

# “The Evidence for God?”

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**S**ometime after the Second World War, an American soldier was visiting a remote island in the Pacific. The soldier saw a native chief holding a Bible. He said, “We who are educated in the West don’t put much faith in that book anymore.” The chief, who was a former cannibal, replied, “Well, it’s a good thing for you that we do.” Patting his stomach he said, “Or else you would be in here by now.”

Our beliefs will influence our behavior. What we think in our minds will result in our actions. It is vital what we allow in the space of our mind. There are three types of people in the world. People who are moved by reason. People who are moved by emotion, and people who do not move at all. When it comes to evidence people do not walk on the same road. Take the case of the man who said, “I have made up my mind. Please don’t confuse me with the evidence.”

An emotional faith may comfort you, but an intelligent faith will convince others. If you have no good reason for your faith people will see no reason to trust your faith. It is imperative that we take the trouble to understand why we believe and what we believe. The apostle Paul states, in 2 Corinthians 13 “Examine your faith.” In 1 Thessalonians 5:21, he insists, “Test all things.” John declares, “Test the spirits to see whether they are from God” 1John 4:1.

Why Worship God?

He Created You

He Gave You A Mind

He Gave You A Heart

He Gave You A Will

## The Amazing Universe

Think for a moment. We exist in this amazing universe and never stop to wonder. How tragic, we wake up at the rising Sun, listen to the rhythm of the rain, sail over its vast ocean, fly through the silver cloud, sleep under the starry heavens, breathe its life-supporting oxygen, enjoy the fruits from the garden, observe the brilliant sunset, sleep under the starry heavens, and never wonder why.

The universe we live in is one of a kind. Its beauty is breathtaking. Its complexity is mind-boggling. There is food for the body, air for the lungs, water for the thirsty, and beauty for the eyes. This world is a gift from God. Without him this world would not exist. He makes the sun rise every morning and set every evening. He makes our hearts beat and our lungs breathe. He makes love possible, moves hearts, stirs emotions, heals our hurts, gives hope, and restores joy. By His grace babies smile, flowers grow, fish swim, rain falls, and dogs bark. We sneeze, we laugh, we cry, we sleep, and we sing by God’s grace.

The moon is the perfect size and distance from the Earth for its gravitational pull. The Sun shines its beauty while retaining the right distance from the earth. Any closer we will become KFC, any farther we will melt like ice cream. Even a fractional variance in the Earth's position to the sun would make life on Earth impossible. We are standing on a giant ball that is spinning at a thousand miles an hour. The Earth is traveling through space at approximately 67,000 mph. It is also rotating on its axis, allowing the entire surface of the Earth to be properly warmed and cooled every day. Planet earth will make one full rotation in the next twenty-four hours. Before today is done, we will have traveled 1.3 million miles. Earth is also the only known planet equipped with an atmosphere of the right mixture of gases to sustain plant, animal, and human life.

### **Your Amazing Body**

The universe is full of an infinite variety of complex systems, from the almost incredible universe itself to the tiniest one-celled creature in the ocean. Think for a moment how a human body can think thoughts, play the piano, kill germs, remove toxins, store information, transform food into energy, control the temperature in your body, and make a baby all at the same time.

The human body is estimated to have 60,000 miles of blood vessels. To put that in perspective, the distance around the earth is about 25,000 miles, making the distance your blood vessels could travel if laid end to end more than two times around the earth.

Each of the body's systems is composed of millions of interrelated components, and each system is dependent upon the others for its function. Six trillion reactions are taking place in every cell in your body every second. You will inhale and exhale about 23,000 times today.

Your heart will pump about 100,000 times today without skipping a beat. And a hundred things are happening in your body right now that you pay no attention to—digesting, reproducing new cells, purifying toxins, maintaining hormonal balance, converting stored energy from fat to blood sugar, and repairing damaged cells just to name a few. The eye...can distinguish among seven million colors. It has automatic focusing and handles an astounding 1.5 million messages – simultaneously.

### **Your Amazing Mind**

Some see purpose, others see chaos, and some find peace while others go to pieces. Of all the wonders in the world nothing compares to the wonder of the human mind. It is absolutely astounding, the magnum opus of the universe. It is extremely difficult for us to comprehend its complexity, even its simplest functions. The brain functions differently from all other organs. Our ability to

reason, to produce feelings, to dream and plan, to act and relate to people are impossible without it.

It is eminently reasonable to conclude that the source of rationality must be rational. The ground for intelligence must imply an intelligent Mind. The greatest question for the materialist scientist is - How did matter originate and evolve to its present form with the capacity to form into the most complex patterns of life? How did these set of molecules turn into a Mind? To believe that non-living matter can create life, that chaotic disorder can evolve itself into organized complexity, that unthinking atoms can sort themselves into thinking human beings is magic, not reason.

***Only God is great enough to create us, wise enough to guide us, powerful enough to save us, good enough to forgive us, big enough to satisfy us and worthy enough to worship.***