

Question: What evidence do we have in the existence of God? #3

When you get down to the heart of the matter, a question like the one stated above is based on an assumption that God is hiding from us. In fact, evidence of God's existence surrounds us. The apostle Paul stated, "*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*" (Ro 1:20). Even in the absence of divine revelation (scripture) the nature and glory of the created world is overwhelming proof for the existence of God.

The Law of Causation states every effect must have an adequate cause. To take that reasoning a step further, every design must have a designer. I'm typing this article on an old, but fully functioning, personal computer. There is no way I can look at the machine before me and not conclude that it had a designer. If you were able to travel to the moon and walk upon its surface, and you came upon the American Flag, wouldn't you conclude that someone had designed it and put it there for a purpose? Why then do some of the most profound intellects of our age refuse to acknowledge the Grand Designer of the Universe in the majesty of His creation?

As people explore the complex and precise workings of the Universe, they are wise to conclude that somewhere there is an intelligent Designer. Let's notice a few examples. The Earth is 93 million miles from the Sun, tilted 23 degrees on its axis and follows an elliptical orbit around the Sun. If there were only minor changes in these patterns, the Earth could not sustain life. For example, a variation in the Earth's orbit of only a fraction of an inch every twenty miles would destroy all life in one year.

Take the Moon as another example of intelligent design. How does it contribute to life on our wonderful planet? For one thing, it provides us with light at night. For another, it helps us keep track of time -- Every 29 and 1/2 days it changes from a new Moon to a full Moon. It also causes our oceans to rise and fall -- The circulation of the ocean waters has a cleansing effect while replenishing the oxygen needed to support marine life. The Moon is just the right size and just the right distance from the earth. If it were any larger, tidal waves and earthquakes would be the norm rather than the exception. If it were any smaller, the oceans would be nothing more than a large stagnant pool of salt water.

Considering all this, which is more reasonable to conclude -- That our very precise environment is the product of random events over eons of time? (Or) -- That our Universe including our World is simply a product from the blueprint of an all-wise and all-powerful Designer?

We would like to invite our readers to attend a series of Bible lessons next week on "God, the Christian and Government." It begins October 19th and continues through the 23rd. There will be a different speaker each evening at 7:00 p.m. Please do not be afraid or embarrassed to come, you will be treated graciously as our honored guest.

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