

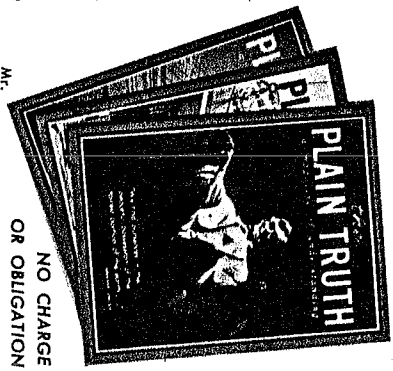
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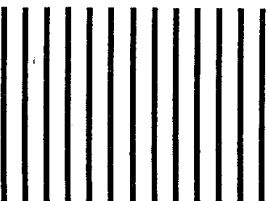
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This is the most vital decade of all history! NEVER HAS it been more urgently necessary to answer the question, "Does God Exist?" Atheists and evolutionists assume He does not! Churchgoers, some Christians assume He does! It's time to QUIT ASSUMING! It's time you saw the proof!

THERE IS A delusion gripping the minds of more people today than Communism. It holds them in its sway, deluding and deceiving them, making them veritable slaves. It is the concept of "no God."

Sir Julian Huxley, grandson of the famed evolutionist, has stated: "There is no longer either need or room for supernatural beings capable of affecting the course of events in the evolutionary pattern of thought. The earth was not created, it evolved. So did all the animals and plants that inhabit it, including our human selves, mind and soul as well as brain and body."

Is there "no longer any need for a concept of God"? Is the Bible merely a collection of Hebrew fables, or the dynamic living Word of an intelligent, all-wise Creator Being?

These questions demand an answer. Your very life,

the lives of your loved ones, and the *future of this world* hang in the balance.

Proof Number One

Need "Christians" be afraid or apprehensive of science textbooks? Is the Bible totally out of harmony with all science? Do modern-day discoveries in the sciences render the Christian helpless to reconcile his belief with the "enlightened age" in which he lives?

This first POSITIVE PROOF of the existence of God is so broad, so all-encompassing, so diverse in its many ramifications that it is possible only to barely scratch the surface in this booklet. However, there can be no clearer way to substantiate this proof than to quote from a typical college textbook which discards the Bible record. In the foreword material, the authors offer various explanations as to the origin of the earth:

"Our own galaxy, which we remember is but a tiny part of the universe, has *probably* existed a million million years.

"But *some progress has been made in attempting to explain* how and when the sun and its nine planets came into being. The study of the solar system gives us *at least a clue* to the origin of that part of the universe most important to us — the earth.

"The *explanation commonly accepted* today is called the *Hypothesis of Dynamic Encounter*, formulated about 1900 by T. C. Chamberlain and F. R. Moulton of the University of Chicago. In brief *it suggests* that our solar system had its birth when the sun was approached by another huge star. The latter, through the operation of the law of gravitation, detached from the sun great masses of flaming gas. The orphan masses from the parent sun gradually cooled and crystallized to become the nuclei of planets. These continued to revolve around the sun, held in their orbits by the gravitational pull of the parent body.

"The evolution of the earth to its present state was very gradual" (Wallbank and Taylor, *Civilization Past and Present*, Vol. I, page 31).

Even though it is outdated in certain respects, I quote

this statement in full for a *very special reason*. Let's go back and carefully ANALYZE what we have just read.

Guesses vs. Factual PROOF

Notice carefully the *italicized* words in the quotation you have just read. We have such words in the opening phrases as "*probably, some progress has been made, attempting to explain, at least a clue, explanation commonly accepted, Hypothesis, and it suggests.*"

What a collection! Here are numerous "attempts" to explain, "some progress" being made, at least a "clue," and the "suggestion" of a "hypothesis" — the very word itself meaning "*we guess.*"

Then, in very careful wording, having begun with a number of "possibles" and "perhapses" the book begins to tell of *definite* past occurrences which are said to have *taken place*.

But let's analyze further. Let's get to the very trunk of the tree of this very vital first proof of the existence of God.

In the very beginning the writers, even though beginning with many attempts to explain, clues and guesses, admit the existence of our *solar system*, a "sun," another "huge star," the "operation of the law of gravitation," great "masses of flaming gas," and *admit* that these gases "gradually cooled."

They also mention how these gases "crystallized" and then continued to "revolve around the sun, held in their orbits by the *gravitational pull* of the parent body."

What a fantastic array! Here is a tremendous, limitless, imagination-defying expanse — an *entire universe*. Here is a whole solar system, a huge sun, the operation of certain, definite, immutable, unchangeable laws. Here is a supposed-collision between gigantic, breathtakingly huge astral bodies, resulting in the supposed formation of our present solar system.

