

Questions About God, the Universe, and the Origin of Life

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You don't have to commit academic or intellectual suicide by believing in God. Atheists want everyone to think that those who actually believe in God are dumb and irrational.

The evolutionary atheist, Richard Dawkins, is on record as saying:

“The fact that life evolved out of nearly nothing, some 10 billion years after the universe evolved out of literally nothing, is a fact so staggering that I would be mad to attempt words to do it justice” (“From tail to tale on the path of pilgrims in life,” *The Scotsman* (April 9, 2005).

And yet, at another place, Dawkins concludes:

“It is absolutely safe to say that if you meet somebody who claims not to believe in evolution, that person is ignorant, stupid or insane.”

Let's turn the tables on atheists. For lack of a better word, who is really stupid?

Psalm 14:1 declares:

“The fool (silly, senseless, irrational person) hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none that doeth good.*”

Is the Bible true when it states a person is a fool when rejecting God and creation? It most certainly is true. Let's investigate why this is true in the remainder of this study.

Of course, you cannot put God in a petri dish and prove that He exists but no person can prove He does not exist. In fact, there are rational and even scientific arguments that point to God's existence. Every design must have a designer. The created world all around us is filled with design. God is responsible for everything (intricate design, morals, order, information, and intelligence). This is scientific in that every effect must have a cause and it's also logical and rational.

A Swiss watch is not put together by chance and the creation of the Swiss watch is not a cheap explanation or far-fetched idea to believe that a skilled craftsman put it together.

Psalm 19:1 says:

“The heavens declare (tell, celebrate, and make known) the glory of God (His splendor

Every watch has a watchmaker.



Every building has a builder.



Every structure has an architect



Every design has a designer .

and magnificence of the Creator); and the firmament (atmospheric and stellar heavens) showeth His handywork (design).”

Romans 1:20 adds:

“For the invisible things of him (God’s eternal being and existence) from the creation of the world are clearly seen (made visible to the human eyes), being understood by the things that are made (creation and design), even his eternal power and Godhead (that there is one true and all-powerful God who created everything); so that they are without excuse (they can’t say I don’t know God exists).

As someone said: “God has left His fingerprints all over creation.”

Here is something for the atheist to contemplate. How can you have a self-contained universe begin at one specific point of time, which seems to be expanding, as many atheists and evolutionists espouse, without God being the Creator of it? What keeps our planet and universe from exploding into oblivion? It can only be God. God Himself actively holds the very atoms of the material world together moment by moment, day by day, century after century. This is exactly what the Bible teaches. Hebrews 1:3 declares that He is “upholding all things by the word of His power.” God created the universe and holds the atomic structure of the universe together.

Something else needs to be addressed. If chance mechanisms exploded and started the universe, as many scientists believe, where did the chance mechanisms come from? Here is the point; taking God and the supernatural out of the origin of the universe defies both science, logic and even rational faith. A Creator is necessary.

The universe had a beginning; almost no one disputes this, since the laws of thermodynamics demand it. The universe is running down and it could not be running down forever, or it would have already run down. No stars would be still churning out energy and we would not be here. But how can you have a beginning without God? How can “chance” be the beginning of everything if nothing existed before the beginning? This would take “chance” out of the equation of starting everything, since nothing existed in the dateless past. Chance would not even have a “chance” to start something if nothing existed!



Some cosmologists have been trying to counter the whole idea that the universe had a beginning. There has been another alleged scientific theory about the beginning of the universe that is now floating around. What is the idea? The universe has *eternally existed* and has no beginning. It has always been in a steady state. This theory was proposed by Bondi, Gold, and Hoyle in 1948.

The predominant scientific view of today claims that around 13 billion years ago there was a vast explosion (the “Big Bang” theory). This explosive moment marked the beginning of the universe and everything that exists was born from a single point they call the “singularity” or a single starting point. A dot started everything! Again, where did the dot come from? What caused the starting point? Science has no viable answers to these questions.



Despite this general consensus among cosmologists, some scientists are now saying *not so fast*. The original theory of the Big Bang is based on Einstein's theory of general relativity, but as scientists recently applied some quantum corrections to the model, they walked away with a new theory: the universe has existed forever. Aristotle, the most famous of the Greek philosophers, believed the universe had existed forever. Scientists agree that a big explosion occurred at some point, but not an explosion that essentially arose out of nothingness, or marked an actual beginning. The universe simply existed eternally before collapsing into the hot dense state they call the Bible Bang.

