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*Lesson One*  
**INFIDELITY**

*“The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.” Psalm 14:1*

An infidel is simply one who does not believe. Specifically, for the purpose of this study, one who does not believe in God. Disbelief is something that is not new to our society. People on down through the ages have claimed to disbelieve in a true and living God. We are reminded of Pharaoh from the time of Moses. When Moses approached him with the request to set free the Israelites, he made it known that the command was from God Himself. Pharaoh’s response? “Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go.”(Exodus 5:2). Pharaoh did not believe in, nor acknowledge, the true and living God as being real. He was an infidel.

**OUR AGE**

Our society is filled with multitudes of people who deny the existence of God for one reason or another. It’s not because there is a shortage of Bibles, or preaching, or churches. So there must be other reasons why such a large part of our society refuses to acknowledge the existence of God. We will talk about some of them shortly, but first, let’s take a look how some have categorized those who are unbelievers.

- **ATHEIST**: This word comes from two different words in the Greek language. “A” which means “no” and “*theos*” which means God. “No God for me” is their clarion call. These folks not only disbelieve in God, but they are actually antagonistic against Him, as was old Pharaoh.
- **SKEPTIC**: This is the unbeliever who is not as bold and outspoken as those who are considered atheists. They just simply do not believe in the existence of God.
- **AGNOSTIC**: This is the unbeliever who denies that there is enough evidence to adequately prove that God does exist. Some of these are pretty outspoken and others are rather passive.

These are simply classifications which different men have determined. The fact is, for whatever reason, they all deny the existence of God. They do not believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.(Hebrews 11:6). They are called “fools” and they will one day be rewarded with eternal torments.

## GOD HAS SPOKEN

One thing is for certain, God has not been silent in regards to His existence. We can find many passages throughout His word which plainly state this fact.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”(John 1:1) This passage plainly says that God is, and that Jesus is also God. In Acts 17:24-34, Paul preaches a sermon in which He makes it perfectly clear that God exists and that it is He Who has created us and it is through Him that we exist. When Moses asked God what he should tell the Israelites about Who sent him, God simply said, “ ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ and He said, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.’”(Exodus 3:14). The very name I AM claims that He exist. This is just a small sample of the many passages of scripture which declares plainly that God does in fact exist.

## WHY UNBELIEVERS?

If God’s word has been so clear about the fact that He does exist, why are there so many who claim to be unbelievers? A few reasons have been suggested:

- **IGNORANCE:** Romans 1:18-23. It wasn’t that these people did not previously have a knowledge of the existence of God. It was simply because they chose to become ignorant about the reality of God. They were too interested in living the way they desired.
- **PRIDE:** These people will not accept belief in God simply because they are too proud to do so. Dr. Henry Morris, in his book *The Twilight of Evolution*, eloquently said, “The main reason most educated people believe in evolution is simply because they have been told that most educated people believe in evolution.” People have been pressured by there friends and teachers to accept evolution and deny the existence of God. They have not considered the factual evidences, they are simply too “intellectually” proud to accept the “silly idea” of a God.
- **IMMORALITY:** John 3:19,20. These people refuse to accept the reality of God simply because they want to live in the pleasure of the flesh without having to be responsible to a higher power(God). In an article which was titled “Confessions of a Professed Atheist,” An atheist named Aldous Huxley frankly admitted that accepting the reality of God would hinder his “sexual freedom.” As said in the passage quoted above, “They are corrupt, They have done abominable works.”(Psalm 14:1)

## HEART PROBLEM OR MIND PROBLEM?

Regardless of the reasons given for denying the existence of God, it is certain that it is not an intellectual problem. The proofs abound which demonstrate that there must be a God. The problem is emotional, it is in the heart just as the Psalmist said, “The fool has said in his HEART, there is no God.”(emphasis mine, mp). Jesus made a distinction between the “heart” and the “mind” in Matthew 22:37 when he said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” What’s the difference? The heart does not refer to the blood pump located in the chest of the human body. To the Jew, the heart represented the emotions. It was the seat of emotions. Jesus said that one should love God with all of his emotions or with all of his will. The “mind,” on the other hand, represents the intellect. One should love God not only emotionally but intellectually as well.

One does not and cannot intellectually deny God. So he does so emotionally. Denying God did not begin with the intellect, it began with the heart, the will, the emotions. Man did not wish to humble himself before God. He wanted to go on and live a corrupt life of pleasure and so he first denies God with his emotions, then he tries to deny God with his intellect. Many attempts have been made down through the years at denying God intellectually. Most recently, the theory of evolution has been the popular attempt at doing so. But even the main representatives of this evil doctrine have candidly admitted that it cannot be proven. Here are just a few statements which come from those prominent in the field of evolution.

- D.M.S. WATSON: “Evolution itself is accepted by zoologists, not because it has been observed to occur...or can be proved by logically coherent evidence, but because the only alternative, special creation, is clearly incredible.”(“Adaptation,” *IN: Nature*, 1929, pg. 233)
- SIR AUTHUR KEITH: “Evolution is unproved and unprovable. We believe it because the only alternative is special creation, and that is unthinkable.”(Quoted in: *Evolution or Creation*, H. Enoch, Evangelical Press, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1967, pg. 71)
- DR. L.T. MORE: “our faith in the idea of evolution depends upon our reluctance to accept the antagonistic doctrine of special creation.” (*The Dogma of Evolution*, Dr. L.T. More, Princeton University Press, 1925, pg. 304)

What these men mean by “special creation” is the idea that God created the world. And they all clearly said that the only reason they chose to accept the “unprovable” theory of evolution is simply because they did not wish to believe in God. As a result, they, and many others, have catered to the desires of every other person who wished to live a “Godless” life, by propagating this great heresy called evolution. As the Psalmist taught, people simply do not wish to live their lives in subjection

to a God which they cannot intellectually deny. So they have chosen to deny Him with their will, their emotions, their hearts.

### **“PROVE ALL THINGS”**

Can God be proven to exist? Absolutely. In following chapters, we will examine just a small portion of these “evidences.” Volumes have been written which have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that God must exist. We are simply going to deal with a few of the basic ideas which should instill in the heart and mind of the honest person that God definitely exists, and that He requires man to obey Him.

Many have argued down through the years that it is wrong to try to prove that God exist. The idea, so they say, is that we should just simply accept the existence of God. Proving Him would take away faith. As if faith is supposed to be totally blind. But Paul wrote clearly in 1 Thessalonians 5:21, “Prove all things...”. Learning more about the existence of God does not at all deter our faith. R.L Whiteside made a wonderful statement along these lines, “It is thought by some that faith ends where knowledge begins. But does it? Is it not rather a fact that faith can be increased only by an increase in knowledge? Will faith be lost in sight, as we have so often heard? Where does the Bible say anything like that? Have we not had this thing all wrong? Are we to think for a moment that the more we know God, the less we will believe him! I cannot think so.”(*Doctrinal Discourses*, pp. 102-103)

Whiteside was right. God tells us to prove all things! This certainly does not exclude His existence. It needs to be proven to the infidel that God exists. Jesus did not deny proof. Indeed, He worked many great miracles in order to prove that He was and is the Son of God. Jesus said in John 5:36, “...for the works which the Father has given Me to finish--the very works that I do--bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.” If the works He did proved that the Father had sent Him, then the works that He did also verified that there was a Father! Jesus gave proof! When “doubting” Thomas came to Jesus in John 20 asking for proof, Jesus did not turn him away saying that he should just believe. “Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.’”

I can say this without reservation, The more I study Christian evidences, the stronger my faith in God grows. God did not “leave Himself without witness,...”(Acts 14:17). Indeed, He has given us much proof, even in the creation. David proclaimed, “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork”(Psalm 19:1). Paul argued in Romans 1:20 that God has shown Himself to exist, even in the things which have been created. Studying nature and the stars, The plant life and the animal life, even studying the rocks, can show the existence of an intelligent designer and Creator. I hope that the things we will study in this book will be as beneficial to your faith as it has been to mine.

*Lesson One*  
**STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. What is an infidel?
2. What was Pharaoh's response to Moses' demand?
3. What are not some reasons why many in our nation do not claim to believe in God?
4. What are 3 types of unbelievers which are suggested by some?
5. What does the word "atheist" literally mean?
6. What is the difference between an atheist and a skeptic?
7. What will happen to those, eternally, who do not believe in God?
8. Has God claimed that He exist?(Give three passages)
9. Name three reasons why people refuse to acknowledge the existence of God.
10. Who made this statement: "The main reason most educated people believe in evolution is simply because they have been told that most educated people believe in evolution." \_\_\_\_\_.
11. What reason did Aldous Huxley give for denying the existence of God?
12. According to Psalm 14:1, how do men initially deny God?
13. Explain the difference between the "heart" and the "mind. Give a passage where the two are used distinct from one another.
14. What is meant by the term "special creation?"
15. Why did the three men listed choose to accept the unprovable theory of evolution?
16. How is faith affected when proof is given for God's existence?  
Choose 1: A) Faith is increased. B) Faith is destroyed.

