## God

Reasons To Believe – Part 1

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"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible... <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Heb. 11:1-3, 6 (NIV)

#### Does God want "blind faith"?

- 1. "Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death."

  Heb. 11:19 (NIV)
  - a. To "reason" requires careful consideration of known facts.
- 2. "What I am saying is true and reasonable." Acts 26:25 (NIV)

Truth usually has the Strongest Argument.
You must decide which arguments seem
True and Reasonable.

### Is God the Creator, or did everything just happen?

"For God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and wickedness of those who in their wickedness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God himself has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes—his eternal power and divine nature—have been understood and observed by what he made, so that people are without excuse."

Rom. 1:18-20 (ISV)

## What is Paul's argument?

- 1. We can know God exists by **OBSERVING** what He **Made**.
- 2. Everything we **OBSERVE** has a **Beginning** and a **Creator**!

# Is Evolution a stronger argument?

Evolution argues: <u>Timeless Matter</u> + <u>Chance</u> = <u>Life</u>.

"The current scientific debate over the mechanisms of evolution demonstrates that evolution is not a proven "fact" of science – it is a "wish" of science, a fanciful hope in light of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, that somehow a mechanical process to describe how life arose will be discovered."

(P. 25 "Evolution Impossible" by Dr. John F. Ashton)

#### Organic evolution has never been observed.

Adaptation IS NOT Evolution.

#### Evolution Contradicts the Scientific Law of Biogenesis.

"Life can only come from <u>life</u>."

# Q: Why is Evolution presented as a Fact if the observable evidence is against it?

"To be a molecular biologist requires one to hold on to two insanities at all times. One, it would be insane to believe in evolution when you can see the truth for yourself. Two, it would be insane to say you don't believe in evolution. All government work, research grants, papers, big college lectures—everything would stop. I'd be out of a job, or relegated to the outer fringes where I couldn't earn a decent living."

(George V. Caylor, "The Biologist", Vol. 2, Iss. 48, No. 92, 1 Dec. 2000, p. 2)

#### Q: But Couldn't God have used Evolution?

"If evolution happened, then death was wide spread before man evolved. But if death preceded man and was not a result of Adam's sin, then sin is not the cause of death – so we do not need a Savior."

(P. 391 "In The Beginning" by Walt Brown)

#### **Recommended Books:**