Of course, this is nothing but philosophical speculation. If one can accept an eternal universe, why not accept an eternal God? How can the universe be eternal without an eternal God who designed it, since everything requires a designer? Furthermore, if the universe is eternal, then time must also be eternal, since the universe is part of the realm of time. These observations are not scientific. They move far away from observable science and get into the realm of philosophy and faith-based religious beliefs.



The general consensus of most evolutionary scientists accept the theory that a mass explosion occurred which formed the universe. However, this too is nothing but speculative philosophy. If a “big bang” happened at one point, something had to make it happen. This means something existed before the universe existed. If an explosion occurred, something caused the explosion. Where did the mechanisms come from that created the explosion? And so on and so on...

Science itself teaches that every effect **MUST** have a cause. And yet most evolutionary cosmologists, who reject the supernatural but accept only the material (mass/energy), conclude that the universe must have at one time had a beginning. They also claim that the universe could not have come from something else since the “something else” would already be inside the universe! Therefore, the self-contained universe was the beginning of everything! They conclude that this is simple and sane logic. Actually, it is illogical. How can something come from nothing? How can something at one point have a beginning without having a cause unless the supernatural was involved? This is where God comes into the cosmological equation. God is the Creator of the universe and everything in it – including man.

Genesis 1:31

“And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

Hebrews 11:3 speaks to the issue of faith:

“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”

Yes, Christians by faith accept that God is the Creator of everything. But it is a reasonable or rational faith. It is not a blind faith that concludes everything came out of nothing. Christians place their faith in an eternal God who created everything instead of the imaginary “gods” of chance and time as evolutionary dogma proclaims today.

Harvard professor George Wald said: “The evolutionist says, ‘Given enough time, that which is impossible becomes virtually certain.’”

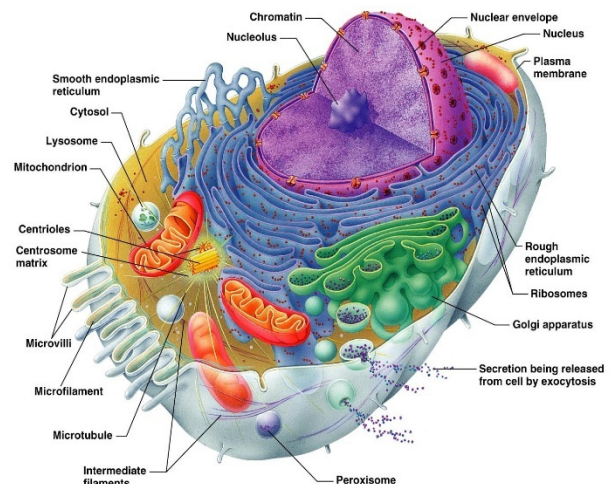
This is sheer doubletalk and illustrates the *blind faith* (not a reasonable faith) of evolutionists. Utter irrationality becomes the only “rational” choice. What are the odds that all of the 1,000,000,000,000,000 (one quadrillion) connections of the brain occurred by chance? Mathematicians agree that any number beyond 10^{50} has, statistically, a zero probability of occurrence. Evolution is in this category. It is a statistical zero. But evolutionists often argue that “Given enough time, anything can happen.” This is not a rational argument. Nothing can occur within the framework of a statistical zero. God or no God, the time argument is ridiculous.

Billions and billions of accidents do not even come close to account for what is now accepted as common scientific knowledge. Even trillions of years wouldn’t be enough time to produce the simplest cell. The universe coming into existence and evolution occurring by random chance is statistically impossible. $13,000,000,000 \text{ years} \times 0 = 0$ (chance of actually happening is 0).



Today mathematics has proven that coincidence does not play a role in the formation of the coded information within DNA (the carrier of genetic information within cells). DNA is in a coil in every single cell in every living organism - including you. The DNA molecule is made up of millions of base pairs and the probability of the coincidental formation of even a single gene out of the 200,000 genes making up DNA is so low that even the word “impossible” hardly expresses it.

