"Does God exist? Is there evidence for the existence of God?"

Lots of people say today that there is not God and call themselves "atheists". However just because people "say" that there is not God does not mean that there is no God. One must look at the evidence before we come to a conclusion about whether God exists or not.

The Evidence of Design

As the universe and the world displays such an amazing design, there must have been a divine Designer.

If we saw a watch on a beach and I said to you, "Well actually how this watch started was that there were some bits of metal and without any human help they made themselves into the various parts of the watch, like the cogs, the hands, the face, the back and the strap links. Then, again without any human aid all the bits jumped together in exactly the right order and as a result this working watch was made." If I said that to you, then you would think that I was mad.

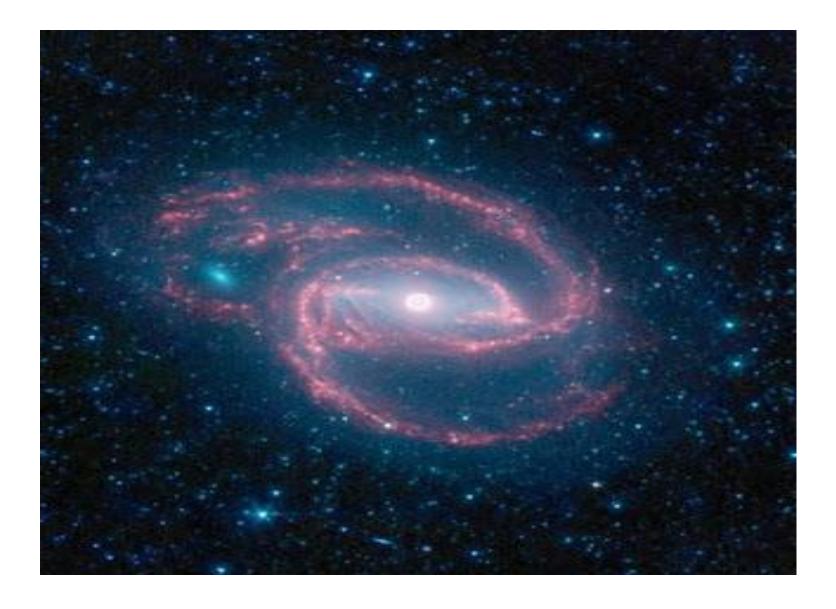
If a simple thing like watch needs a watch maker then how much more must the complicated thing of universe, or the world or even the human body need a designer?



Solar System

- In our solar system we have great equilibrium (a state of balance between opposing energy forces). A planet's centrifugal force (a rotating body spinning away from the centre of rotation) is balanced by the gravity of its primary planet. The Earth spins round once every 24 hours and its primary planet is the sun that keeps it in orbit.
- Without this balance, everything in the solar system would fly off into the chilling depths of outer space.
- If a planet rotated/moved too slowly it would hit the primary planet. If it rotated/moved at too fast, the primary could not hold onto it, and it would fly off into space. Instead, every planet moves at just the right speed to keep it in orbit.
- As the different planets have different weights and different distances to the sun, they have to have different orbital speeds so as not to hit the sun nor to fly off into space.

Are the consistent different orbiting planets an accident or were they designed to work like that?



Photosynthesis In Plants That Benefits Human Beings

- Photosynthesis is a process which uses light, with carbon dioxide and water, to make them into its own food of sugar and oxygen. The sugar is then used by the plants for food, and the oxygen is breathed out into the atmosphere.
- Chlorophyll in the cells of the leaf absorbs the necessary sunlight to make the photosynthesis work. The sun is not just round the corner but is about 93,000,000 miles, or 150,000,000 kilometres, away from the earth.
- "But in order for this to occur, the light must be of the right colour. Light of the wrong colour won't do the trick." (American astronomer, George Greenstein, wrote in the "Symbiotic Universe" book, 1 February 1988)
- For their health human beings breathe out carbon dioxide and breathe in oxygen.

How can the right light colour and 93 million miles, positively affecting tiny plants be the result of an accident? There must have been a designer.

Every Effect must have a Cause

- The scientific law of cause and effect which means that that every material item/effect must have a proper cause to before it existed to make it exist.
 There is no known exception to this scientific law.
- We have come from our parents, who came from their parents, who came from their parents ... who came from the first parents. Where did the first parents come from?
- As every effect must have a cause, therefore Who caused this universe and everything in it to come into existence? Ultimately, there must be some "un-caused" or eternal being to make everything exist.

That "un-caused" cause or eternal being must be outside time, space and material things and is God.

The Moral Laws Require a Moral Lawgiver

- Morals are the principles of right and wrong. Everyone has in them a sense of right and wrong. Every civilisation throughout history has had some form of laws about what is right or wrong.
- If you say that there is a difference between good and evil and right and wrong you assume that there must be moral law or understanding to say so.
 But if you assume a general moral law then who gave you that general moral law?
- Murder, lying, stealing, and immorality are almost universally rejected as wrong and where does that sense come from?

It must have come from a universal moral law-giver who is a holy God.

The Atheist Cannot Prove That There is No God

- With this clear evidence for the existence of God, and there is much more, are there any grounds for atheism? How do we know that the atheist's statement, "There is no God," is not a true statement?
- If someone said that there was no gold in China, how would we know that this was the truth?
- So to prove that God does not exist, someone would have to have all knowledge and be in every place in the universe and outside of it, all at the same time.
- Can any person do that? No and so atheism cannot be proved.



What Does The Bible Say?

- Psalm 19:1-2 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shews his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night shews knowledge." Looking at the stars and the universe's greatness, watching the wonders of nature and seeing the beauty of a sunset — all of these things point to a Creator God and His character.
- But the Bible also says that by faith we must believe that God exists. Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him (God see v5): for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."
 So God is not only the creator but He is also a rewarder of those who really seek Him.
- He is not just a God Who remains at a distance but the God Who wishes to bless you with His forgiveness and salvation as well. He has not only revealed Himself in His creation, He has amazingly revealed Himself in the Lord Jesus Christ Who said, "He that has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). So what God would have thought, said and done on earth, Christ¹⁰ thought, said and did.

What Will My Response Be?

- If you have further questions then do ask either at the Youth Groups or through the website.
- Whatever our thoughts are the Lord Jesus came from heaven to earth as He loved us and became a man that when He "died for our sins ... and rose again" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) the problem of sin between us and God could be completely forgiven.
- Through faith in the Lord Jesus, God will forgive us of our sins and save us from going to hell.
- "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved." (Acts 16:31)
- Also He will be delighted to take us to heaven and so we will enjoy a far better place than this earth could ever be.

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