

GOD IS!

"In the beginning God" (Genesis 1:1). The Bible opens with this very simple yet dynamic statement. In the present day society many doubt this declaration and many others outright deny it. Is there evidence for the existence of God? Consider three areas of proof for the existence of Jehovah God of the Bible.

THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE

Observing the world in which we live, we are amazed at its beauty, productivity and order. All the planets move in their respective orbits, nights follow days, seasons come and go in their order.

What is far more amazing than the earth on which we live are the various theories concerning the origin of the earth. Many maintain the solar system, which includes the earth upon which we live, came into existence from:

- 1 An eruption of the sun.
- 2 No record exists of the earth's first billion years, but scientists generally agree that the planet originated by the accretion of innumerable small particles (*Encyclopedia Americana*, Vol. 22, p. 522).
- 3 Huge clouds of hot gases.
- 4 Nitrogen gas.

By total accident, without the benefit of intelligence it just went "BANG" and appeared.

Two very important questions. Where, when, and how did the gases, nitrogen, sun, small particles or cosmic matter come into existence? Also, what triggered the explosions, eruption or bang? What was the catalyst for the formation of our solar system and where did it

come from?

The planet Mars goes around the sun once every 686.98 days in an eccentric orbit. Because of this eccentricity in Mars' orbit, the minimum distance between Mars and the earth as they pass each other in orbit changes with successive passes. The closest approach of Mars to the earth is 34,600,000 miles. As the planet's orbit moves away from the earth it moves to a position which is 62,900,000 miles from the earth. With all of this movement, the scientists of NASA, launched two unmanned U.S. spacecrafts, Viking I and Viking II, on August 20 and September 9, 1975. After ten months, Vikings I and II entered orbits around Mars and released landers that touched down at sites Chryse and Utopia about 4,000 miles (6,500 km) apart on July 20 and September 3, 1976. Because of the orderliness of the universe the scientists were able to know EXACTLY where Mars would be when the spacecraft arrived, AND we are told that this order and predictability came by BLIND CHANCE!!!

The story is told that Sir Isaac Newton, a British scientist, once had a skilled craftsman to make him a replica of our solar system. It was constructed with balls representing the planets which were geared together by cogs and belts so as to move in harmony when cranked. One day Newton was visited by a scientist friend who did not believe in God. The following conversation is said to have taken place.

"One day as Newton was reading in his study with his mechanism on a large table near him, his infidel friend stepped in. Scientist that he was, he recognized at a glance what was before him. Stepping up to it, he slowly turned the crank, and with undisguised admiration watched the heavenly bodies all move in their relative speed in their orbits. Standing off a few feet he exclaimed, 'My! What an exquisite thing this is! Who made it?' Without looking up from his book, Newton answered, 'Nobody!' Quickly turning to Newton, the infidel said, 'Evidently you did not understand my question. I asked who made this?' Looking up now, Newton solemnly assured him that nobody made it, but that the aggregation of matter so much admired had just happened to assume the form it was in. But

the astonished infidel replied with some heat, 'You must think I am a fool! Of course someone made it, and he is a genius, and I'd like to know who he is.' Laying his book aside, Newton arose and laid a hand on his friend's shoulder. 'This thing is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you know, and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer and maker; yet you profess to believe that the greatest original from which the design is taken has come into being without either designer or maker! Now tell me by what sort of reasoning do you reach such an incongruous conclusion?'" (Quoted from, *Did Man Get Here By Evolution Or By Creation?* Published by the Watchtower).

Man has the power to recognize that every effect has a cause and design implies a designer until he comes to that which requires a supreme being.

The order which is observable in our universe is causing some to rethink the theory of Charles Darwin.

"Darwinism is on the way out. At least, that's what Irving Kristol announced to a gathering at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington not long ago. Darwinian evolution, according to the god-father of neoconservatism 'is really no longer accepted so easily by (many) biologist and scientists.' Why? Because, Kristol explained, scientifically minded Darwin doubters are once again focusing on the old-fashioned argument from design. That is to say, life in all its apparently ordered complexity cannot be understood in terms of chance mutation and the competition for survival. There must, after all, be a designer. So, exit Darwin; enter or re-enter-God." (Ronald Bailey, article entitled, *Origin of the Specious*, subtitled, *Why Do Neoconservatives Doubt Darwin?* Reason, July 1997, p. 22).

This God is:

- 1 All powerful (Omnipotent), (Genesis 17:1).
- 2 Present everywhere (Omnipresent), (Jeremiah 23:4).
- 3 All knowing (Omniscient), (Hebrews 4:13).

And He created the world and all that is in it (Genesis 1-3; Hebrews 3:4). Furthermore, His creation declares His glory (Psalms 19:1) and divinity (Romans 1:20).

All belongs to God by right of creation (Psalms 24:1-2; I Corinthians 10:26-28), and are held together by Him (Colossians 1:17).

THE HUMAN RACE

A theory of evolution was proposed by Chevalier deLamarck, a French naturalist, in 1809. This theory did not receive widespread consideration in the scientific community until Charles R. Darwin, an English naturalist, published his Origin of Species in 1858.

Basically, the evolutionary theory holds that all species probably evolved from a single form of life which lived about 3 1/2 billion years ago. The most difficult step for the evolutionist is from the beginning to the single form of life from which mankind developed. From this problem comes the concept of spontaneous generation, i.e., the generation of living from non-living matter.

"Earlier theories. Perhaps the first 'scientific theory of the origin of life was that of 'spontaneous generation.' It was a common observation that all sorts of insect life seemed to arise spontaneously from, for example, a mud bank or a decaying mass of organic material. There was no satisfactory explanation of the process. Bits of matter just seemed to get together, somehow leading to the assembly of new insect." (*Encyclopedia Americana*, Vol. 17, p. 420).

"Life-particularly simple forms-spontaneously and readily arises from nonliving matter in short periods of time, today as in the past." (*The New Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Vol. 22, p. 971).

"Francesco Redi (1626-1697) is famous for