



Brotherhood In Jesus Christ

Bible Studies

Does God really exist?

Lesson # 1

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Our school of wisdom is the UNCHANGED WORD OF GOD - as given to us in the Bible. We do not need teachings of occult students or professors, to understand CHRIST'S BROTHERHOOD. We need neither astrology, nor philosophy, nor human science to understand God's laws of nature. God's power is made visible to every individual person who can see, smell, hear and feel. Therefore that which may be known of God is manifest in them. God has shown it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen. Even his eternal power and Godhead can be understood by the things that are made. So they are without excuse. Yet when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, nor were they thankful, but became vain in their imaginations. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools and their heart was darkened [Romans 1: 19-22].

Philosophy is pointed out in the dictionary as "the inquiry into the most comprehensive principles of reality in general, or of some sector of it, as human knowledge or human values, the love of wisdom, and the search for it " and "the general laws that furnish the rational explanation of anything."

Religion is pointed out as "the beliefs, attitudes, emotions, behavior, etc., constituting man's relationship with the powers and principles of the universe, and with a deity or deities."

“Honour all men. **Love the brotherhood.**

Fear God. Honour the king.” 1 Peter 2:17 (KJV)

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For we read in Ezekiel 18: 21-23 and 28:
“But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?”--“Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die” [Ez: 18: 21-23, 28]. – So we see that there is still hope for all, for we all come short of the glory of God. We all have sinned! But if we come to God and repent from our sins, and change our attitude of mind and turn to God, He is just and merciful to forgive us!

Can men play God?

We know that man was formed by God from dust [Genesis 2:7]. Can man - in turn - likewise form dust into human beings and give them life and the capability to breathe, to think and to multiply on their own? Can man truly create living human beings out of dust or slime?

No, absolutely not!

By creating “test tube babies” or clones, man is simply taking life cells from already living creatures by sample or seed, which means that life is taken from life as seed and than is only duplicated. Man has not the power to create life forms out of dust.

May the LORD bless you abundantly as you study
His word in your search for truth.

Again in Nehemiah 9: 6 we read:

"Thou, even Thou, art Lord alone; Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein and Thou preserve them all and the host of heaven worships Thee."

For all those people who deny that God exists, although His power is made visible and known to them by the things He has created, it would be good to read Psalm 14: 1; Job 21: 30 and Proverbs 16: 4.

Psalms 10:4 tells us that: "The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts."

That there is only one creative God is also seen in Deuteronomy 4: 35; 32:39; Isaiah 45: 5-8 and 18-22.

Let us not forget that the Lord is looking down on every one of us, to see whether we do understand and seek after Him. Read Psalms 11: 4-5; 14: 2; 33: 13-15 and Job 28: 24. We will quote only two of them here.

Psalms 11: 4-5 and 33:13-15

"The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: His eyes behold, His eyelids try the children of men. The Lord tries the righteous: but the wicked and him that loves violence His soul hates." -- "The Lord looks from heaven; He beholds all the sons of men. From the place of His habitation He looks upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashions their hearts alike; He considers all their works."

Mark 16:16 tells us:

"He that believes and is baptised shall be saved, but he that believes not shall be damned." But there is always hope, for we are assured by God's word that even the wicked can be saved **when they turn away from their wickedness.**

Therefore let us find the truth in Jesus Christ of Nazareth; take Him seriously in real faith and action finds favor of the Lord. He is the truth, the life and the way! He provides confidence, refuge and the fountain of life. Read for that in John 14:6, Proverbs 8:35, Proverbs 14:26-27, John 1:4 and Colossians 3:4.

Let us not err but get to know the scriptures. Do not disregard the power of God! Jesus brought compassion and love. He offers His grace to all that come to Him. This is a love, which causes no harm to the neighbour ["love thy neighbour as thyself" Mt: 22:39]. Jesus changed lives, which were miserable and empty through sin into lives that become rich and filled with joy.

We believe in the validity of information as is found in the Bible. Become a converted Christian. Kneel before Christ, do not discuss Him, but become obedient to His word (read Philippians 2:5-11). Get down to your knees and humble yourself, for by His resurrection from the dead to eternal life we also will receive eternal life.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, or instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Learn of God's will and purpose of life and receive encouragement, strength and peace of mind while participating in the Bible study of the

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Does God really exist?

To find answers we have to rely on common sense and scientific evidence. We know that everything that ever was made or created, even by humans has never evolved on it's own, but always had to have a designer and some one who makes or manufactures it according to design or nothing would become of the idea. One could wait thousands of years and still nothing would become of the idea. The raw material would maintain its existing form only. We know that a watch will never evolve on it's own from a lump of gold. It has to have a designer and a watchmaker to become a functioning timepiece. Likewise nothing comes or evolves from slime. It simply remains slime no matter how long we wait. We know that all life forms produce only after their own kind. There may appear variation in size and color within the kind, but a dog for example will always only reproduce a dog and no other form of life. Fact is that every life form reproduces only after it's own kind. So likewise requires the universe, the world as we see it, with all its intricate and interdependent life forms a designer and maker who sustains it all.

How can people come up with the idea that the universe as we see it with all it's variations and many interdependent life forms could have evolved out of slime? We should ask ourselves the following question:

Who hung the universe in its orbital location
around the sun?

Who created the atmosphere we breathe and placed the
moon and the stars in the sky?

Where did the clay, the sand, the water
and the slime come from?