In fact, in just one of the trillions of cells that make up the human body, the amount of DNA and genetic information in its genes would fill at least 1,000 books of 500 pages of typewritten information. Many scientists believe this is hugely underestimated. For a single protein to form by chance is 10^{191} and a single cell happening by chance is $10^{40,000}$. In other words, it isn’t happening! Evolution, along with its mutation theory, is simply a debunked theory. Chance and time can never result in a world of enormous complexity, diversity, and beauty.



Where are the thousands of series of fossils (complex biological designs) which prove that a slow process of evolution created one species after the other? Where are the “transitional forms” and “missing links” of evolution? There simply is no gradual organic chain that has ever been scientifically proven. There are no unquestionable fossils that show a transition between any of the major life forms. And the ones that are pointed out by the atheistic community do not attribute for all of the “in-between” links between the alleged links which they already possess. Where are the verifiable links to the links? Where are all the transitional fossils? Where is the indisputable evidence or “smoking gun” that provides the link between man and apes or fish and plants? There is none!

Here is an important question to ask an atheist. Where does genetic information come from? It certainly didn’t come out of nowhere. It should be obvious to everyone that it didn’t just fall into place

by accident or by random chance. An all-wise Creator designed DNA with its complex genetic information. 1 Timothy 1:17 says, “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Colossians 2:3 says this of Christ: “In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Someone said, “The chance of evolution actually happening is about as likely as a blindfolded person throwing a pebble into outer space and knocking down a satellite that then crashes onto a target on the back of a truck speeding down the highway. Even with billions of years, it’s never going to happen.”

Here are some other important questions. Can information arise from no information? Can something come from nothing? Can life come from nonlife? It takes more faith to believe in the theory of evolution than the Biblical fact of Creationism. This is because the Bible teaches, along with all true science, that life can only beget life. Life is built upon information; it cannot begin without information. Evolution boils down to a matter of faith - blind faith. How could everything happen by “chance” when everything in the universe, including the universe itself, is so complex?



How many stars are there in the entire universe? We know that there are spiral galaxies out there with more than a trillion stars, and giant elliptical galaxies with 100 trillion stars. There are also tiny dwarf galaxies with a fraction of our number of stars. Astronomers estimate that the Milky Way contains up to 400 billion stars of various sizes and brightness. In trying to determine how many stars are in the universe, one must ask another question.

How many galaxies are there? According to astronomers, there are probably more than 170 billion galaxies in the observable universe, stretching out into a region of space 13.8 billion light-years away from us in all directions. And so, if you multiply the number of stars in our own galaxy by the number of galaxies in the Universe, you get approximately 10^{24} stars. That’s a 1 followed by twenty-four zeros! That’s a septillion stars! But there could be more than this.



Did Someone Build This Model?



Yes, someone designed this model of the solar system. If this is true, then it must also be true of the original solar system that God designed! Can a rational person really believe that the universe with all of its intricate design and ordered precision began without God and that evolution occurred by accident or random chance? Only if that person has previously determined beforehand that under no circumstances can he admit the possibility of the existence of

God. The Bible declares that people who espouse anti-God cosmological arguments do so by purposely putting God out of their mind.

Romans 1:21 says,

“Because that, when they knew God (everyone is born with an innate knowledge of God), they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations (human reasoning), and their foolish heart was darkened” (the light of truth and reason is abandoned).

Today’s atheists, who like to use words like ‘rational’, ‘reasonable’ and ‘scientific’ in describing their beliefs, actually believe that the greatest beginning of all, that of the universe, had no cause whatsoever! Some admit this is a problem, but they claim that saying “God did it” explains nothing because you then have to explain where God came from. But is this a valid objection?



Atheists often ask, “Who created God?” They reason that if a creator needs to have been made by a creator, that creator would also need a creator who needs a creator, and this would be like an infinite chain of toppling dominos, which becomes an impossibility. However, the question of “who created God” is not a viable question to ask, since

the Bible teaches God exists outside of time, as we understand it, and that He is an Eternal Being. God is the uncaused cause of everything that exists. Since God, by definition, is the Creator of the whole universe, He is the Creator of time. Therefore, He is not limited by the time dimension He created and therefore has no beginning in time. God is “the high and lofty One that inhabited eternity” (Isaiah 57:15). This means He doesn’t have a cause. He is eternal (Rev. 1:8).

