

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Proving That God Exists

Brad Harrub, Ph.D, editor of *Think* magazine, recently published an article in *Voice of Truth International* entitled, "God Is Bigger Than Your Laboratory Experiments." In it, he offers seven ways to prove that God exists apart from the "scientific method." He argues that this is necessary because atheists have, for nearly two generations, been successful in "emptying out church pews" by convincing people that everything must be proven scientifically. Of course since God is a spirit (John 4:24), the scientific method cannot be employed to prove that God exists. What follows is a summary of his seven-fold argument that God does exist.

1. Cosmological Argument—every creation must have a creator. Obviously the universe exists! So, where did it come from? It either 1) is eternal (no one believes that); 2) created itself from nothing (a.k.a. evolution); or 3) was created. Number two won't work, because scientifically nothing comes from nothing. Ergo, we are left with creation as the only viable option for the existence of the universe. Plain, simple, logical.
2. Teleological Argument—every design must have a designer. Does the universe have design? Of course; take a look at the movements of the heavenly bodies. How do they

keep from running into each other? This “design” argument bothers evolutionists so much that one of them screamed to his colleagues, “Biologists must constantly keep in mind that what they see was not designed, but rather evolved.” Sorry, but saying so does not make it so.

3. Codes require someone to program the code. Think about it logically—we spend millions of dollars each year searching for some sign of intelligent life in the universe. Do you know what we are really looking for? Some code or signal that life exists. Scientists are saying that if they can detect some code or signal, that is evidence that something intelligent programmed the code or signal. They’re right about that. So why can’t they see the same thing in the complex code called DNA? Who programmed that code?
4. Laws require a lawgiver. I’m thinking here about natural law. When you get up in the morning, do you ever worry that you will float out of bed toward the ceiling? Of course not! That’s because the natural law of gravity keeps our feet on the ground. Who enacted that law?
5. The law of Cause and Effect. Science says that every material effect must have an adequate and corresponding cause. No one would ever blame the devastation caused by a tornado on the fluttering of a butterfly’s wings, so why is the universe blamed on chance, random, non-purposive processes?
6. Anthropological Argument—the existence of morals. Humanity, unlike animals, has a moral code. Where did it come from? It is amazing to learn that every civilization, despite its isolation from the rest of the world, has some sort of moral code by which it lives. Most have some moral system relating to murder and adultery. Where did they develop this sense of morality? Atheists have to admit that morality exists. Otherwise, they would have no problem with killing people they didn’t like. Again, where did that sense of morality come from? I’ll leave you to come up with the answer.
7. Communication requires a communicator. Archaeologists and anthropologists find evidence of an ancient civiliza-

tion. And, without fail, they will find some evidence of communication. Sometimes that is all they find, and it is positive proof that intelligence existed at that place at some time. But where did humanity first get its language? That's right, the Creator gave it to us.

However, science cannot answer all questions, and that question of our origin is unanswered only in the acceptance that we were created by a loving God.

— Robert N. Lambert

Give God the Glory

“For I was ashamed to request from him troops and horsemen to protect us from the enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, ‘The hand of our God is favorably disposed to all those who seek Him; His power and His anger are against all those who forsake Him’.”

— Ezra 8:22

Ezra faced a thousand mile journey leading the people back to Israel. Many obstacles would be faced on the trip. He had a king who was ready, willing and able to help them, but first he would ask God to keep His promises. He went to God first. God opened the doors and paved the way and got the glory. When we walk in the will of God, He promises to open the doors and pave the way for us too. We should be ashamed to ask the world and the government to bail us out before we have asked God. Can we trust in Him, or will we be ashamed? Let's give Him the glory.

— David Grubb

God is ...

...above us to bless us.

...below us to support us.

...in front of us to guide us.

...behind us to encourage us.

...all around us to protect us.

...inside us to give us life.

— Selected

Reading : **I Cor. 8: 4-6 ; Rom. 1: 18-24 ; Rom. 2: 12-16**

NEXT WEEK : (March 7, 2021)

Song Leader : **Tim**

Scripture Reader : **Butch**

Table & Announcements : **Jonathan**

May our godly and gracious lives declare the glory of our God and cause those who associate with us to desire to be in His kingdom.

Prayer List :

Doris Bartanen : Ron and Doris Bartanen have now been moved into a room at Mason Point by Sullivan - together again

Lisa Vanmeter : Gary's sister is home and appears to be on the pretty much recovered. She thanks for your prayers.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, Mary, Doris, Delores, Betty, Pete & Hazel,
Susan, Wayne, Fay Julius

Others with ongoing issues :

Madonna Nichols : Madonna continues to receive chemo every other week to treat her liver cancer.

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Jerry has multiple serious ongoing issues.

Tim Gaddis : Recovering from a stroke at the Rehab facility

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing painful back issues.

Debbie Adams : Lengthy recovery from severe car accident

Susan Bales : Rosanne's mother is growing progressively weaker. Even a few steps are difficult and her mind is slipping

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders**

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Ya'll Come !

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

