

The Creator

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When a Russian Cosmonaut returned from a space flight he said that he hadn't seen God out there. An American Astronaut, one who was a Christian, was once asked if he had met God while in space. He answered with full confidence, "I would have, if I had taken off my space suit." These are not just two contradictory answers to the same question. They are two totally different understandings of the word God and what is meant by it. The Russian Cosmonaut, an atheist, could not believe God existed unless he saw him with his own eyes. Whereas the Christian Astronaut believed in a God who is spirit, and who cannot be seen with human eyes.

A short while ago I was talking about God to a young man who interrupted my chain of thought by saying I was not very clear in my choice of words. I thought to myself that he was referring to some theological word, but when the truth came out, I found he was objecting to the word "God." "Who is God, what is God, what does that word mean?"—that's what he meant.

When we talk of "God," what does that word conjure up for you? There are so many different ideas of "God"—and that statement makes a lot of people abandon the search for him before they really get started. When we talk of "God," we have to start somewhere, or will end up like science fiction writers who pass off their ideas as if they were facts.

For me, I find it very obvious that the only place to start is with the Universe; which all comes to me from the fact of what I am, and that I am capable of even asking or searching for the answer of why I believe in what the word "God" conjures up for me. There is no sense in asking "What am I?", until I can answer "Where am I?"; and that poses the ultimate question of all times: "Where did anything come from?"

Seeing as how there are many different answers to that ultimate question, let's look at the main ones. One school of thought I find downright obnoxious is the teaching that the Universe is only a figment of the imagination—an illusion. This school of thought is in itself self-delusional, and not worthy of any more discussion. Then there is the school of thought that the Universe has always existed. It has changed, evolved and will continue forever, for there was never a time in which matter didn't exist. This school of thought is as old as recorded history. We find it all the way back to the time of ancient Grecian thought. This view is a rational alternative to the belief in creation, and our modern research efforts into the depths of the Universe to find its origin makes it an increasingly difficult doctrine to defend. More and more scientists are coming to believe that the Universe is not infinite either in time or space, but that it had a positive beginning and will have an end.

Another view could be spoken of with one word, "chance." This view is that at some remote point in time nothing became something: By "chance," ingredients happened to come together and caused a reaction, an instantaneous "creation." One thing the adherents seem to overlook in this school of thought is that it doesn't explain where

the “ingredients” came from to “create,” which really leaves us where the last view stood, and at that, on shaky ground.

I firmly believe that it takes more faith to hold to these views than to believe in “God,” whom in this context I speak of as the “prime or first cause”—the Creator. This last statement leads us to look at what opponents call the religious view; the view that this Universe was created. To me this is the only violable view to take, and that the very fact of the Universe’s existence is proof in itself that there must be a power and an intelligence greater than anything in it, which willed its existence. That Power and Intelligence is the one to whom we refer to as “God.” We do not need to “go to the Bible” to make claims of God’s existence. We can see. We can hear. We can feel. We can think. Yes, we are.

Having just made a very basic and blunt analysis of the theories of men as pertains to the universe we live in, we ask, “Where did anything come from?” And that question is so deep that it will never be answered by any scientist today, or even tomorrow. Sure theories will be advanced, but never proven. If any ask me, I could answer the question easily. I would say with all assurance, *“In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The word was with God in the beginning. Through the word all things were made; without the word nothing was made that has been made.”* Of course, the first thing said to rebuke me would be, “How do you know that?” I would again say with great assurance, *“Through faith. Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command (His spoken word), so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”* And going on, I would say, “In other words, by faith I accept what is seen, for since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—His power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Yes, you who pronounce theories denying the One who created out of nothing what is seen; not giving Him the glory nor thanking Him as our Creator; have, claiming to be wise, become fools. You thinking has become futile and your foolish hearts darkened.”