Here is a question to ask the atheist. If the universe created you, or caused your existence (you came out of the universe), then who created or caused the universe? How did things begin? Atheists must keep moving back to how things got started. They have no scientific or viable answers to the origins of how everything got started and exists today. This is because something cannot come from nothing. How can nothing produce everything?

Think of it this way. If every EFFECT must have a CAUSE then there must be Someone (God) who exists *outside every cause, time, and history* as we know it, who could create the universe in six literal days and start everything.

Exodus 20:11

“For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

The eternal God is not the result of a cause – He is the cause of everything. John 1:3 declares:

“All things were made by Him (Christ the Word); and without Him was not any thing made that was made.”

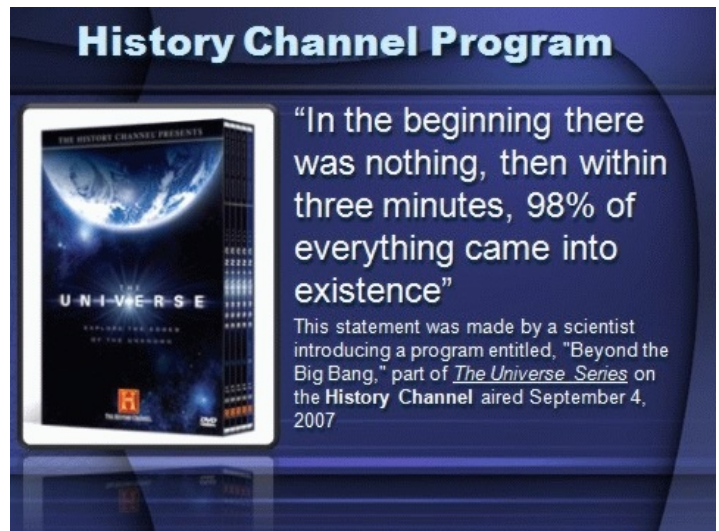
Colossians 1:16 adds:

“For by Him (God the Son) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in

earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him.”

Here is the bottom line. Either the universe came into existence without a cause (everything came from nothing) or an intelligent eternal God, who has no cause related to His own existence, created everything. Either you have a chance explosion that started everything, without knowing where the mechanisms came from that caused the explosion, or you have God as the starting and ending point of everything that exists. Take your pick!

The history channel provides a popular atheist option. Everything came from nothing! **“In the beginning there was nothing, then within three minutes, 98% of everything came into existence.”** Or there is the Biblical (Bible) option. Genesis 1:1 declares, **“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”** Of course, this makes more sense than any of the illogical theories that the natural man (1 Cor. 2:14) presents for the origins of the universe and life. This being said; it is important to understand that both evolution and Christianity are faith-based religious beliefs.



What is a more rational faith? Everything began from nothing by random chance (atheism) or everything was created by an eternal God who possesses personality and intelligence? The view of Biblical Christianity is the only rational option. Everyone has a presupposition faith. The question is whose faith is more logical – the evolutionary faith or Christian faith?

Hebrews 11:6 says,

“But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*: for He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”



I must confess that I don’t have enough faith to be an atheist! I cannot believe the universe and everything in it popped into existence by chance and through progressive evolutionary development. I don’t have enough faith to believe I came from slime and am nothing else but a glorified ape.



Francis Crick, an evolutionist who believes life got started by aliens delivering primordial slime to earth, was quoted as saying: “An *honest* man, armed with all the knowledge available to us now, could only state that in some sense, the origin of life appears at the moment to be almost a *miracle*, so many are the conditions which would have had to have been satisfied to get it going.”

What is more scientific? Every effect must have a cause *except* the universes' existence (atheistic view). Or everything we know about within the space-time continuum has a legitimate cause, including the universe and people within it, and God is that cause of everything that exists (Christian view).

In summary, how can atheists conclude that the universe can originate from nothing or concede the universe can be eternal and still reject God? There is no rational answer to this question other than a person's attempt to put an eternal God out of their minds, to replace an intelligent God with unintelligent matter, and to reject moral accountability to a moral Creator and Lawgiver.

Hebrews 4:13 reveals:

“Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”

Everyone understands by intuitive knowledge placed within them by God, that they are morally accountable to Him. Romans 1:19 says, “Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them (in their inward conscience); for God hath shewed *it* unto them” (through outward creation). God has not left anyone without a revelation of Himself. However, many seek to put God out of their conscience to avoid accountability to Him for their sins. They do not want to face the wrath and displeasure of a Creator. But putting God out of one's mind results in mindless theories.

