

Tidings From Timothy

T He world doesn't understand the righteous ways of God. What exactly do they miss that we should understand in God's church? Find out in this morning's sermon!

In Need of Prayer: Thanks be to God that the girl I put in for prayers last week is now doing some better. They do not now think she has meningitis. Patricia Blythe is to have carotid artery surgery tomorrow to fix some blockage. Phillip Pitcock broke his leg and is having complications from his condition. He is in the Louisville Veterans Hospital and may be there for a while. Tim Gordon, who has been on our prayer list for some time, had a recent setback and had to go to the hospital. Keep all these and the others as well in your prayers.

Pantry: Still working on getting it filled back up. All items except for corn needed. Keep up the good work.

Gospel Meetings: Milestown church of Christ in Clay Co. is having a meeting today until Tuesday. Singing starts at 6:30 and I will be preaching on Tuesday. I will be preaching at Burrstown church of Christ in Jackson County September 27 – 30. That will be my last Sunday away this year.

Youth Service at Pleasant Hill: All went well at the youth devotional at Pleasant Hill, they had about 172 present from what I heard and a good no. of those were Mt. Gilead. Let us continue to be a leader in showing our sister congregations how to support good works and worship.

3rd Sunday Singing: Tonight our worship will be primarily singing praises. There will be no fellowship meal afterwards due to us already having one this month and the construction in the back.

God Exists

- 1) If the human body possesses characteristics of design such that these characteristics could only have come about by the purposeful ordering(designing) of God, then God exists.
- 2) The human body possesses characteristics of design such that these characteristics could have only come about by the ordering(designing) of God.
- 3) Therefore, God exists.

To show that this argument is sound let us look at the human body systems. A single human being is indeed an extremely complex living organism. The human body is composed of various systems that perform certain functions. There is the skin which provides protection, heat regulation, etc. There is also the skeletal system which provides locomotion, blood manufacture by bone marrow, etc. We have a respiratory system which supplies oxygen and

eliminates wastes. The Nervous and sensory system which receives stimuli and transmits and interprets impulses for purposes (cf. Warren-Flew Debate. (Jonesboro, AR: National Christian Press, Inc., 1977) pp. 202-203.). One of the remarkable things about the human body is that all these systems must work in tandem to function properly, they are woven together with the purpose of keeping us alive and working each moment. We could go on much further, but we can clearly see that humans are blest with body systems which exist for the purpose of performing various functions for us, and this exhibits the intelligent design of God; for none other than God could have produced the design we see in the world and in people.

Let's examine a common illustration to help drive the point. Act as if you were "looking from the outside" and pretend you were to see a camera. Now this is a deluxe model with the works. After close examination, would you even begin to doubt that the camera was caused by something, belonged to someone and was a tool used for some purpose? Yet some act as if they can look at the human eye, see that a camera is just a cheap imitation of the eye's complexity and capabilities, and still say that it just happened, no design, no order? Can you believe it? Who can? Just as people use their eyes to make a camera, a thing of obvious design, God used his power to make the human eye.

Our arguments are valid and sound. God must exist by virtue of the nature of the creation which we observe.

Objections

"But, someone may say, it is entirely possible that matter in motion (we will just assume matter and that somehow it is able to do something) through chance produce the universe as we know it out of many, many possibilities." To this we must respond with an emphatic "NO!!" Chance as a cause will not suffice! It is like saying an explosion in a print shop can produce Webster's unabridged dictionary, or that a monkey on a typewriter can produce the Gettysburg Address. That which was not human cannot "by chance" just become human. That which had no intelligence cannot produce intelligence by chance. Chance will not give life. Chaos cannot produce the Cosmos! Every effect must have an adequate cause and the non-intelligent, non-purposeful actions of non-living matter cannot account for the design that has been described.

I close with a quote from an article by Richard N. Ostling from TIME magazine, Fall, 1992. Speaking of science and religion in the future, he says, "The end of atheism and agnosticism became inevitable as soon as computer calculations made improbable the odds that random natural selection could be the sole explanation for the ever increasing intricacies found in biology." This writer would add that it is not just improbable, but simply impossible. **"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God." (Hebrews 3:4) --Tim McHenry--**

What must I do?

- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16
- Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

- LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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Matthew 16:24-27 ²⁴Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. ²⁶For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

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Bible Study...	9:30am
Morning Worship...	10:05am
Evening Worship...	6pm

Wednesday: Bible Study... 7pm

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