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## **The Bible Is a "Christian Evidence" Textbook!**

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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (**Hebrews 11:1**). Faith is based upon "evidence" and it is a solid conviction of "things not seen." Since "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (**Romans 10:17**), then *the best "evidence" for faith is "the word of God" and the Creator's Wisdom to which it points!* If not, why not?

***The Bible makes statements that point to external data, and that makes it a "Christian evidence" textbook.*** For example:

### **1. Every effect must have an adequate cause**

"For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God" (**Hebrews 3:4**); "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (**Genesis 1:1**); "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (**Hebrews 11:3**).

All scientific evidences and facts prove that matter is not eternal and must have had a beginning. The Bible begins with one of the strongest proofs possible that there had to have been The Creator: from nothing came something caused by The Power ("God") who is the uncaused First Cause!

### **2. There is magnificent design and order to life.**

**Jesus** pointed to the inherent order in agriculture when He said: "For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." (**Mark 4:28-29**)

Such order is impossible without the imposition of law from a Higher Power. Speaking of the intricacies of human development and birth, David said: "You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well. My frame was

not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them." (**Psalms 139:13-16**)

The millions of details involved in each human's normal birth are mind-boggling, and faith-building, indeed. The birth of one human demands an imposing attention to details totally impossible without completing the plan of God, the Maker.

**Abraham** "waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder [Greek, "technician, craftsman"] and maker [Greek, "framer"] *is* God" (**Hebrews 11:10**). Truly, the "technology" of life is impossible and nonsensical without the All- powerful, All-intelligent Creator God!

**3. Life cannot/has not/will not come from non-living matter.** It is the "God, who made the world and everything in it...gives to all life, breath, and all things" (**Acts 17:24-25**). There is no construction of material substance that has been brought to life without adding some living components to the experiment. Scientific fact shows that life had to be added to the material earth from an outside source in order for anything living to exist. It is only prejudiced ignorance that would attack Christian faith without dealing with what the Bible, itself, says!

### ***Atheism Equals Ignorance***

Speaking of "prejudiced ignorance," one readily thinks of an "atheist," a word meaning, "without faith in deity," hence a person who is without faith in God. ***No one can be an atheist without denying all the evidence for God's existence and the scientific conclusion that necessitates it as fact.*** In other words, atheists are known for what they confess they do not or cannot know. "Ignorance" is defined as "the absence of knowledge." ***It is practically impossible, then, for any atheist to ridicule a believer's "faith" because a Bible- believer has evidence for that faith, but an atheist has reduced his or her intelligence to denial!*** The evidence for God is so abundant that an atheist can believe there is no God only by closing his/her mind to the factual evidence that would prove otherwise! Atheists have a big void throughout their core intellect, and are as Gentiles, "in the futility of their mind, having their understanding

darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart..." (**Ephesians 4:17-18**). By willfully omitting God from their consideration, the Atheists have "blackened out" their understanding, "gutted" their rationality, and grope about like blind people who have rejected any assistance they have been offered! Belief in God is a normal conclusion of a natural mind that has been given all the evidence. Atheism is, thus, an unnatural response.

#### 4. Since God does exist, then His power as Creator justifies His power to:

- (a) define marriage as one man and one woman united for life (**Genesis 2:18-25**), and accept no other (**Mark 10:2-12**);
- (b) give a day of rest to the Israelites in Moses' Law (**Deuteronomy 5:12-15**) and not to anyone else;
- (c) be remembered in our days of youth (**Ecclesiastes 12:1**), not just "old age;"
- (d) come to earth as the Christ with total miraculous power over the Creation (**John 1:1-18**) unlike everyone else who has ever lived;
- (e) hand over the scroll of judgment against the Jews into the hand of His Son (**Revelation 4:1-5:8**) which was carried out in the 1st Century.

**Since God, as Creator, can do with His Creation as He wishes** ("our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases," **Psalms 115:3**); and, **since no human is Creator** (God asked: "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding," **Job 38:4**); **then all humans who are created beings** ("creature," **Mark 16:15-16**) **will fail to conquer and control the world!** There is no policy, people, or plan that God will allow to take His place as Controller of His Creation (**Romans 1:19-25**). "Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator" (**1 Peter 4:19**). ---jtp11

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~ Turn your face to the sun and the shadows will fall behind you.

~ Maori proverb

~ With words we govern men. ~ Benjamin Disraeli, 1832

~ Words, – so innocent and powerless as they, as standing in a dictionary; how potent for good and evil they become to one who knows how to combine them!

~ Nathaniel Hawthorne, note-books

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