Must Admit Laws Existed

Think of it! All of these myriad *laws* — of heat, light, energy, motion, the rotation of astral bodies, the laws of

gravity, the principle of isostasy, which demands that every orbital body must gradually assume and maintain a near-round shape, and myriad other laws, entirely too numerous to mention — are *admitted to exist*.

Get back to the real TRUNK of the tree. Where is the place to begin? Is it an attempt to explain the existence of our present *solar system*? Decidedly not. Scientists and astronomers tell us that our solar system is only one of many such systems in our great galaxy called the "Milky Way." However, even our galaxy is only *one* of myriad galaxies, which form *only a part* of the vast, limitless expanse of the universe. Our planet, astronomers assure us, is merely a third-rate planet in a second-rate solar system, lost in the expanses of seemingly limitless space.

Do you begin to comprehend? By what law did one star approach another? By what law did heat gradually cool? By what law was there a "gravitational pull"? By what law was there the existence of the "operation of the law of gravitation"?

Yes, there it is. In dissecting and looking carefully into the statements of some of the preposterous hypotheses which have been advanced, you begin to see that in every case the writers *have begun* with an *orderly*, law-abiding universe, *governed by irrefutable* laws.

Did Matter, Force, Energy, Laws, Evolve?

Evolution purports to explain how the earth came to be — how MAN came to be. It is the atheists' attempt to explain the question of ORIGINS without a Creator — *without intelligence!*

But where do they start? NOR with any explanation of how MATTER came to be — without a Creator! NOR with any explanation of how LAWS came to be — or what CAUSES them to work. NOR with any explanation for how matter, force, energy, such laws as gravity and inertia developed WITHOUT A CREATOR.

In any explanation of the question of ORIGINS, one must explain the ORIGINS of matter, force, energy, gravity, inertia and the other laws, as well as the origin of LIFE.

But evolutionists *start* with all these ALREADY CREATED AND IN EXISTENCE. Therefore the evolutionists, in fact, ACKNOWLEDGE CREATION before their explanations actually begin! They are thus forced to acknowledge the pre-existence of the CREATOR — for they begin their theories and explanations with THESE WORKS OF HIS CREATION already having been CREATED! They begin with matter and LAWS already created and existing!

The existence of law, unchangeable, immutable, irrevocable, unseen and yet active, absolutely demands the existence of a great lawgiver.

"There is one lawgiver who is able to save and to destroy . . ." (James 4:12).

That lawgiver is God!

Proof Number Two

Before seeing this next amazing, irrefutable proof, it is first necessary to state, in simple terms, the meaning of the word "evolution." Of course, there are many processes called "evolution."

The process of development of music from simple to complex is, in a sense, an "evolutionary" process, as is true in all technological inventions. This has perhaps led many to *assume* such a development is also true in organic, living material.

Here is one such stated idea:

"Evolution is the gradual development from the simple, unorganized condition of primal matter to the complex structure of the physical universe; and in like manner, from the beginning of organic life on the habitable planet, a gradual unfolding and branching out into all the various forms of beings which constitute the animal and plant kingdom" (Richard Swann Lull, *Organic Evolution*, page 6).

Evolution theorizes *from the beginning of organic life* — already having LIFE with which to begin. It does not now show, nor has it ever shown, nor will it ever be *able* to show, how life itself first CAME into existence.

The theory of evolution (the word "theory" means "we think") states simply that all life forms that we know

today, including humankind, have gradually *evolved* from the most simple life forms to the complex, intricate, interdependent species we see about us today, each reproducing according to its own kind.

Evolution postulates that life evolved in a "gradual process," by "*resident forces*" into the complexity of life we see about us today.

And herein, at the very basic *trunk of the tree* of all evolutionary thought, lies one of the *greatest* proofs of God!

Evolutionists, geneticists, biologists, scientists in any field whatsoever have never been able to demonstrate, nor to offer the slightest evidence that the *not-living* can make itself into the *LIVING*.

It is true that certain laboratory experiments have taken place in which *supposed* "dead cells" are said to have been "revived" and brought back to life by the means of certain chemical compounds. In other experiments, scientists have diligently tried to produce organic type compounds called amino acids. This, however, is a far cry from "spontaneous generation."

Chasm Between Life and Death

There is a broad, gaping, yawning chasm of separation between *life* and *death*. The great gap between the not-living and the living is *so broad, so insurmountable, so unfathomable* by man, that evolutionists can only "suppose" and guess, offering vague, ethereal, nebulous "theories" as to how life *for the first time* "might have" begun *accidentally!* And by resident forces excluding the existence of an all-intelligent Creator!

However, on the other hand, there is an absolute, demonstrable *law* of science which comprises the second major proof of the existence of a life-giving God.

That is the law of biogenesis!

