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Why I Believe God Is - Part 1

Introduction

We are living in an age when the christian faith is being assailed on every hand. God is mocked and His name is used as a curse word, yet God remains silent. Man fails to understand there are consequences for mocking the Living God. To the man in the street it does not seem to matter if there is a mocking of God or despising the sacrifice of His Son. Sadly, there are many individuals brought up in christian homes and taught the scriptures in teenage years, yet there are those who, because of their choice of friends, attending Godless universities etc., reject their christian heritage. They not only reject the truths of the scriptures but some even decide that there is no God. How can we as parents and spiritual leaders help them be re-established in their faith?

A word of caution:

- a) Of course the first and foremost answer is to earnestly commit them to the Holy Spirit in prayer. Throughout the years I have heard many public requests for prayer concerning children who are very sick, especially those with cancer, etc. However, only a few times have I heard public requests for children to be rescued from the clutches of Satanic power.
- b) There is the need also to pray for wisdom to know what to say and what not to say. Also, a very important matter is not to keep harping about, "If you were a real christian" etc. and let the Holy Spirit do His work in His way. Sadly there are many for whom the subject of God's salvation is no longer a topic of conversation. Despite the well meaning concerns of parents or friends in their desire to rescue the individual from eternal night, the individuals have tuned them out and no longer visit any christian establishment or anywhere where the gospel would be spoken of.

The Departure From The Truth

From what I am given to understand, Dr. Matthews, in an earlier edition of Darwin's "Origin of the Species" wrote, "Evolution and creation are both the same, neither are scientific, both are acts of faith". When there is a rejection of the Biblical teaching and the acceptance of atheism, it is not because a godless universe is more rational but an act of the will. It may be a desire of the individual to do their own thing or to conform to their peers and decide that life is easier if they deny the entire thing and declare themselves as evolutionists, atheists or agnostic, but the individual decides to be "free" from the laws of God. For such an one (but not for all), when the mind is made up, no amount of evidence will change their minds as is clearly presented in the narrative concerning the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man in Hell asked for someone to rise from the dead and speak to his brethren, but Abraham told him, "They have Moses and the prophets" (Lk. 16:29). In other words, the truth of God is quite sufficient to convict a person of their need for salvation and no amount of miracles, etc. would change their mind. When rejecting Biblical truths, the result is the individual puts their faith in "chance" and "spiritual ignorance". Let me illustrate. Some years ago when on one of the islands of the Shetlands, we met a woman who declared that rocks were living things. To any sane mind such is utter foolishness for rocks are void of life and cannot reproduce, have feelings or die. They are "stone dead". Yet this is what evolutionists, atheists and agnostics are forced to accept, for they believe rocks and humanity, animals and grasses, the earth and galaxies all came from dead slime. They are forced to accept that out of death came life, out of disorder came order, out of amorality came morals, out of having zero concern for righteous retribution came justice. It is complete foolishness. This and the next "Front Pages" will present that which I see as evidence for God.

What are we if not the creation of God?

If we are not the creation of God then all we are is this little blimp called life in the universe. We exist without purpose, only for personal pleasure while alive, doing one's thing, but at the end all is empty. We then die and by and large our meaningless life on earth is gone. We die like an animal, no Heaven or Hell, nothing, absolutely nothing. All we are is a handful of rotting flesh and then dust. In dying we could look back some 70 years and sing the song of the Rolling Stones, "I can't get no satisfaction".

If God did not create man in the beginning and if we are not His creation, then there is no purpose for being here. There is no significant meaning for life. We are nothing more than a combination of accidents and happenstances

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that can change at any moment. For instance, a few months ago the corona virus was running rampant across the world. Suddenly life changed dramatically. This is such a small thing but since all happens by chance, what if gravity changed, what if an asteroid came too close to the earth? What is stopping a catastrophic earthquake shaking this world, what is to stop multi volcanoes erupting in very quick succession? The answer is, “nothing”, if there is no God.

The rejection of God, who is in control, results in life being meaningless, just work, eat, and sleep from birth until death. Seventy long years of repeated sorrows, weariness and toil without purpose. Solomon sought to make the best of life, trying every aspect of what people called life and found it all to be empty, void of fulfilling purpose.

When an individual brings God into the picture and begins with, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen. 1:1) one is faced with the reality that life has purpose, we are not accidents. Furthermore, in the greater aspects of life there is life after death. Death is the transference of dwelling place. In that greater picture I shall continue to live either in fellowship with God or under His wrath, Heaven or Hell for the lifetime of God, and God will never die.

Which comes first?

Which comes first, belief in the God who communicates and gave the scriptures, or belief that the scriptures are true and therefore belief in God? If I believe the scriptures are true, what do I base that on? If the scriptures are a series of myths, would I believe there is a God? If on the other hand I did not believe there is a God, would I accept the scriptures as true?

- a) It is the acceptance of both being true or none of them being true. If the scriptures purport to be from God but are not true, then the representation they make of a God, who is perfect, is false. If God who purports to know everything gives prophetic statements which in time are proven to be false, then we can discard the idea that the Bible is inspired and a holy book.
- b) Therefore, the individual must begin with either there is no God and the scriptures are just another book, or the scriptures are a unique book, true in every aspect, and therefore believe in the God they speak about.
- c) Nowhere does the Bible set out to prove God’s existence. It simply begins with an authoritative statement of finality, “In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth” (Gen. 1:1).
- d) What could one present which bears evidence to a supreme Being without the use of the scriptures?

What is proof God is?

In such a consideration the individual must discern the distinction between “evidence” and “proof”. What is proof? Proof of anything is the final verdict of a particular argument. Truth is founded on the substantiated facts which universally remain unchanged in time or era, based on observation and deduction. Those substantiated facts are the evidences of the truth which, when set before the individual, become proof of a particular happening. I believe that there is a certain color which we call “red”, another we call “orange”. However, how would one prove it is red or orange? What is the evidence? We simply believe that particular shade is red because that is what we have been taught. But, we cannot prove it is red and not orange or pink. I am steadfastly convinced in the reality of God, not based on what I was taught, but because when the evidences are gathered together they present the unshakable truth that God is.

Is God just a fairy tale?

Why do I believe God is? The question is meant to be much more than an intellectual agreement on the existence of God, but rather do I have an unshakable conviction that there is one supreme Being to be acknowledged as God? There are thousands who live, debate, and argue that there is no such a Person. This begs the question, “Why live to deny that God exists if He is just a mythical figure like Santa Clause”? “Why would people deny

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the existence of God"? The answer is simply because they are afraid of having to face the Supreme Being to whom they are accountable.

Some very simple questions:

- a) Which group of people have raised the quality of humanities life, those who believe in God or atheists etc?
- b) Which has sought to care for humanity more by hospitals etc., those who believe in God or atheists?
- c) If believing in God is a crutch to some people and resulted in being a blessing to humanity having done no personal, moral, intellectual or emotional harm to an individual, why take away that crutch?

...*To be continued*

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