

THERE IS A TRUE GOD

Part One

Isaiah 45:5-6 "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me; I girded [to hold close, clasp] thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there in none else."

Intro: In Deuteronomy 4:39, we have this witness: "Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else." Yes, there is one and only one true God, and He is Jehovah.

1. Jeremiah 10:10: "But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and the everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation."
2. I Thessalonians 1:9, "For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God."

I. THE TRUE GOD – HIS EXISTENCE

- A. The existence of God is a first truth, being rationally, logically, before belief in the Bible.
 1. Romans 1:19-20 tells us that unbelievers are without excuse. Even the most depraved of sinners understands that those who live the life of sin are worthy of death (Rom. 1:32). Romans 2:15 reminds us that the law of God is written in the heart of man. Man is responsible before God.
 2. When man denies God, he does violence to the laws of nature. The denial of God is a forced action and is only temporary. "The moment the speculative reasons for his disbelief are absent from his mind, it of necessity reverts to its original and normal convictions." (Hodge Vol. 1, 197,198)
- B. The Bible tells us that God exists; it does not attempt to prove His existence.
 1. In the Bible, the existence of God is taken for granted:
 - a. Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God..."
 - b. Psalm 94:9 "He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see?"

- c. Isaiah 40:13-22 “Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counselor hath taught him?...”
2. That God exists is witnessed in His goodness to man: “Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness” (Acts 14:17). See also Romans 2:4; Matthew 5:45.

II. THE TRUE GOD AND CREATION

- A. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Gen. 1:1) God is and has always been. There has never been a time when He did not exist.
 1. “In the great expanse of eternity which stretches behind Genesis 1:1, the universe was unborn and creation existed only in the mind of the great Creator. In His Sovereign majesty God dwelt all alone.” (Pink 18)
 2. Dr. Henry Morris said concerning God as creator: “The existence of a transcendent Creator and the necessity of a primeval special creation of the universe is confirmed by the most basic principals of nature discovered by scientists...The law of casualty, that no effect can be greater than its cause, is basic in all scientific investigation and human experience. A universe comprising an array of intelligible and complex effects, including living systems and conscious personalities, is itself proof of an intelligent, complex, living, conscious Person of cause” (7).
- B. God’s creation is evidence of His existence. When we look at the sun, moon, and stars and see His handiwork, we know that this did not just happen. When we think of the intricacy of the human body, we know that we did not evolve.
 1. That the creation is complex, so well designed and operating in such a masterful order, points to purpose and an intelligent creator.
 2. One of the greatest books ever written on the subject of natural evidence to the existence of God is “Natural Theology, or Evidences of the Existence and Attributes of the Deity Collected from the Appearances of Nature” (1802) by William Paley (1743-1805).
 - a. R.L. Dabney,(1820-1898) in his “Systematic Theology,” cites Paley relating the following story

concerning the being and attributes of God. “Beginning with the instance of a peasant finding a watch on a common, and although not knowing how it came there, concluding that some intelligent agent constructed it; he applies the same argument, with great beauty and power, to show that man and the universe have a Maker. For we see everywhere intelligent arrangement; as the eye for seeing, the ear for hearing...Nor is the peasant’s reasoning to a watchmaker weakened, because he never saw one at work, or even heard of one; nor because a part of the structure is not understood; nor because some adjustments seem to be imperfect; nor, if you showed the peasant, in the watch, a set of wheels for reproducing its kind, would he be satisfied that there was no watchmaker: for he would see that this reproductive mechanism could not produce intelligent arrangements.” (13)

- b. “Because something now is –at least the mind that reasons –therefore-something eternal is...some spirit is eternal, and produced all spirit and matter.” (R.J. Breckinridge Vol. 1, pg 56)

3. One of the marvelous creations of God that fascinates me immensely is the Hummingbird. Think of this wonderful little bird. He can rotate each of his wings in a circle allowing them to be the only the only bird that can fly backward, up, down, sideways and hover in space. The Hummingbird can move instantaneously in any direction and can leave its perch at full speed. Hummingbirds can fly short distances upside down, a trick used when under attack by other birds.

C. Biblical proofs of creation

- 1. Isaiah 46:18 “For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.”
- 2. At Mars Hill in Greece, Paul said to those philosophers gathered there as he told them of the God who to them was known as the UNKNOWN GOD: “God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with

hands...For in him we live, and move, and have our being..." (Acts 17:24,28a) Strong said "that God [is] the infinite and perfect Spirit in whom all things have their source, support, and end."(52)

3. Creation gives glory to God- Psalm 19:1. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth forth his handywork." The Christian is to give glory Jehovah God just as His creation does (1 Cor. 10:31).

Conclusion: The true and living God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to this sin cursed earth to save man that He had created, from sin, "And she shall bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins."

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