

Ponder... issues that can change our perspective.

Many people today say there never was a Christ and that there is no creator-sustainer God. Most of these I know as friends who believe such things run through life by their own set of standards and their own idea of what it takes to be good. When confrontation ensues over right and wrong, they say, “We will agree to disagree” to keep the peace and move on. Yet I have seldom known anyone who truly believes that one should let go of the discussion; instead, they may discuss it with others to better justify their side of the debate. To be the rule-maker, we seek others’ agreement in order to believe we are correct. To not even do so much as this is to be so full of one’s own self, so full of pride, that even if the person we now speak to does not agree, the person shrugs their shoulders and moves on. Yet all of us seek approval for our opinions and actions from someone. The believer believes this to be God. This person may feel, Let the entire world be wrong and me right.

Paul settles this matter with one sentence: “Let God be true, and every man a liar.” In other words, when the world builds its own standards, when unbelievers cling to their own ideas, when pride insists that human wisdom is enough, Scripture reminds us that God alone is right. Truth does not bow to human opinion. Truth does not rise or fall with cultural trends. Truth is not determined by the majority. God is true, even if every voice on earth says otherwise.

What I seek for us right now is to see the lunacy in such thinking. When pressed for an answer to the creation of mankind, most assuredly say science has proven evolution and that the earth is the result of a big bang, creating order out of chaos. This alone should cause for the raising of eyebrows. Today’s science finally addresses the impossibility of our solar system, Earth, and mankind being so complex that the chances of such are better than one trillion to one trillion. Going back and seeking validation from evolutionists has proven inconclusive; even from basic studies of the proteins and amino acid combinations necessary for life’s individual DNA, the notion of such mixing by chance, not by intelligent design, is unprovable.

“Just as letters or digital characters may convey information depending on their arrangement, so too do certain sequences of chemical bases along the spine of the DNA molecule convey precise instructions for arranging the amino acids from which proteins are made. And this is not speculation — it is measurable, repeatable chemistry. In *The Return of the God Hypothesis*, Stephen Meyer demonstrates that the probability of amino acids and proteins randomly forming the precise sequences required for DNA is not an estimate but a scientific fact. The odds are one in a trillion to a trillion — not

imagined, not exaggerated, but grounded in empirical chemical reality. Chance cannot write code. Chance cannot assemble instructions. Chance cannot produce the machinery of life. DNA is information, and information always comes from intelligence.”<sup>1</sup>

Where then does one stand when believing in evolution? The first question of those who believe with strong conviction and facts about design being intelligent would be to ask, “If no God created it, then you must deny the very ground on which you stand; the argument you confidently believe would not exist by the chance of ‘Wham Bam, the world is here.’” This should prompt one to answer: “From where, then, do you receive your own intelligence?” Why would chance make anyone above the others? If it comes from the belief that it is the survival of the fittest, then explain to me how mankind can still produce deformities in infants. Surely the evolutionary process would have corrected such a problem on its own over billions of years of mankind’s existence.

When it comes to human deformities, non-believers often remark, “If there is a God, why does He allow such to happen?” Man fails to understand or to believe that sin, pain, suffering, deformities, disease such as cancer, and all others are the result of the fall of Adam. God never desired for mankind to suffer such ill fate; our representative of the whole of the human race chose rebellion, and the consequences ripple through every generation. What unbelievers claim to offer as support for their belief is that if there were a God as believers claim, then why does man suffer so much? Why are children born with abnormalities? They argue that no loving God would allow such things.

Let me give some examples. Today, as we watch our televisions, we see commercials for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; millions contribute regularly because they see the children’s innocence and want them all to be cured. God has and continues to be present in each and every child; the innocent child is of God’s greatest concerns.

And if anyone doubts that God is near to suffering children, let them look at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Danny Thomas did not build that place because chance made him compassionate or because evolution randomly produced a man with a tender heart. He built it because God moved him. Early in his life, Danny prayed, “Lord, help me find my way, and I will build You a shrine.” God opened doors, and Danny kept his vow.

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<sup>1</sup> Enigma, Meyer, Stephen C.. Return of the God Hypothesis: Breakthroughs in Physics, Cosmology, and Biology Seeking Evidence for the Existence of God (p. 255). HarperCollins. Kindle Edition.

St. Jude is not an accident of philanthropy. It is a testimony that God still whispers into human hearts. It is proof that compassion is not a product of chaos but a reflection of the Creator. When unbelievers ask, “Where is God in suffering?” We can point to the very places where God has stirred His people to bind wounds, to heal children, to comfort families, and to push back the darkness. Goodness does not rise from nothing. Mercy does not evolve from chance. Love does not appear out of the void. Every act of compassion in this world — every hospital, every rescue, every sacrifice — is evidence that God is still speaking, still moving, still calling His image-bearers to reflect His heart.

Unbelievers are not our enemies; they are captives. Their confidence is often a mask for spiritual blindness. Our calling is not to win arguments but to bear witness with gentleness and truth. We do not stand above them; we stand beside them as fellow sinners rescued by grace. We point them to the God who created them, the Christ who died for them, and the Spirit who can open their eyes. We do not argue to win; we speak to love. And love tells the truth.