Who planted the trees, flowers, the many variations of
grasses and animals in and out of the waters?

from? Who created the slime? Who formed the gases for the big bang through which all life forms supposedly evolved? They talk about an explosion of gases. Where did the gas come from? Where did the spark come from or space for that matter?

What are the chances of a watch forming from an explosion of gases, or a lump of gold, without design and intelligent workmanship, in a thousand years? Some may say, if given enough time! Just how much time is enough?

Archeology and science prove, never disprove, the Bible. And the scriptures themselves inform us that the great power of God is made known to us, yes, even clearly shown to us, by all the things that were established. This tells us that God's eternal power is made manifest through all we can see, touch, eat, taste, smell, feel and walk on, and is perpetually maintained year by year. God is the maker of all things that are, so He is superior and separate from all He has created. For "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." [Ps: 19: 1]

In Psalms 102: 25, 26 and Hebrews 1:10-12

God says:

"Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed." – "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thine hands. They shall perish, but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; - And as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed, but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail."

sign and purpose in mind. They believe in something that never has nor ever will happen. Delicate and intricate designs of life forms never evolve out of slime or from an accidental explosion of gases. Therefore it takes much more faith to believe in evolution than in creation.

Is it enough to acknowledge that God exists? **No!** We also have to trust in His word, which testifies of Him?

Now let us look around and recognise the miraculous handiwork God has done! In it His creational power and wisdom is made known to all of us. Look at the wonderful biological functions of the human body, in which everything is so perfectly formed to be useful! Here was a MASTER at work, to show us His perfect wisdom. Man is the only living creature created in God's image. He has a conscience and a mind with which he can make decisions, which help him to think and reason, with which he also has creative powers although in a limited fashion. **No animal has these capabilities!** Being designed this way, man is able to choose, believe or reject by his own brainpower. We have the freedom of choice to decide whether to believe and follow God's records and instructions as given to us in the Bible or reject them and follow ideas and traditions of men. God gave this capability to every human being, thus making man free to choose what he wants to believe in or do.

Evolution has no foundation!

Evolution teaches that the strata determine the fossil age. How then do the fossils determine the strata ages? This is a strange concept! Yet there is a complete lack of transitional species. Whereas if things happened as evolutionists propose, they should have evidence for this in the millions. They base their theory only on pre-existing material, but where did that material originate

Common sense should tell us that there must have been a plan, a designer and contractor to perform that work. It is God the Almighty our Creator who formed it all and who placed us here on this earth. He fulfilled His plan (Psalm 33: 6-9)!

Man's ignorance is revealed!

When God asks questions as seen in Job chapter 38:
Where were you when I laid the foundations?
Who laid the measurements and the corner stone?
Whereon are the foundations laid and fastened to?
Who shut up the sea with borders?
Who commanded the morning and day to know its place?
Who produced the clouds as garments and brake them up?
Have you created the springs of the sea?
Or have you walked the floor of the ocean depth?
Where is the dwelling of light and darkness?
How would you know the breath of the earth?
Who caused the rain to fall , the grass and trees to grow?

Answer Me if you know how it all happened!

So when the scriptures simply tell us
in Genesis 1:1-3 that:

“In the beginning GOD created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void: and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of GOD moved upon the face of the waters. - And GOD said, let there be lights and there was light.” We ought to believe His statement! For God also said: “I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me: - That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside Me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. - **I form the light and the darkness: I make peace, and create evils I the Lord do all these things**” [Isaiah 45: 5-7].

John 1: 2-3; Hebrews 1: 1-3 and 9:24 are even more specific by calling God “the Christ”. Let us read these verses:

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the WORD was GOD - The same was in the beginning with God. - **All things were made by Him**; and without Him, was not anything made that was made.” [John 1: 1-3]

Now “God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, - Hath in these **last days** spoken unto us **by His son**, whom He hath appointed HEIR OF ALL THINGS, by whom also He made the worlds. - Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.” [Hebrews 1:1-3]

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us” (Heb: 9:24).

Those are powerful words! They unmistakably state that God, Jesus Christ, then known as the “Word”, created heaven and earth and all things therein. He also created man out of clay in the image of God as seen in Genesis 1: 26-27 and 2:1-4.

All these scriptures reveal that God existed already *before* the creation of this planet earth took place. We either believe or reject this information.

Proverbs 8:23, 27, 30 and Psalms 90:2 verifies this fact: For we read: “I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. - When He prepared the heavens, I was there. When He set a compass upon the face of the depth, - then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him. And I was daily His delight, rejoicing always

before Him.” - “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.” [Ps: 90:2]

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” [Rev: 1:8 see also Rev. 22:13]

“Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end” [Psalms 102: 27]. - “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” [Heb: 13:8].

With these scriptures we are informed that God is the Creator, the Almighty that always was, is and will be present. Let us therefore take the words by faith, which we find recorded in the scriptures. Hebrews 11: 3 states that: “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.”

We should never forget that the WORD of GOD is written for our learning. All scripture is given by inspiration of GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof for correction, for instruction in righteousness” [2Tim: 3:16]. “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. - For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of mans, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” [2 Peter 1: 20-21]

The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen and can be understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead. So men are without excuse (Rom. 1: 19-21). Yet evolutionists are imaginary. Their ideas are a religion in itself. Evolutionists believe that life forms evolved randomly out of slime without any intelligence for prior de-