## *Lesson Two*

### **THE RIGHT METHOD**

*“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”*  
1 Thessalonians 5:21

The passage above demands that we prove things. This, of course, includes God’s existence. To say that proving God’s existence is destructive to faith is simply not true. The more we learn about God, either from His book(The Bible) or from nature, only serves to increase faith. Our faith that is well pleasing is the belief that God does in fact exist(Hebrews 11:6). And we are told in 1 Peter 3:15, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” A good study in Christian Evidences equips us to give that defense of the existence of God. There is nothing contrary to faith about it. The child of God certainly has subjective faith in God. That is, we know in our hearts that God exists. But we want to deal with the abundance of objective evidence in our quest to prove God’s existence. That is, we want to study the tangible proofs that point toward the reality of God. One does not kiss his brains goodbye when he becomes a Christian. Truthfully speaking, the person who is really intelligent, is the person who accepts God’s existence in spite of the majority of unbelievers.

There are basically two methods we want to examine, by which things can be proven. Let’s take a look at them...

### **THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD**

The Scientific Method is the examination of evidence by which to prove the reality of certain things by experimentation and duplication. It is the method by which you repeat things over and over again until you can prove your thesis statistically. Something which is proven by this method is something which can be observed to take place consistently over and over again. Anything that is proven by this method is said to be proven empirically; that is, that which is based solely upon experiment and observation.

Before continuing, lets understand a very unfortunate fact. For many people in this nation, the Scientific Method is the only method that is acceptable, and modern day science has become a god itself. We sometimes hear people say, “Can you prove that?,” when what they really mean is, Can you prove that scientifically. This is just another thing which shows the ignorance of many people. They want to only believe in those things which can be detected by the five senses of the body. If they can’t see, hear, smell, touch, or taste something, they don’t want to believe it exists.

This is foolish, for they cannot even prove that they were born using

this method. They were only born once and that birth cannot be proven by the Scientific Method. Their birth cannot be repeated over and over again in an observable way. Their birth must be proven using the Legal Method which we will discuss next. Consider also George Washington. Can one prove scientifically that George Washington existed? No. It must be proven by the Legal Method. Ask someone if they believe that Abraham Lincoln said, "Fourscore and seven years ago..." and they will inevitably say "yes." Why do they believe he did? They cannot prove it scientifically, nor did they hear him say it. It must be proven historically, which is done using the Legal Method. Ask someone who has never been to Russia if they believe Russia exists. They will say, "of course." Why? They have never seen, heard, felt, tasted or smelled Russia. If they cannot go there, Russia's existence must be proven to them to exist using another method - the Legal Method. Ask someone if they believe in Love. Surely, most people will say "yes." But why? You cannot see, hear, smell, taste or touch love. It is an intangible emotion. One cannot put his hands on it.

And so you see clearly, in spite of what the majority claim to believe, the Scientific Method is very limited in what it can prove. And everyone, whether they admit it or not, believes many things exist which cannot be proven scientifically. In fact, I would dare say that most of the things people believe exists, cannot be proven scientifically.

## THE LEGAL METHOD

The method by which most things are proven is what some call the Legal Method. Another term for this method is the *prima facie* Method. Wayne Jackson says this about the *prima facie* Method. "A *prima facie* case exists when adequate evidence can be introduced to establish the presumption of a fact, which, unless such can be refuted, legally stands as fact." (Fortify Your Faith; Wayne Jackson; pg. 13; Apologetics Press, INC.; Copyright 1974) This is the way we prove that we were born. And this is the method by which we prove the existence of God. This does not mean that there is no real, tangible evidence which can be used to show God's existence, because there surely is (e.g. the Dead Sea Scrolls, fulfilled prophecy, the creation etc.) . It simply means that God is not something that we can see, hear, taste, smell or touch.

This method of proving things is just as valid as the Scientific Method. And it is the proper Method to use when proving the existence of God. You see, whenever you set out to prove anything, you must use the proper method or you will come up with the wrong conclusion. An X-ray is an excellent piece of machinery and can prove many facts. One says that a man has bones, then uses the X-ray to prove it. This is a proper method of doing so. But one cannot use the X-ray method in order to prove that the man loves his wife. The man does indeed love his wife, but the proper method of proving that is not by using the X-ray machine. The Scientific Method is the proper method of proving many things. But it is not the

proper test to be used when proving many other things. How many people do you think would believe that a man does not love his wife because it doesn't show up on an X-ray? By the same token, how many people should believe that there is no God because it cannot be proven using the Scientific Method? None! Just as using the X-ray to prove a man's love for his wife is the wrong method; using the Scientific Method to prove God's existence is the wrong method! His existence is proven, I believe beyond a shadow of a doubt, using the Legal Method(prima facie).

But why do we refer to it as the Legal Method? Because it is the method which is used in a court of law. What Judge or jury in their right minds would demand that a murderer be proven guilty using the Scientific Method? None. They all recognize the legitimacy of the Legal Method. This is why it is called such. The murder cannot be proven in a lab and it cannot be demonstrated over and over again. The murder only took place one time! If a murderer had to be proven to have murdered using the Scientific Method, no murderer would ever be convicted. Consider this also, During a trial, most of the time, tangible evidence is shown to prove a man's guilt. There is Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C etc.. Many times there are also Eye Witnesses etc. All of this constitutes tangible evidence in proving the man's guilt, but at the same time proving it without using the Scientific Method. And so, this is why I said earlier, that using the Legal Method to prove God, does not mean that we don't use real, tangible evidence to show His existence. But let's take a closer look at some of the aspects of the Legal Method, so we can get a better understanding of how it works.

- **EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS:** Some folks make a distinction between the Historical Method and the Legal Method when in fact the Historical Method is simply a part of the legal Method. Included in this is eye witness accounts. In a court of law, eyewitness accounts are very strong. When an eyewitness to the crime exists, the accused is almost always found guilty. We have in the Bible those who were eyewitnesses. John wrote in 1 John 1:1-3, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-that which we have seen and heard we declare to you..." John and the other Apostles were eye witnesses. Interestingly, he mentions three of the human senses specifically - seeing, hearing, handling. And his witness stands as an eye witness to the fact that Jesus was the Son of God. And if Jesus is the Son of God, then A God must exist for Him to be the Son of! It may also be proper to mention that in Romans 1:20, Paul makes the argument that the creation itself bears witness to the existence of God. When we consider the order of the universe, the only rational conclusion to come

to, is that there must be One Who sets up order. When we observe the intelligent design of the universe, the only rational conclusion is that there must be an intelligent designer. When it is shown that the earth is a effect, there must be a Cause. Look at the creation, Paul says, because it witnesses to the fact that God is!

- **ABUNDANCE OF EVIDENCE:** Also in a court of law, using the Legal Method, there must be sufficient evidence which demonstrates that the accused must be guilty. In proving the existence of God, there must be sufficient evidence to show that He must exist. And there is abundant evidence. We are going to examine some of that evidence in this book. But I must say, we will only touch the hem of the garment in these few pages. Volumes and volumes have been written down through the years which bring forth the evidence that demands the verdict that God exists.
- **DIVERSITY OF SOURCES:** There are many sources used, for example, to prove the Bible to be true. We have references to the Bible and to the reality of the historical Christ, not only from those who were followers of Him, but also from those who did not follow Him and who were even enemies of Him. In so far as proving the Existence of God. There are many sources which can be appealed to. There is creation itself, there is the Bible which can be shown to be the word of God. And if it can be shown that man could not have written the Bible and that it must have been written by God. Then there must be a God Who wrote it! We will discuss this in a later chapter, but there is a real problem that men run into when they claim that the Bible was written from the minds of men. The question then arises: Was it written by good men or bad men? Let's examine this question. It could not have been written by bad men because those bad men would never have said that they were condemned sinners. They would not have consistently exposed there own wickedness and sinful nature as is done many times in the Bible. On the other hand, it could not have been written by good men , because good men would not have written so many lies (e.g. God is, God exist etc..) If it did not originate in the minds of good men or bad men, then it must have originated in the mind of God. Indeed, this is just what it claims. 2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." That word "inspiration," comes from a Greek word which literally means, "God-breathed." This denotes the fact that it came from the mind and mouth of God. As I said, we will later devote an entire chapter showing that the Bible could not have been written by men, but remember, the inspired Bible is just one of the many diversity of sources which can be used to show God's existence.
- **LIVING MONUMENTS:** There are many living monuments that exist which prove many things we would never question. For example, consider Independence Day. On July the fourth folks get out and set off fireworks, among other things, to celebrate America's

independence as a Nation. This is a living monument showing that on July 4th, 1776 the independence of America actually took place. That cannot be proven scientifically, but it is proven using the Legal Method. There are many living monuments in existence today which prove the reality of God and His Son. For example, the Lord's Supper. The Lord's supper is observed every Sunday all across the world and stands as a living monument to the fact that Jesus did live and was the Son of the living God. There is also the church. The very existence of the church all across the world testifies to the fact that God does exist. There are others, but these will suffice for now to demonstrate Legally that there are viable living monuments which testify to the existence of God.