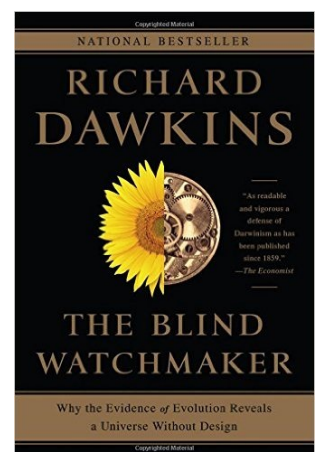
The Bible calls these theories “vain imaginations” (Rom. 1:21). For instance, if the universe came into existence by chance, through materialistic mechanisms coming together, as some suggest, then what is the explanation of the origin of these chance mechanisms? How can something originate from nothing without there being at one point a supernatural God who creates? If you keep going back far enough, you will come face to face with God!

Revelation 4:11 says:

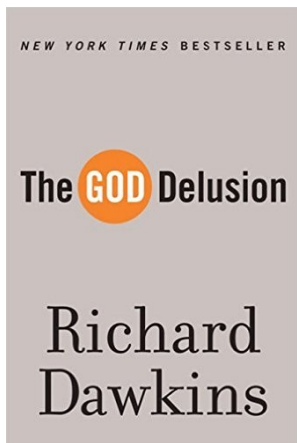
“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.”

Believing in an eternal Creator is not a “lazy way out” regarding the origins of life, as Richard Dawkins the evangelist for atheism suggests; it's the only way out! Dawkins tries to reason that spontaneous generation (life originating from something dead) is the only way out (the only way to explain the origin of life). However, to conclude that life originated from primordial soup billions of years ago after the universe came into existence by a spontaneous, accidental explosion of some kind is a “loony way out!” This is blind faith and reasoning.

Richard Dawkins relegates design and the universe to what he calls “the watchmaker ... of the blind forces of physics.” Instead of choosing a skilled watchmaker to bring about the universe and all that is in the world, he argues for a blind watchmaker (the chance and time of evolution). Basically, Dawkins is insisting that the blind chance of natural selection and mutations working together provided the mechanism for the evolutionary process. This is just a sophisticated way of saying that blind chance and evolution is the designer! How rational and logic is this reasoning? The complexity of a single cell, the eye, ear, and intricacies of the human brain all point to a Creator or Designer called God – not what Dawkins calls a blind watchmaker! The Christian faith is more logical (Heb. 11:1-



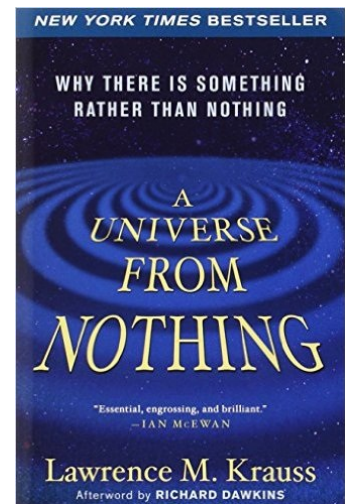
2) and can be viewed as a “reasonable” or rational faith that rests upon certain apologetic facts (1 Pet. 3:15).



Dawkins also writes of the “God delusion” of Christians who believe in creation over evolution, but one must wonder who is really deluded? A person who is said to be a “fool” (Ps. 14:1; 53:1) is the deluded person. From a *spiritual* standpoint of rejecting the existence of God as the Creator, Dawkins and all the rest of evolutionary scientists and cosmologists are fools. This is what God says! Can everything we see today really originate from nothing? Can everything come into existence by chance without a Creator? The logic of creation is built into the universe (Rom. 1:20) which tells the never ending story that the universe is not haphazard or arbitrary.

When it comes to the origin of life, evolutionists are philosophers – not scientists. The Bible says in 1 Timothy 6:20 that we should avoid and reject “profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of science (knowledge) falsely so called.” In other words, any science or knowledge that is opposed to the truth of God’s existence is nothing more than empty talk. It is senseless because taking God out of the equation means that everything in existence today actually came from nothing. Nothing resulted in everything. How utterly senseless and meaningless!