You think my statements dogmatic, bold and blunt? That may be. But, maybe you will also recognize that they are not my words, but another’s, one who God has spoken to face to face. Yes, God has spoken, and said just what I said. You see, the word that God spoke, that I mentioned above, also spoke into being a man called Jesus who lived for 30 some odd years on this planet God created. Wait, you say, how do you know that? Want my answer? Its really very simple—I believe the testimony of actual eyewitnesses. Why do I believe their testimony? Again its very simple. Their testimony is filled with historical facts proving that they spoke the truth about what they said. You believe that George Washington existed and was President of the USA? How do you know that? Were you there? Did you vote for him? I see: You say that your read about him. How do you know that what you read is true? Oh, the evidence is recorded in books written by those who were there and who knew him. There is historical proof that he lived and was elected President of the USA. I see: You believe the testimony of men who wrote about him because there is historical evidence to back up what they say? Great! That is the same way that I believe that God visited this earth and then revealed His will to mankind through Jesus who God declared was the Messiah. Men wrote down what He did and said, and evidence was recorded that proved it!

I'm getting ahead of myself, but don't forget what was just said. We do not need the Bible to tell us things about God which we can figure out by using our eyes and our minds. In looking around us we cannot help but deduce that God must be tremendously powerful. Just think of what you see. A good example to give to show that our Creator must be powerful beyond description is shown in the recent space shuttle sent into orbit around our planet and then how about the trip American Astronauts made to the moon? Think of the enormous power it took to send it into orbit. That power would furnish enough energy to light up a large city for a full year or more, and from that, think of the power that would be needed to put an object the size of the moon into orbit; the earth around the sun; our solar system, the whole Milky Way Galaxy, along with innumerable other galaxies, turning around a central point that is so far away that we are unable to comprehend figures used to state it. Yes, our Creator, God, is so powerful that it is incomprehensible to imagine!

Then God must be of tremendous intelligence. Man prides himself on his intelligence because he thinks he can understand the universe in which he lives, but, in time he comes to realize that the more he finds out the less he knows. A man once gave this example: "Water. What amazing complexity is involved in this apparently simple substance which keeps our planet clean, fertile and cool. The tides move in an endless manner, washing our shores. Millions of gallons of water are caught up into the air every day and then dropped back onto the land, often from an altitude of several miles, and yet so gently that the moisture sustains life without harming plants, the animals or humans. That is the hallmark of intelligent and careful planning. God is not only all powerful, but intelligent."

What else can we say? There must have been a single force which we call God to start the ball rolling. God is also a single God. Yes, there is no other creative mind at work in our universe. As a man said centuries ago, "We live in a uni-verse, not a multi-verse." It makes no difference how far we probe into space, we find that it runs on the same principles: gravity still applies, along with velocity to keep things in place. The laws of physics hold true. The Conclusion is inescapable. There is only one God, and only one, who is holding the universe He has made by his tremendous power and intelligence.

Even though we can sit and think about the power and the intelligence it must have taken to make the things we see, we find our thoughts to have limitations. We can reach certain conclusions about the nature of God, but how can we be sure that they are not merely delusions, creations of our own intelligence making ideas? How do we make them correspond to reality and be sure of them? The answer is that we can't. Mankind can sit and think, and by probing the things seen, can discover hints and notions of God, but really, in the end, there comes a point beyond which human reasoning cannot go. Thinking cannot get us beyond ideas which lack the kind of certainty which changes lives and makes commitments—unless we are aided by the One who made us, God.

Let's suppose our search is not one-sided. Suppose this Creator has spoken about himself. Suppose that He personally revealed himself to individuals. Suppose the record of what He has said is still available. Suppose that He left immutable evidence that He visited us. With all this supposing, and if it is true, then surely we would be in a position to confirm or reject the ideas we have of God by our thinking process. Yes, we would be certain of what we reasoned out. We would know what we were made for and what the

future has in store for us. That information is in the record that our Creator left for us—the Bible. Have you really read it lately?

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