As I said, the Historical Method is just one facet of what we call the Legal Method. It is used to demonstrate the reality of Jesus and the reality and validity of the word of God. If any fair-minded Jury and judge, in any court of law, were to examine the evidence. The only conclusion they could come to, using the proper method- The Legal Method, is that God, without question, must exist.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, let me remind you that God's existence can be proven. But it must be done so using the proper method. The method to be used is known as the Legal Method. It is this method which is also used to prove the majority of things which we accept as fact(e.g. our birth, the existence of Russia, the life of George Washington etc.) Using the Scientific Method to prove the existence of God is like trying to use the X-ray to prove that a man loves his wife. The proper method must be applied or we will come up with an erroneous conclusion. May we all be fair-minded enough to consider the evidence which demands the verdict that God exists.

***Lesson Two***  
***STUDY QUESTIONS***

1. What passage demands that we prove the existence of God?
2. If we can prove that God exists, using the proper method, does this destroy faith or enhance it?
3. What will a good study of evidences do for us?
4. What are the two methods which are used to prove things?
  - 1)
  - 2)
5. Give a brief definition of the Scientific Method.
6. When many people say, "Can you prove that?" What do they really mean?
7. Can you prove scientifically that you were born?
8. Can it be proven, using the Scientific Method, that Abraham Lincoln ever lived?
9. What is love?(Choose one)
  - A) A tangible fact which can be proven scientifically.
  - B) An intangible emotion which must be proven by another method.
10. Most of the things we believe to exist, must be proven using what method?
11. Briefly define the Legal Method.
12. When does a *prima facie* case exist?
13. Would it be proper to measure a man's love for his wife using the X-ray? (If not, does this totally discredit the X-ray method from proving anything?)
14. What is the proper method to use in proving the existence of God?
15. What method is used to prove the guilt of a murderer?
16. List four facets of the Legal Method.
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
  - 4)
17. Is the Scientific Method used in a court of law to prove a defendant guilty or innocent? If no, why not?

## ***Lesson Three*** **INSPIRATION**

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God...”*  
*2 Timothy 3:16*

In our first quest to prove the existence of God, we will show some evidence which demands that we come to the conclusion that the Bible must have been written by God. This is strong proof for the existence of God because if we can show that the Bible must have been written by Him, then He must exist to have written it.

### **INSPIRATION DEFINED**

We first need to define what we mean when we speak of the Bible as being “inspired.” Just what does the word “inspired” mean? Well, it does **NOT** mean that the Bible was inspired in the same way that other classical writings are inspired. Meaning that someone had some sort of special incentive which motivated them to write. This would put the Bible in the same category as those works written by Shakespeare and others. It is important that we understand just how the Bible is inspired, because there are many who, when they speak of inspiration, are speaking of the type we have just mentioned.

The passage quoted above, 2 Timothy 3:16, tells us just how the Bible is inspired. It says, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God...” The word “inspiration” comes from a Greek word which means “God-breathed.” This means that Scripture came from the mouth of God. It came from His mind! He is the Author of the words found in the Bible. But someone says, “Didn’t Paul claim to write certain epistles?” Yes, he did, but Paul realized that he was writing under the influence of the Holy Spirit. He said in 1 Corinthians 14:37, “If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.” Paul knew that the words he was writing were not his words at all, but the words of God. So when we speak of the Bible being inspired, we are not speaking in terms of the modern day definition of “inspired.” We are speaking of the definition of the Greek word that is used, “God-breathed.”

### **PLENARY AND VERBAL**

The term “plenary” means “Full; absolute.” (American Heritage Dictionary). The term “verbal” means, “1. Of, pertaining to, or associated with words. 2. Concerned with words rather than with the facts or ideas they represent.” (American Heritage Dictionary). When we speak of plenary and verbal inspiration, we are speaking correctly about how the

Bible was and is inspired. As noted above, the word plenary denotes the idea that the entire Bible came from the mind of God. It wasn't that just parts of it are inspired, but all of it. There are some who believe that the Bible does contain some words from God, but that it also contains many myths, legends and folk tales of fantasy. If this is true, then the Bible lied about its own claim to inspiration. Remember 2 Timothy 3:16? It says "All scripture...". That's every part of it. ALL of it is God-breathed!

But the Bible is also verbally inspired. This simply means that every WORD was chosen and given by God. There are some who maintain that God just expressed His will to the Biblical writers, then He allowed them to put it in their own words. We should spend some time on this one because there have been some religious conservatives who have latched on to this error. I believe that if every word isn't inspired, then we have no inspiration at all. We simply have inspired men giving their sense of what God breathed.

Look again at our passage in 2 Timothy 3:16. "All scripture is inspired..." What is it that is God-breathed?" "scripture." This word comes from a Greek word (*graphe*) which denotes that which is WRITTEN. What is it that is written? Words! We have words written in the Bible and this passage says that those words (*graphe*) were given by God. The very words were revealed and written, not revealed and then some form of them written from the minds of men. Notice some other passages. David said in 2 Samuel 23:2, "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue." Now the text says that the Spirit spoke "by" David. He used David as His mouthpiece. David spoke, not his own thoughts ABOUT God's revelation, but the very "word" of God. "His word was on my tongue." This is the way God reveals His word to man. Notice Jeremiah 1:9, "Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: 'Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.'" God did not put His words in Jeremiah's mind to be hashed around and then revealed in some other form. He spoke the very "words" through his mouth!

Jesus spoke very clearly on this point. He taught in Matthew 5:18, "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled." The "jot" was the smallest letter in the Hebrew language. The "tittle" was the smallest form of punctuation. Jesus believed so much in verbal (word for word) inspiration, that He speaks of every letter and even every punctuation mark in each sentence as being inspired.

God did not reveal His words to the disciples and then let them meditate on it for a while before writing it down in their own words. Notice what Jesus promised His apostles in Matthew 10:19, "But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak." Luke's account of this adds more emphasis to my point. "Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer." (Luke 21:14). If God

was able to use these men's attitudes and experiences in speaking His very words through them in these incidences, then why is it that He cannot do the same when WRITING through them. They were actually told to NOT meditate beforehand. This is just what 2 Timothy 3:16 teaches about how God revealed all Scripture. The very words were given to the inspired writers. They did not "meditate beforehand" about what was revealed and then write it in their own words. God wrote the very Words through them. They were simply pens in the hand of God. As God put the words in their minds, they put the words on record.

The idea of plenary and verbal inspiration are crucial to understanding how the Bible is inspired. It could be no other way without discarding the meaning of 2 Timothy 3:16.

The Old Testament and the New Testament are referred to as "Scripture." Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 4:15, "For this we say to you by the word of the Lord..." Paul was writing the very words of the Lord, just as he did in all of his epistles. Interestingly enough, Peter also referred to Paul's writings as "Scripture." Notice 2 Peter 3:14-16. In verse 15 he makes reference to Paul's writings; all of them. He explains that some of them were difficult to understand. He then says that certain men twist them to their own destruction as they do the rest of the "Scriptures." This puts Paul's writings in the same category as the other "Scriptures!" In 1 Timothy 5:18 Paul wrote, "For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,' and, 'The laborer is worthy of his wages.'" The first quote is taken from Deuteronomy 25:4, but the second quote is taken from Luke 10:7. But Paul refers to them both as "Scripture!" This certainly validates the Gospels as "Scripture." And remember, "All" Scripture is God-breathed.

The word of God has plenary inspiration(all of it), and verbal inspiration(every word, not just the thoughts). It can be no other way or it is not inspired at all.

## TRANSMISSION/TRANSLATION

There have been some who have had concern over the notion that the true word of God might have been lost in the transmission and translation of the text. The Bible was written originally in Hebrew, Koine Greek, and small portions in Aramaic. The transmission of the text refers to the copying of the originals. The translation of the text refers to just what it says, translation into other languages(e.g. German, French, English, Latin etc.). Let's deal first with the idea of transmission.

