledge would be so increased that man would be able to travel at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

Voltaire, true to the spirit of skepticism, said: "Now look at the might mind of Newton, who discovered gravitation; when he began to study the Book called the Bible, it seems in order to credit it's fabulous nonsense, he believed that the knowledge of mankind will be so increased that we shall be able to travel fifty miles an hour! The poor dotard!"

* Today even a skeptic would have to say, “Newton was a wise philosopher; Voltaire a poor old dotard.”
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Jesus is the visible form of the invisible God, he is the mediator between God and man and He is the Savior of the world, won't you come and ask Him to forgive you of your sins and save you?

The existence of God is evident from creation and the Scriptures to believe anything else is to confirm God's judgment on rebellious man in the Psalms. Ps. 14:1-2
1. “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.”
2. The reason being, “They have done abominable works, there is none that does good.”

As Paul told the Romans, “Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing themselves to be wise they became fools.” Rom. 1:21-22

Conclusion

We have looked at the existence of God from three vantage points.

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Voltaire's Vain Boast.

Voltaire, the noted 18th century French philosopher, said that it took centuries to build up Christianity, but “I'll show how just one Frenchman can destroy it within 50 years.” Taking his pen, he dipped it into the ink of unbelief and wrote against God. Twenty years after his death, the Geneva Bible Society purchased his house for printing the Bible. And it later became the Paris headquarters for the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Bible is still a best-seller; an entire 6-volume set of Voltaire's works was once sold for 90 cents. Just before his death, the noted atheist swore: “I wish I had never been BORN!”