A universe from nothing? Brilliant! Krauss believes that not only can something arise from nothing, something will *always* arise from nothing. Really? Is there anything scientific about this reasoning? Is this even rational? Absolutely not. It’s blind philosophy. This principle and fundamental law of causation (everything has a cause) is so fundamental that if I said that the chair you are sitting on, which must have had a beginning, just popped into existence without any cause, you might justifiably think I need a psychiatric assessment!



Those who reject God as the Creator not only have to believe that matter came into being without any cause; they also must believe that life itself popped into existence without an adequate cause. Life came from nonlife? Of course, there is nothing scientific about this. It is actually a ludicrous conclusion that defies all science and sense.

Someone summed up the evolutionary theory in this way:

“Once I was a tadpole, beginning to begin, then I was a frog with my tail tucked in, then I was a monkey in a banyan tree, and now I am a professor with a P.H.D.”

Now, you have every right to believe this, but in believing it, you become an absolute fool! The Bible says, “Professing themselves to be wise they became as fools” (Rom. 1:22). Secular cosmological and evolutionary theories of the origins of the universe and life are foolish because they disregard God. Nothing makes sense without God. You cannot have something coming from nothing. You cannot have eternal things without an eternal Creator. You cannot have life evolving from nonlife. The popular evolutionary phrase, “Life finds a way” is ludicrous. Life cannot find a way from nonlife. Both the natural and Biblical revelation defy this nonsensical proposition. Life does NOT find a way without a

Creator! In fact, all the mind-boggling mechanisms related to life were originally designed by the Designer back in Genesis.

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? If we are honest with the revelation of Scripture and life as we know it today, we must conclude that the chicken came first. God did NOT create an egg first; He made the chicken to bring forth the egg. In a similar way, God created everything in the beginning - the universe, animals and man (Gen. 1 and John 1:1-3). Naturalism, which says everything evolved naturally, by chance, with no direct creative miracle, lacks common sense, scientific facts, defies Biblical revelation, and also natural revelation (Rom. 1:19-20).



Jesus said in Luke 6:39: “Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?”

The evolutionary atheist has fallen into the ditch with his blinded theories that teach the universe came into existence from nothing and everything has evolved by chance and time. The observations and measurements of evolutionists are NOT scientifically objective; they are subjective and based upon a preconceived belief system of faith (an unreasonable faith). The notion that the universe is billions of years old and that life and morals emerged from inanimate matter (primordial slime), which then formed life-forms through a series of slow changes and genetic mutations that took 20 billion years (or longer) is based on naturalistic presuppositions - not scientific facts!



Cosmogony (the study of the origin of the universe) is an area where science and theology meet. Creation was a supernatural event that took place outside of the natural realm. Most evolutionists and materialists will admit that we don't know everything about the universe. If this is true, isn't it also possible that God as the Creator can exist outside the universe of space and time, as we know and understand it? This is exactly what the Bible declares.

Psalm 90:2

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.”

If you accept God as the Creator of the universe and yourself (Acts 14:15), the “God that made the world and all things therein” (Acts 17:24), then you can also accept the fact that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, who came into the world to die on the cross and save you from God's wrath and judgment. The Lawgiver (God) which you have been rejecting has given you a way out. He provided a way of salvation and deliverance for you from the consequences of your sin.

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Jesus died on the cross bearing the necessary judgment that God required for your sin. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” or the moral perfection of God (Rom. 3:23). The Bible says in Romans 6:23 that “the wages of sin is death” (separation from God in hell) “but the gift of God is eternal life (spiritual life forever with God in Heaven) through Jesus Christ our Lord.” This means that when you die, you can be reassured that you will live with God forever in Heaven.



In order to receive this free gift of eternal life, you must believe in Jesus Christ, that He came from Heaven, lived on earth, died, and rose again to grant you this life in Heaven forever. This is the message of the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 states:

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

Are you ready to place faith in Jesus Christ? Both the Bible and secular history prove that Jesus Christ lived on earth and died on a cross. The Bible also records that eyewitnesses saw Christ alive after His resurrection (Acts 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:5-8). Are you willing to place your faith in Jesus Christ and receive the free gift of eternal life that He offers you? If so, express faith in Him right now. God will hear you and you can be reassured that you will one day enter Heaven when you die.

John 14:6

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”