Professor Dick Wilson made this statement, "we are scientifically certain that we have substantially the same text that was in the possession of Christ and the apostles..."(A Scientific Investigation of the Old Testament, Harper & Bros., New York, 1929, pg. 8). This statement was made only after many years of study and research into the matter. This is strongly in favor of the accuracy of the Old Testament. It has been

transmitted down through the years remarkably well.

The New Testament has also been accurately preserved. There are now about 5,378 Greek manuscripts in existence. They are either complete or partial. Some of these date all the way back to the 2nd century A.D.. There has been very little to no variations when these are compared to our accurate modern day translations. And the minute variations which do exist concern only about 1/1000th of the entire text. Transmission has not destroyed the true word of God. It is true what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:25, "But the word of the Lord endures forever."

The same holds true with regard to translation. The true sense is not lost when the Bible is translated into another language, if that translation is indeed true to the text. When one translates a word from one language into another, it means the same thing. It is still the word of God. I believe that even Jesus Himself made this point very clear. Understand first of all what the Septuagint is. The Old Testament was originally written in the Hebrew language. But about two and three hundred years BC, it was translated into the Greek language. The Greek versions of the Old Testament were called the Septuagint. This is the Bible that the Jews used for the most part. Jesus Himself and His disciples quoted many times from the Septuagint. Notice what Jesus said in Matthew 22:32, " 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' " Jesus here quoted from the Greek translation of the Old Testament. And in the previous verse, He said that God said it! He called it the word of God. But those words were written originally in Hebrew and then translated into Greek. But they were translated correctly and so they are still what God wrote. When we read an accurate English translation of the Bible, we can be sure that we are reading the very words of God.

Once again, God said that His words would endure forever, and through His providence they have done just that thus far, in spite of all the transmissions and translations. God never intended for His truth to be understood only by those who spoke and wrote Hebrew and Koine Greek. It is intended for all people, the entire world(1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9) Therefore, He has allowed the Bible to be accurately transmitted and translated into thousands of different languages down through the years. Even to the point that we today may read the word of God in our own language.

## **PROVE IT**

It is one thing to make a certain claim, but it is another thing entirely to prove that claim. I may claim to be able to bench press 500 Lbs. But folks are not likely to be impressed until I prove it. The Bible has made the claim to be written by God Himself. Can it be proven that I can bench press 500lbs? Don't count on it. Can it be proven that God wrote the Bible. Yes! This will be our task in the following couple of lessons. We are going to give credible, reliable, undeniable proof that the Bible was

written by God. Some are not as bold when they speak of this. They present the evidence and then water it's effect down, unintentionally, by saying that we really can't prove it, the evidence just suggests that we should believe it. I speak more boldly on it because based on the evidence which I have examined, there is no other conclusion reachable than that God must have authored the book which we know as the Bible.

The Bible teaches that the heavens, along with all other created things, bear witness to the claim that He has made, that He exists as God(Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1,2). I believe that these things not only point to the fact that there must be a God, but also to the fact that God must have written the Bible. We will examine things that we know to be fact today, then compare these facts with what the Bible says about them. If the things said in the Bible match up with the scientific facts that we have only recently discovered, we must conclude that the only way those biblical writers had knowledge of these facts, is if they were writing the words of the God Who made these facts facts!. I pray that you will be as encouraged as I have been by taking a closer look into these things.

***Lesson Three***  
***STUDY QUESTIONS***

1. If it can be proven that the Bible was written by God, how is this a strong argument for the existence of God?
2. What is the definition of the Greek word for “inspiration?”
3. Was the Bible inspired in the same sense as other classical works? If not, in what sense were they inspired?
4. What passage of Scripture tells us that the Bible actually came from the mind of God?
5. Define these two terms:
  - 1) Plenary:
  - 2) Verbal:
6. Is the Bible the result of the very words of God, or is it the product of the ideas formed by the men who received God’s words by revelation?
7. Some believe that the Bible does contain some of God’s words, but that it also contains what?
8. What does the Greek word *graphe* denote?
9. Name two Old Testament passages which teach that God actually spoke His words directly through the mouths of His prophets.
10. How does Jesus’ statement in Matthew 5:18 prove that the Old Testament is verbally(word for word) inspired?
11. Name the two correct ways to speak of the Bible as being inspired.
  - 1)
  - 2)
12. Describe what these two words refer to:
  - 1)Transmission:
  - 2)Translation:
13. Is there evidence to show that God’s original message has not been lost or altered through transmission or translation?
14. Where is the verse in which God has promised that His word would be kept in tact forever?

## **Lesson Four** **INSPIRATION(2)**

*“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.”  
Psalm 19:1*

As pointed out earlier, if we can show enough evidence which demands that we conclude that the Bible was written by God, then we have shown that God exists. This is why it is so important to go to the heavens and the firmament. The Psalmist tells us that these things testify to the fact that God is. One way that we can do this is to appeal to the scientific foreknowledge of the Bible. The Bible was not written to serve as a Science book, but there are many things recorded in the Bible that are well known today to be scientifically accurate. The significance of this is that these scientific facts were recorded in the Bible hundreds, sometimes even thousands of years before man actually fully discovered them for himself. Here's the question: Did the Bible writers just get lucky in guessing at these facts, or were they recording facts which were given to them by Almighty God? The only reasonable conclusion that any fair-minded person can reach, is that they must have received these things from a supernatural source - God. Dr. Henry Morris said this: “One of the most arresting evidences of the inspiration of the Bible is the great number of scientific truths that have lain hidden within its pages for thirty centuries or more, only to be discovered by man's enterprise within the last few centuries or even years.”(*The Bible and Modern Science*, Moody, Chicago, 1969, pg. 5). The scientific facts we are about to discuss strongly demonstrates the inspiration of the Bible.

I want us to now consider some of these well known scientific facts. Keep in mind, this will simply be a small list of the many facts that exist. We will consider facts from several different fields of “science.”

### **ASTRONOMY**

We sometimes laugh at the scientific knowledge of just a few short centuries ago. For example, during the days of Columbus, it was believed that the world was flat. If anyone thought of the world as round, that person was considered an insane man or a heretic. But it goes back further than this, even in the days of Isaiah from the Bible, it was the common belief that the world was flat. But notice what Isaiah wrote in those days, “It is He who sits above the circle of the earth...” Isaiah 40:22. Isaiah is speaking here of God sitting above the “circle” of the earth. The Hebrew word used here for “circle” is *khug*. This word literally refers to something that is round or sphere shaped. Now we know today, through modern scientific discoveries, that the earth actually is a sphere-like shape, just as Isaiah said it was. But how did Isaiah know that? God told him!

Consider also the now known scientific fact that light travels in a

path. It was commonly believed that light was transmitted instantaneously all the way into the 1800's. It was Sir Isaac Newton who first suggested that light was made up of small particles that travel in a straight line. Olaus Roemer was the man who measured the velocity of light. He did this using evidence from the fact that there was a delay as light traveled through space. It is known today that light is radiant energy which travels in electro-magnetic waves. The rate at which it travels has even been measured - 186,000 miles per second. This knowledge is fairly recent to man with the seeds to understanding it starting as late as the 1800's. Wouldn't it be amazing if we could show that the Bible revealed this very thing a few *THOUSAND* years ago! Guess what? We can. Take a look at a question Job asked God: "Where is the way to the dwelling of light..." The Hebrew word used here for "way" is literally translated "traveled path or road." So light is here depicted as traveling down a path or road. How in the world did Job know this in his era? Easy, God told him. He was writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

## OCEANOGRAPHY

There is a book in existence today which is used by many colleges to teach Oceanography, although this book was written in the 1800's. The author of this book was named Matthew Fontaine Maury. This man was a believer in God and he was one who took God at His word. It was this fact that led him to make a discovery which would reshape the world of Oceanography. Using the Bible, he discovered the "paths of the sea." Once, while sick in bed, his son was reading the Bible to him from Psalm 8. He noticed the phrase "paths of the sea" in verse 8. This struck at his curiosity and when he was recovered from his illness he set out to find these "paths of the sea." And guess what? He found them. They were there just as God said they were. He discovered that the seas were actually large circulating systems with wind and water interacting with one another. This research led to the writing of his book mentioned earlier. This man believed the inspiration of the Bible and was rewarded for it.

Another interesting facet of this science is the idea that there are actually fresh water springs located in the salty seas. This means that there are actually places in the sea from which fresh water can be dipped out by the gallons! This fact wasn't discovered by man until Strabo who lived from 63 B.C. -A.D. 21. Today, men know that these springs can be found off the coasts of Italy, Syria, Greece, and Israel, as well as Australia. But the Bible revealed these fresh water springs many centuries before man discovered them for himself. God asked Job in Job 38:16, "Have you entered the springs of the sea?" This is just more compelling evidence that God must have written the Bible.