"Bio" means life! "Genesis" means beginning. This law, then, is a law concerning the beginning of life. This law, simply stated, is the absolute law that *life comes only from life*. That the not-living can never give rise to, give birth to or produce the living.

There is perhaps no law known to science that can be any more firmly and easily demonstrated than the law of biogenesis.

The very existence of life *demand*s a life giver!

God states dogmatically, "And the LORD [Eternal] God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the *breath of life*; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7).

Almighty God, the Life Self-Existent, the One who has life, who is Life, who was before all things, imparted life to the first man and set within man, the animals, and all plants the cyclical character of life which enables them to reproduce according to certain set laws. *God is the great life-giver!*

Proof Number Three

Many of these amazing proofs of the existence of an Almighty God "overlap."

That is, each is, to a degree, interrelated with the others. The third major proof of God can be stated quite simply from the quotation you saw under Proof Number One.

You will notice that evolutionists, in trying to substantiate their theory, always BEGIN with an orderly universe and the existence of *matter*. Notice the so-called Theory of Evolution BEGINS with matter, laws, and "simple" life.

What is matter? Matter occupies space and has weight. It is not always necessarily seen, since certain gases, and even the air which you breathe, are also classified as "matter."

Until recently, scientists talked of the law of the "conservation of matter." However, with the discoveries in nuclear physics, and following Madame Curie's experiments with radium, scientists have now found there is a certain amount of "disintegration" in matter.

This *deterioration* of uranium is a scientific fact! Uranium (U^{238}) gradually disintegrates through many intermediate stages into lead (Pb^{206}). Uranium, as you may

well know, is radioactive and gives off energy in the form of radiation.

Gradually, over a period of seemingly limitless years, this radioactive material disintegrates into lead. *There is no proof of any new uranium coming into existence today!*

Hence science has firmly established that *there has been no past eternity of matter!*

Matter must have at some time come into existence. It had to have been, at some time, created.

Creation, then, the very existence of things, absolutely demands and requires a Creator. That which is made requires a Maker. That which is produced requires a Producer.

Therefore, the third great proof is that the *creation* requires a great *Creator*.

Proof Number Four

The One who is quoted in the first person as being God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth *after his kind*: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth *after his kind*, and cattle *after their kind*, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth *after his kind*: and God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:24-25).

Scientists have attempted to show the evolutionary pattern by "comparative embryology," by a study of selective breeding, genetics, and various other aspects of biology.

However, without taking the tremendous amount of space necessary to even faintly scratch the surface of such a broad subject, suffice it to say there is an absolute, irrefutable, immutable, unchangeable law, which absolutely prohibits a jump from *one kind* to another *kind!*

Varieties Not Kinds

There are hundreds of *different varieties* within a certain species, and while there may be small, tiny dogs, such as the Mexican Chihuahua, and also huge dogs such as the St. Bernard or the Great Dane, *they are still dogs!* They are not cats, or horses, nor are they even beginning

to show a gradual trend toward developing into *another species*. They are all of the *same kind*.

Comparative embryology tries to point out that the beginning embryos of fish, polliwogs, and humans look very much alike. This is absolutely true. But while it proves absolutely *nothing* for the case of evolution, this does offer a STRONGER proof of the existence of God. Scientists are *defied* to attempt to make the embryo of a fish turn out to be a polliwog, a man, or *anything other than a fish* of the *exact same kind* of fish which laid the egg in the first place.

Scientists have attempted to prove their evolutionary theories by "selective breeding" and studies in "mutations."

These do not prove evolution! They prove, rather, the existence of absolute, unchangeable Laws governing the reproduction of all animal and plant life, and that those laws function within certain limited bounds that cannot be transcended or broken.

While we are able to breed and cultivate today *new varieties* within a great *kind*, they are still of the same *KIND* and *not* a new species of life.

Any farmer who labors in his fields, raising corn, wheat or other crops, knows some of the basic proofs of selective breeding.

Scientists working with guinea pigs or other animals in laboratories can arrange an absolute *pattern* of just how the genes and chromosomes are going to react in the interbreeding of certain animals according to their coloring and various characteristics.

They are able to tell in advance just exactly what the offspring are going to look like. Again, this does not prove anything except demonstrate the existence of an all-wise, all-powerful God who *made* these laws, and who also sustains them. The *fact* God said let the earth bring forth "after his kind," and has been enforcing and *sustaining* that law ever since, is the fourth major proof of the existence of God.

In attempting to array the skeletons of an orangutan, chimpanzee, ape, gorilla, and a man, evolutionists assure

us there is a definite pattern showing all have come from one common ancestor.

This is an absolute fallacy! And again, this merely serves to show another *clear proof* of God. It does *not* prove an evolutionary process, but it *does* prove, rather, if men were willing to look at the FACTS, similarity of DESIGN. It shows that the same "Architect" had the same general plan and design in mind. It shows *functional similarity*, NOT the evolution of one into the other.