## MEDICINE

There are also some astounding revelations in the Bible which correspond to what we now know in the Medical field. Knowledge which was only recently discovered by man himself.

For example, it wasn't until very recent years that scientists discovered that the life of flesh is found in the blood. Previously, man believed just the opposite. This is evidenced by the fact that "bloodletting" was a common practice for the healing of the body. Take our modern day Barber Pole for instance. We know the barber pole to be a rounded tube-like pole which has blue, red and white stripes painted on it. But very few people realize where that idea came from. Consider this quote from the Internet, " In the Middle Ages, hair was not the only thing that barbers cut. They also performed surgery, tooth extractions, and bloodletting. French authorities drew a fine distinction between academic surgeons (surgeons of the long robe) and barber surgeons (surgeons of the short robe), but the latter were sufficiently accepted by the fourteenth century to have their own guild, and in 1505 they were admitted to the faculty of the University of Paris. As an indication of their medical importance, Harry Perelman points out that Ambroise Pare, "The father of modern surgery and the greatest surgeon of the Renaissance," began as a barber surgeon. The barber pole as a symbol of the profession is a legacy of bloodletting. The barber surgeon's necessities for that curious custom were a staff for the patient to grasp (so the veins on the arm would stand out sharply), a basin to hold leeches and catch blood, and a copious supply of linen bandages. After the operation was completed, the bandages would be hung on the staff and sometimes placed outside as advertisement. Twirled by the wind, they would form a red & white spiral pattern that was later adopted for painted poles. The earliest poles were surmounted by a leech basin, which in time was transformed into a ball. One Interpretation of the colors of the barber pole was that Red represented the blood, Blue the veins, and White the bandages. Which has been retained by the modern Barber-Stylist."

History also tells us that George Washington actually died because of the practice of bloodletting. Of course today, doctors would never think of draining blood from people for the purpose of healing them. In fact, People very often require blood transfusions. The Red Cross is constantly asking for more blood donors because the blood supply is sometimes low. But this is a very recent practice because of very recent scientific discoveries.

Doctors now know that the red blood cells carry oxygen to the body tissue making life possible. Each human blood cell can transport 270 million molecules of hemoglobin. All of this was discovered only through recent studies. We would never think to find this fact in such an archaic book as the Bible, right? Wrong! God revealed this knowledge to Moses centuries ago. Notice Leviticus 17:11-14 where we find the phrase, "the life of the flesh is in the blood." Moses was not a modern doctor nor

scientist, so he couldn't have know this fact. God must have told him.

One more impressive piece of information about Medicine. The practice of circumcision is very prevalent in our modern world. Usually, the infant child is given a shot of vitamin K before the procedure. There are definite reasons for this. Scientists now know that vitamin K is a vitamin produced by the liver and used by the body for the purpose of clotting the blood when one has an open wound, thus preventing one from bleeding to death. The extra vitamin K is introduced into the infant's system because the circumcision is usually done on the day of birth. But, doctors also know that if they were to wait and circumcise the baby on the eighth day after birth, there would be no reason for the shot of vitamin K. This is so because it is only on the 5th through the 7th days that the infant's body first begins to produce vitamin K. And on day eight, the level of vitamin K in the body is higher than at any other time in one's life. So if the doctors were to wait till day eight of the child's life, there would be no need for the shot of vitamin K, whereas, if the procedure were to be performed before day eight without the shot of vitamin K, the infant could bleed to death. All of this information is very astounding when compared to what the Bible has to say about circumcision.

Circumcision was commanded by God to be performed only on day eight of the baby's life. Genesis 17:12 says, "He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant." Moses wrote these words thousands of years before man ever had the capability of discovering the information we noticed above about vitamin K. How did Moses know this? God told him! Moses was writing under the inspiration of the One who designed and created the human body. This strongly supports the fact that the Bible must have been inspired by God(God-breathed).

## BIOLOGY

Today, even the evolutionists realize and admit that there are essential differences in the flesh of a man, bird, animal and fish. Because of the modern ability to study the biochemical make-up of these different types of living creatures, no one can deny the differences. Wouldn't it be amazing if the Bible had spoken of this knowledge almost 2000 years ago? Well, guess what...It does!! Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:39, "All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds." There it is! Now, how could Paul have possibly known this? He wasn't a modern day scientist with the modern day capabilities of testing the biochemical make-up of the different living creatures. He was just a gospel preacher who traveled from place to place proclaiming the word of God. That's exactly how he knew...He was proclaiming the word of God. He was writing under the direction of the mind of God. This is the only way he could have known

this fact.

## CONCLUSION

As indicated earlier, we have only touched the hem of the proverbial garment when it comes to the myriad of scientific facts which were revealed in the Bible hundreds of years before man discovered them for himself. But these few should suffice to strongly demonstrate that God must have written the Bible. Many have charged that the Bible is scientifically inaccurate. But this charge is without basis. It is just a prejudiced, unfounded accusation made by men who refuse to admit there is a God because they do not intend to alter their lifestyles in order to become accountable to the Almighty. As mentioned above, the Bible is not written to be a science book. But whenever it alludes to science related subjects, it is accurate on every count. In light of the facts which we have just discussed, along with many other facts, the only reasonable and rational conclusion that can be reached is that the Bible must indeed be what it claims to be...Inspired of God. And if the Bible was written by God, then there must be a God who wrote it. Therefore, by proving the inspiration of the Bible, one proves the existence of God.

*Lesson Four*  
**STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. Why is it important to consider the heavens and the firmament?
2. According to Dr, Henry Morris, what is one of the most arresting evidences of the inspiration of the Bible?
3. What was believed about the earth in the days of Columbus?
4. Where does the Bible actually teach that the earth is round?
5. What do scientists today know about light?
6. What does the Bible say about light in Job 38:19?(Define the Hebrew word for “way.”
7. What is an amazing fact about fresh water springs that was revealed by the Bible centuries before man discovered it himself?
8. What is the barber pole a legacy of?
9. Has man(in general) always realized that the life of the flesh is in the blood?
10. What would probably happen if a 1 day old infant were circumcised without a shot of vitamin K?
11. What is the purpose of vitamin K in the body?
12. Does the body produce vitamin K on it’s on?
13. When does the body begin to produce vitamin K?
14. If vitamin K shots are not available, or vitamin K itself not heard of, when is the best time to circumcise an infant?
15. When did God say to circumcise the babies?
16. What amazing fact did the Bible reveal about Biology almost 2000 years before man discovered it for himself?

## ***Lesson Five***

### **DESIGN DEMANDS A DESIGNER**

*“O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions...” Psalm 104:24*

The argument for God which we observed in the last couple of chapters, is that of the Scriptures themselves. We have shown some evidence that suggest that the Bible must have been written by God, and if it was written by God, then there must be a God who wrote it. Now we come to another argument for the existence of God. It is the argument from design. This is known as the argument from *teleology*. Teleology is the idea of purpose and design in those things which surround us. When we look at those things which are around us in the world, as well as those things in outer space, we are amazed at the purpose and the design which exists, and the only conclusion we must come to is that these things could not have just happened. There must be an intelligent designer behind all of this. And indeed there is, it is the God of the Bible.

The argument from design is very logical and irrefutable. Consider this logical sequence:

- If the universe shows purposeful design, there must have been a designer.
- The universe does show purposeful design.
- Therefore, the universe must have had a designer.

### **HISTORY**

The argument from design has been around for many, many centuries. There is a record of it found in the *Midrash Temurah*, which is attributed to a sage named Rabbi Akiva. The writings of the Midrash date back more than two thousand years. They are basically expository and exegetical writings of the Jews on the Old Testament Scriptures. This is just the oldest known writings of the argument, but it illustrates how long men have been using this indestructible argument from design to show that God must exist.

IN the English language, the argument from design was made popular by a man named William Paley(1743-1805). Paley was a philosopher who was very interested in the relationship between religion and science. He wrote more than one book which became very famous in arguing the existence of God from the idea of design. In his book *Natural Theology*, Paley introduced his now famous watch argument. In Paley’s day, the watch was without question the cutting edge of technology. His argument was simple and powerful. He said “There cannot be design without a designer.” He then went on to give his watch illustration. If one was walking around out in the middle of the desert, and looked down and found a watch with all of it’s machinery in tact and working, would that one

assume that the watch simply appeared out of nowhere or evolved? Of course not. No man in his right mind would come to the conclusion that the watch simply appeared out of no where or that each piece of the watch evolved, piece by piece, by mindless direction and chance.

The argument today can be made with a computer. A computer is a technological device which can perform feats that baffle even the sharpest of minds. Yet compared to the human mind, the most powerful computer in the world is a child's toy. Now, if a group of men(evolutionists) were to come upon a deserted island and find a computer on it, what would be their first assumption? Would they say, "Look at what evolved out here on this island! Amazing!" Of course not, the first thing that would cross their minds would be the same as would cross my mind and yours. "Look, a computer, someone has been here." They would think this because of the idea that design must have a designer. Now, if they would assume that the computer on the island must have been designed by an intelligent being, why is it that when they look at the human mind, which is so much more complex than the computer, and conclude that it evolved. They have left the realm of rational, honest thinking. And they have done so because, as we have said before, in their hearts, they cannot accept the idea of a God because then they would have to clean up their lives!

At any rate, Paley's watch argument had an astounding effect upon the world and to this day has not been adequately refuted. But this argument from design didn't begin with Rabbi Akiva or William Paley. It began with God Himself. This is just what the Bible teaches. The Psalmist said in Psalm 19:1,2, "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge." Paul declared in Romans 1:20, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." Paul was making the same argument except he was appealing to illustrations much greater than the watch or the computer(creations of men). He was pointing to the creations of God! Our passage above speaks the same truth, "O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all, the earth is full of Your possessions." Psalm 104:24. Notice the phrase "in wisdom You have made them all." Wisdom! That's intelligence. God, the intelligent Designer, "made them all", that is, all the things in the earth. So I join in with Rabbi Akiva, William Paley, the Psalmists, the apostle Paul and many others down through the ages by saying, "if you have purposeful intelligent design, you must have a designer!"

## **WHAT DO THE ATHEISTS SAY?**

Since this argument from design is so strong, convincing and

irrefutable, what does the opposition have to say about it? What are some of the opinions of those who do not accept the reality of God? Let's see: We will begin from the man who himself has been called the father of evolution

- “To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree.” Darwin himself admitted that such an intricate, intelligent piece of equipment, the human eye, could not possibly have evolved from his own mechanism - natural selection. But he then went on to tell his readers that it did evolve, after admitting that it could not have! To put it in his own words “Absurd!” We will discuss this in more detail in later chapters, but evolutionist all the up to our day, have a horrible time dealing with the intricate design of the eye.
- In an article entitled *Scientific American*, atheist Richard Lewontin wrote this: “Life forms are more than simply multiple and diverse, however. Organisms fit remarkably well into the external world in which they live. They have morphologies, physiologies and behaviors that appear to have been carefully and artfully designed to enable each organism to appropriate the world around it for its own life. It was the marvelous fit of organisms to the environment, much more than the great diversity of forms, that was the chief evidence of a Supreme Designer(1978, 239[3]:213). This sounds like a statement you would expect to hear from a believer in God, but it came from an atheist! This man realizes, along with his colleagues, that there is no possible way for this type of intricate design could have happened by blind chance.
- An atheist by the name of Paul Ricci said this, “it's true that everything designed has a designer.” he also said “ ‘everything designed has a designer,’ is an analytically true statement.” It's amazing to me that a man can make this kind of admission, and then deny the existence of the Master Designer - God.
- Another evolutionist by the name of C.P. Haskins makes a remarkable admission in regards to the design of the human body. He tells us that the questions raised about biochemical genetics cannot be answered by evolutionists. He goes on to explain that if it wasn't for evolutionary bias, this puzzle must be viewed as “the most powerful sort of evidence for special creation.”(C.P. Haskins, *American Scientist*, Vol. 59, May/June, 1971, pg. 305). This is all in reference to the DNA of the body. There is a specific code written on each DNA cell in the body which dictates how the body is to develop. This specific code simply could not have evolved. The Morse code did not evolve, but was created by intelligent man. How much more the more complex code of DNA could not have evolved. C.P. Haskins is just one of all evolutionists, who must admit that except for their belief in evolution,

they would be compelled to believe in God as the Designer of this marvelous code.

- Another remarkable statement is made by evolutionists in regards to the complex systems of the human body which work together with sheer perfection. The skin system, the skeletal system, the muscular system, the digestive system, and the circulatory system are just a few of the systems within the human body which have interrelating parts that work together with the other systems found in the body to make life possible. Now, what are the chances all of this order evolving by blind chance? Consider the automobile. The automobile, as any good mechanic can tell you, is made up of many differing systems which function together to make it work. Now, what would be the odds that a tornado would sweep up all the parts of all the systems in a car, assemble them all correctly, then place the car on the ground in working order? Astronomical! Any evolutionist would say, “impossible!” Then how can they believe that the much more complex unit - the human body, with all of its intricately designed systems, just have formed by blind chance through the process of evolution? They cannot logically believe it, they must do so with their hearts, just as the Psalmist said. Listen to what evolutionists Simpson, Pittendrigh, and Tiffany said. “The chance origin of the particular arrangement which is a particular kind of living cell is utterly negligible.”(Life: An Introduction to Biology, Harcourt, Brace, New York, 1956, pg. 305). In other words, the human body simply could not have evolved by chance, there must have been an intelligent Designer behind it all.
- Another evolutionists by the name of Douglas Futuyma made this interesting statement, “We look at the design of organisms, then, for evidence of the Creator’s intelligence, and what do we see? A multitude of exquisite adaptations to be sure; the bones of a swallow beautifully adapted for flight; the eyes of a cat magnificently shaped for seeing in the twilight” Again, this man is having a difficult time denying the existence of God with the intellect, because of the design found in animals. But since his heart is determined to not believe in God, he must ignore the wonderful design of the nature that he observes, and beautifully writes about, and come to the unprovable conclusion that there is no God.

This is just a small sample of the atheists/evolutionists in the world who are having a horrible time wrestling with the argument from design. They cannot surmount it! It is, and always was, irrefutable and they know it! As I said in earlier chapters, It is impossible to deny the existence of God with the intellect, it must be done with the heart.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have seen that the argument from design is

referred to as the *teleological* argument. This argument has been attributed to the Jewish scholar of about 100 B.C. named Rabbi Akiva. It was made popular among the English speaking world by a man named William Paley. But before these men, the same argument was made by the Psalmists, as well as the apostle Paul.

We have also seen that this argument stands unanswered. Those who are the brightest among the atheists, and evolutionists, freely admit that they cannot account for the marvelous design shown forth by such things as the human body.

In the next chapter we will look more closely at some examples of design from nature. We will take a closer look at the design of the universe, as well as the design of the human body. After considering these, we should be able to admit, without any reservation, that this type of intricate design demands a designer, and that the Designer is the Almighty God of the Bible.

***Lesson Five***  
***STUDY QUESTIONS***

1. What does the term “teleology” mean?
2. Give the logical sequence for the argument from design.
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
3. What is the source of the oldest known writings in existence on the argument from design?
4. Who made the argument from design popular in the English language?
5. What argument did Paley make famous in his book *Natural Theology*?
6. Give two passages of scripture which put forth the argument from design.
  - 1)
  - 2)
7. Psalm 104:24 declares that God made everything in what?
8. What part of the body gave Darwin himself untold trouble?
9. What did atheist Paul Ricci say about the statement, “everything designed has a designer?”
10. According to C.P. Haskins, the DNA code found in each cell of the body would be “the most powerful sort of evidence for special creation, “ if it were not for what?
11. The chances of all the systems in the human body, which work together so perfectly, evolving through blind chance, is compared to the chances of what else happening?
12. Since the leading atheists in the world admit that the argument from design is irrefutable, why do they continue to disbelieve in God?

## **Lesson Six**

### **DESIGN DEMANDS A DESIGNER(2)**

*“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.” Psalm 19:1,2*

“One of the great names of British science, mathematics, and philosophy is Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727). He had someone make for him a miniature model of the solar system. A large golden ball representing the sun was at its center and around it revolved smaller spheres, representing the planets. They were each kept in an orbit relatively the same as in the real solar system. By means of rods, cogwheels, and belts they all moved around the center gold ball in exact precision. A friend called on the noted man one day while he was studying the model. The friend was not a believer in the biblical doctrine of creation. Their conversation went as follows:

Friend: “My, Newton, what an exquisite thing. Who made it for you?”

Newton: “Nobody.”

Friend: “Nobody?”

Newton: “That’s right. I said nobody. All of the balls and cogs and belts and gears just happened to come together, and wonder of wonders, by chance they began revolving in their set orbits with perfect timing.”

(The Speakers Quote book, Roy B. Zuck, Kregel Publications, 1997)

Newton was making a very strong point to his atheistic friend. If he could not believe that this model with all of its perfect design and order just happened by blind chance, then how could he believe that the real universe with all of its perfect design and order just happened by blind chance. As indicated in the last chapter, atheist have and will always find design in the universe as a very hard fact to overcome. If there is a design, there must be a Designer! Now, let’s take a brief look at some of the design which surrounds us. The material we will look at in this chapter is just a very insignificant taste of all of the evidence which exists.