This absolutely *proves*, not only the existence of a Lawgiver, but that there is, *alive, acting RIGHT NOW*, a Great *Sustainer*, of all that is.

These laws are *upheld, sustained, KEPT* in action. How? By the *Sustainer*, who is God!

Proof Number Five

Look about you. You live in a complex, intricate and *interdependent* world.

It is a world of great design.

You have never seen an ugly sunset. You have never seen an ugly scene in the desert, in the mountains, at sea, or anywhere on the surface of this entire earth, *unless* it were a scene made ugly by man. All is in *harmony*.

Life, as we know it, is entirely interdependent upon other forms of life. Nothing lives or dies to itself.

The question to the evolutionists is: *Which "evolved" first, the corn or the bee? Did the bee evolve slowly for thousands, millions or billions of years independent of the cornstalks, the flowers and the pollens from growing things which are his life source?*

Did the flowers, grasses, trees, and grains all evolve slowly and *gradually* over a period of millions or billions of years independent of the little bee, upon whom they must rely for their very continuation of life?

Unanswerable Questions

These are *totally insurmountable*, and *unanswerable* questions to the evolutionists! The old question, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" is a question which the

evolutionist feels worthy only of disdain. Why? Simply because he cannot answer it.

It is better, from his point of view, to merely scoff, make fun of and attempt to dismiss such a question when he cannot answer it.

This total interdependency of all life forms — the tremendous design within this universe — shows a common Beginner, one main Architect, one great *Designer* with an overall framework of a *plan* of creation into which all life forms fit.

Nothing lives or dies to itself. Each living thing, whether plant or animal, when it dies, supplies further life for other living things. Observe a forest. A tree grows, finally dies and falls, only to become part of the fallow forest floor, supplying life-giving elements for the young trees which it had sown in its lifetime.

This great universe, and the complex intricate earth on which you live and draw breath, is a world of great *design*. It is a world of such complex and intricate design as to take the very breath in beginning to investigate even the minutest part.

The cleavage properties of minerals, the wings of a bird or a fly, the beauty of a sunset, the facets of a quartz crystal, and above all, the marvelous, tremendous masterpiece of all design, *the human body*, all point out that for such intricate *design*, there had to be an eternal designer.

Design in the universe *proves* the existence of a designer!

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Proof Number Six

This sixth proof of the existence of an Almighty God is perhaps the most astounding of all.

About one full third of your Bible is *prophecy*; and while *most* of that one third pertains to our present day, there are many, many prophecies which *have already been*

fulfilled, and which are presently BEING fulfilled. God sent His prophets thousands of years ago to such major cities as Babylon, Ekron, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Tyre and Sidon. These prophets — simple human beings who had been commissioned with a message — foretold the decay, fall and *particular type* of fate which was to befall each of these ancient cities.

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The very fact that God is able to foretell the future, and *bring it to pass*, is a *great proof* of His existence!

Proof Number Seven

This last proof is perhaps the greatest proof of all to true Christians. It is the proof of *answered prayer*.

However, since the skeptics, atheists and doubters probably have *never* prayed, and hence have never had prayers *answered*, they continue to DOUBT.

Now take George Mueller's example.

George Mueller is dead now, but he was a great man of FAITH. He founded five great orphanages and other charitable institutions in Bristol, England. He started out, as FAITH always does, with a very small work, without any financial backing, and absolutely *no* means of support, except to get down on his knees and send up a *believing prayer to God*.

For nearly *seventy years* George Mueller continued that great work, and it grew into a tremendous institution until it housed thousands. Every dime for feeding, clothing, sheltering, and schooling those thousands of orphans

came in only one way — as a result of *believing prayer*. Altogether he received more than a million four hundred thousand pounds — that was about seven million dollars — *sent* to him in answer to his prayers!

Real answered prayer is NOT the mere working out of events as a result of "concentration." Many people today seem to assume prayer is merely an accomplishment as a result of "positive thinking" or a psychological adjustment.

This is gross error!

Real answered prayer is a direct, completely miraculous supernatural intervention from Almighty God! It is the result of being obedient to God's Laws, asking according to *His will*, and then believing *in faith* until the answer comes.

These seven, irrefutable, unchallengeable PROOFS of the existence of Almighty God represent only the minutest *beginning* of the subject. They are, nevertheless, *proofs*. It's about time people quit *assuming* — it's about time they began to really PROVE all things.

It's about time YOU said with Job, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19:25). □

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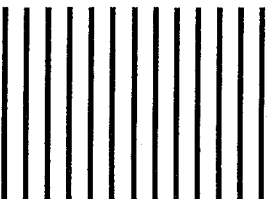
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