### **DESIGN IN THE UNIVERSE**

It is amazing how much purposeful design is found when we begin to investigate the knowledge we have today of the working of the universe. After considering such evidence, one would be even more insane to believe that it just happened by blind chance, then if one were to believe that a model, like the one mentioned above, just happened by blind chance. As Bob West wrote, “Everything we see from the microscope to the telescope is evidence of an intelligent designer.”(Evolution vs Science & the Bible, BOB WEST GRAPHICS, 1194, pg. 9)

#### **THE PLANET EARTH**

There are many amazing facts about this wonderful planet on which we live. The earth is 93 million miles in distance from the sun. If it were moved just a small fraction closer, we would fry. If it were moved just a small fraction further away from the sun, we would freeze. Either way, life would be impossible. Sounds like Someone knew what they were doing.

As we all know, the earth travels around the sun at a set rate (orbit). It is estimated that this rate of orbit is about 70,000 miles per hour. Every 18 miles, the earth, in its orbit, departs from a straight line by one ninth of an inch. If this were reduced to one eighth of an inch, our planet would come so close to the earth that we would be burned up instantly. If it were increased by one tenth of an inch, we would become a giant ice-burg with the entire population freezing to death. This type of exact precision doesn't just happen by blind chance. Someone is behind it all.

The earth rotates on its axis at about 1000 miles per hour at the equator while it is tilted on its axis at exactly 23.5 degrees. If that tilt were reduced, the entire water supply of the earth including seas, rivers oceans, lakes ponds etc. would accumulate at the two poles. This would leave the earth as one large uninhabitable desert. How did that tilt get to be just right?

It is astounding to consider how much of our planet is covered with water-about three-fourths. Since water is capable of sustaining temperatures better than land, we are provided with a natural cooling system that keeps the earth's temperatures at a livable rate. If we had less water, we could burn up, if we had more water, we could freeze. Furthermore, the ocean contains salt. Did you ever wonder why the ocean contains salt and so much of it? Simple, the salt enables the clouds and rain to form in our atmosphere without developing a strong alkalinity or acidity which, either way, would be devastating life on earth.

On every square inch of the earth's surface there is about 15 pounds of pressure exerted by the atmosphere. This is equal to about 30,000 pounds on our bodies. If this pressure were increased or decreased by only a fraction, we would instantly disintegrate. How did that pressure get to be exactly right? Hmmm!

Now let's consider the Moon in relation to the earth. A lot has been said about and attributed to the moon. Some fantasize about it being made out of cheese while to others it seems to be just a useless ball of dust in the sky. But there are some very important purposes of the moon.

- The Bible tells us that it serves as a light at night time. "Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night..." Genesis 1:16.
- The Bible also tells us that the moon serves the purpose of helping us keep track of time here on earth. "Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmaments of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years.'" Those who have studied a little about astronomy can tell us that there is the New Moon and the and the Full Moon. The moon changes from fully dark to

fully light every twenty nine and a half days. It can be depended upon and predicted. This is why we can use it to determine time.

- You may also have heard of the tides of the oceans. There is the high tide and the low tide. Everyone who lives near the sea is aware of these tides. But everyone may not be aware of the purpose of these tides. Because of the gravitational pull on the earth caused by the moon, the oceans are continually sloshing from one side to the other. Rising high on one side while low on the other and vice versa. This keeps the ocean circulating which not only helps to keep it clean but also keeps it oxygenated. Without this intake of oxygen, all sea life would soon perish and the seas would become a large stagnate cess pool . Our moon is about 400 times smaller than our sun. If the moon were only a fraction larger, the gravitational pull on the earth would be enough to cause tidal waves and earthquakes which could destroy life on land. If the moon were just a fraction smaller, there would not be enough circulation in the oceans to support life. Amazing how this exact precision just happened to evolve by blind chance.

Dr. Robert E.D. Clark wrote this: “...We can be certain that when we compare the earth with the other planets, all the favours of fortune seem to have gone into it’s making. Situated at the right distance from the sun, built to the right size, it’s radioactive elements concentrated in it’s crust uniquely provided with a satellite large enough to brighten the night and control the rhythm of nature, rotating in such a way as to produce day and night and seasonal variations in temperature, largely covered with water which keeps the temperature more constant still, provided with continents and ocean basins and with just about the right amount of water to fill them, provided with an atmosphere of the right kind, and with an ocean containing salt which enables clouds and rain to form in the atmosphere but an ocean which, .....has never developed strong alkalinity or acidity and in which toxic metals have been removed by absorption on a suitable precipitate--what more can we ask?”( *The Universe--Plan or Accident?*, pg. 90) What more can we ask indeed? Everything is just right for us to live here.

Consider these remarks: “Can a person reasonably be expected to believe that these exacting requirements for life have been met “by accident”? The earth is exactly the right distance from the sun; it is exactly the right distance from the moon; it has exactly the right diameter; it has exactly the right atmospheric pressure; it has exactly the right tilt; it has exactly the right amount of oceanic water; it has exactly the right weight and mass; and so on. Were this many requirements to be met in any other essential area of life, the idea that they had been provided “by accident” would be dismissed as ludicrous. Yet atheists and agnostics suggests that the universe, the earth, and life itself are all here as a result of fortuitous accidents. Physicist John Gribbin(1983), writing on the requirements necessary for life on earth, emphasized both the nature and

essentiality of those requirements, yet chose to title his article, “Earth’s Lucky Break”—as if the precision, orderliness, and intricate design of the universe could be explained by postulating that the Earth received, in a roll of the cosmic dice, a “lucky break.””( *The Case for the Existence of God*, Bert Thompson, Ph.D. & Wayne Jackson, M.A., Apologetics Press, 1996, pg. 21)

We have looked at just a few of the astounding facts about our earth which show clear purpose and design. If you were to consider just one of these facts, the chances of it just happening is one in a million. But consider that all of these things exist with just the right precision to maintain and support life on earth. The chances of all of these just happening by chance is the same as the chances that a tornado will dig into the earth at various places, collect bits of iron, steel, glass etc. into it’s mighty winds, then, by the twisting and turning of it’s winds, construct a beautiful 747 in working condition, and then place it safely upon the ground, ready for use. Who can believe it!!! Not even evolutionists will admit to such preposterous impossibilities.

The only answer for all of the design in the universe is a Masterful, all powerful, all wise designer...God.

## DESIGN IN OUR BODIES

Not only does the universe show purposeful design, but our bodies show amazing purpose and design as well. For simplicity, think of the human body in four different levels: 1) Cells. These are the smallest units of life which make up everything else in the body. 2) Tissues. This would included the muscles, nerves etc.. 3) Organs. The heart, the liver, the kidneys, etc.. Organs are actually groups of tissues that work together in such a way as to make life and normal bodily functions possible. 4) Systems. Among the systems in the body are the circulatory system, the nervous system, the reproductive system etc.. These tissues are actually composed groups of organs working together in perfect unison to sustain life.

Already, just from these simple facts, any mind that has not been prejudiced to evolution should be able to see purposeful design when they consider just how all of these different “parts’ work together so beautifully, complimenting one another with just the right amount of unison to make life possible. Compared to the human body, with all of it’s interrelating parts, the design of a car engine is child’s play. Yet no one would expect us to believe that all of the different interrelating parts of an engine would evolve separately, then come together to make one fully functional unit. But this is exactly what the evolutionists expect us to believe about the human body.

## CONCLUSION

In this chapter we have continued our thoughts on *teleology*(The idea of purpose and design in those things which surround us). We took a look at some of the compelling designs found in our universe. We also quoted from two authors who show very clearly that there is no way that everything about the earth and universe, which is just right to make life possible here, could have just happened by blind chance. We then separated the body into 4 main groups(for clarity). If the Lord is willing, in our next lesson we will take a look at the astounding design which is found in all of these correlating parts found in the human body.

***Lesson Six***  
***STUDY QUESTIONS***

1. How did Sir Isaac Newton use his model of the universe to teach a lesson on biblical creation?
2. What did Bob West write about intelligent design?
3. How far is the earth from the sun?
4. What would happen if the earth were just a fraction closer to the sun?
5. The earth is tilted on it's axis at 23.5 degrees. What would happen if that tilt were reduced?
6. Why does the ocean contain salt?
7. What would happen if the atmospheric pressure were increased by a small fraction?
8. Briefly, Give three purposes which the moon serves.
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
9. How do atheists and agnostics suggest that the earth and universe got here?
10. What did John Gribbin title his article?
11. The chances of all the facts we mentioned about the earth and the universe(all of these things being just right to sustain life) happening by blind chance would be about the same as what else happening?

***Lesson Seven***

## DESIGN DEMANDS A DESIGNER(3)

*“I will praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are your works, and that my soul knows very well.”* Psalms 139:14

In the passage above, we learn a couple of wonderful truths. We are given in the Bible many reasons why we should praise God. In this passage, we are given one of those reasons. The psalmist said that he would praise God because he(The psalmist) was fearfully and wonderfully made. What an interesting reason for praising the Lord. The Lord’s work was marvelous in making us the way He did. In this chapter, we are going to take a closer look at the human body. In doing so, we want to emphasize the purposeful and deliberate design found there. This will add to the idea that if we have such marvelous design, there must have been Someone Who designed it. The passage above tells us that it was God Who designed it. Now lets take a closer look at our bodies.

As pointed out in the last chapter, the body consists of basically four different parts. 1) Cells, 2) Tissues, 3) Organs, 4) Systems. Please, before proceeding, re-read the last part of the last chapter to refresh your memory on these things. Now let’s take a look at a few examples from each of these categories.

### CELLS

There are over 30 different kinds of cells found in the human body. There are the nerve cells, white blood cells, red blood cells and on the list goes. Totaling all of these together we come up to about 50 trillion cells found in one person. There are many different sizes, shapes and functions to these cells. And Some are programmed to live longer while some are programmed to have very limited lifetimes and functions. Cells are always pre-programmed to develop certain organs or living beings. Plants, Animals and humans are considered *multicellular*. Our bodies are a conglomerate of many cells which have reproduced themselves many times over to develop the body. Each cell reproduces by dividing itself in two or sometimes by making two or more cells at one time. The reproduced cells are called *daughter* cells while the one reproducing is called the *mother* cell. Amazingly, when a cell divides, it doesn’t do so without guidance. A liver cell will only produce a liver cell. A kidney cell will only produce kidney cells, etc.. What the cell will become is pre-programmed within a section of it’s nucleus called *deoxyribonucleic acid*, DNA. Within the DNA there is written a certain code much like the Morse code. You see, the DNA is capable of doing something that man has yet to figure out how to duplicate. It is able to store information in a chemical format. It then uses a biologic agent(RNA) to decode and activate it. Who wrote that code?...Blind chance? No way, If somebody had to write the Morse code, somebody had to write the DNA code. The “Moonlight Sanada” is a beautiful piece of music. But music is nothing more than a

code. What do you think the chances would be of a few mice running up and down the keyboard of a piano and accidentally playing the Moonlight Sonata in perfect unison? Not a chance! Now multiply the chances of that happening many times over and you might come up with the chance of the written code found within the DNA just happening by blind chance. Thaxton, Bradley, and Olsen, in their text on the origin of life made this compelling statement... "We know that in numerous cases certain effects always have intelligent causes, such as dictionary's, sculptures, machines and paintings. We reason by analogy that similar effects have intelligent causes. For example, after looking up to see "BUY FORD" spelled out in smoke across the sky we infer the presence of a skywriter even if we heard or saw no airplane. We would similarly conclude the presence of intelligent activity were we to come upon an elephant-shaped topiary in a cedar forest.

In like manner an intelligent communication via radio signal from some distant galaxy would be widely hailed as evidence of an intelligent source. Why then doesn't the message sequence on the DNA molecule also constitute *prima facie* evidence for an intelligent source? After all, DNA information is not just analogous to a message sequence such as Morse code, it is such a message sequence..." He further stated, "We believe that if this question is considered, it will be seen that most often it is answered in the negative simply because it is thought to be inappropriate to bring a Creator into science"(1994, pgs. 211-212)

Codes do not arise from chaos. It is simply ridiculous to suggest that the code written on each DNA within each cell designed to follow specific instructions for the development of specific organs could have evolved by blind chance over millions and millions of years!!!! We are "fearfully and wonderfully made", and it is God Whom we should thank and praise for it, not evolution.

## TISSUES

Following the divisions of the body given, the next in line is the tissues. The cells, discussed above, at the programmed direction of the DNA, multiply themselves to form specific tissues designed to meet specific needs. There are, within the human body, many tissue groups. There are Muscle tissues, nerve tissues etc.. Muscle tissue accounts for about 40% of the body's weight and is made of about 6 billion muscle fibers. A very interesting thing to me about the muscle tissues is the two major divisions of them. 1) Voluntary. 2) Involuntary. The voluntary muscles such as the ones found in the arms and legs will not move on their own. One has to think them into action. On the other hand the heart muscle is an example of one that does it's work with no thinking necessary at all. Some muscles are both voluntary and involuntary. Take the diaphragm for instance. When we are awake, we breath and stop breathing(hold our breath) by our thoughts. But when we are asleep, our

thoughts are not necessary, the muscle just seems to know to take over and do the work itself. Now, how in the world did this muscle get that “knowledge?” It was programmed to function in this way. The code on the DNA inside the nucleus of each cell which composes that muscle told those cells to develop into a diaphragm muscle which could take over breathing when one is asleep. Amazing. Blind chance? Lucky roll of the dice for Man kind? Hardly!

Without even discussing other bodily tissues, the muscles alone provide ample evidence for purpose and design. Muscles are not designed to push at all. They work by contracting or tightening. For this reason, they sometimes function in pairs. Consider the arm for example. In the arm there is the biceps and the triceps. The biceps pull the forearm forward while the triceps pull the forward downward. While one is working, the other is resting. What amazing purposeful design.

## ORGANS

Now, let’s move on to our next major bodily division, the organs. As noted earlier, the organs of the body include the skin, the heart, the liver, the eye, the ear, etc.. Consider the skin, It is the largest single organ found in the human body. It includes layers glands and nails. “If the skin of a 150-pound man were spread out, it would cover 20 square feet of space and weigh about 9 pounds. The skin is also a very busy area. ‘A piece of skin the size of a quarter contains 1 yard of blood vessels, 4 yards of nerves, 25 nerve ends, 100 sweat glands, and more than 3 million cells.’(Youmans, 1997, 17:404d).”( *The Case For The Existence of God*, Bert Thompson, Ph.D and Wayne Jackson, M.A., Pg. 31, Apologetics Press, Copyright 1996).

There are 2 main divisions to the skin. 1) Epidermis(upper layer). 2) Dermis(Lower layer). The epidermis is made up of many rows of cells. There are about 12-15 rows in depth. The outer layers are dead and are constantly being replaced by new and living cells. Now, can anyone think of a man-made house that is capable of replacing and repairing it’s own covering? Could you imagine not having to replace shingles, or bricks or siding because the house does that for you? Amazing ability this body of ours has thanks to our Wonderful Designer.

Consider also the finger Nails and Toenails which are part of this organ. The lower crescent shaped part of these nails is the only living part. The rest is actually dead. It’s very interesting that the fingernails grow three times as fast as the toenails. Surely we see design here when we consider the functions and uses of the fingers as opposed to those of the toes. And take a look sometimes at the palms of your hands. Amazing how we just happen to have lines and crevices there similar to the tread of a tire. They appear to have been designed specifically for gripping! Who did That?

How about the hair? There is hair over most of our bodies which

serve specific purposes. The hair in the eyelashes serve to keep debris from entering and damaging the eye. Ever notice how they never grow too long, but just right? They were designed to grow just the right length to serve their purpose. The hairs in the nose and ears serve as filters to help protect the delicate tonsils and the tender mechanisms which make up the inner ear.

There are many useful functions which the skin serves. For example, The sweat glands help the body in waste elimination and also to cool down the skin, thus keeping the body cool. Does a man-made waste disposal system and air conditioning unit need someone to design them? Do evolutionists build their houses and then just wait for an air conditioning unit to evolve? Hmm. One wonders. The skin also contains pigment and melanin which serve to shield the body from the harmful rays of the sun. One man referred to melanin as “an epidermal light filter.” Do intricately made filters invented by man require intelligence? A large amount of the body’s blood circulates through the skin. By contracting and expanding, the blood vessels are capable of keeping a normal temperature within the body, so that it doesn’t overheat or freeze. If one’s body temperature reaches about 7 to 8 degrees above normal, and remains there for any period of time, he will almost certainly die. So the skin actually functions as a radiator. Does a car radiator happen by blind chance or accident? The skin is also capable of absorbing ultraviolet rays from the sun and converting them into vitamin D. The vitamin D is needed for the body to be able to absorb calcium. So the skin actually functions as a chemical processing plant for the body. Do Chemical processing plants build themselves with out an architect and a construction crew?

But lets think about the eye for a bit. As we pointed out in chapter 5, the eye is the organ that gave Darwin such a terrible time. He frankly admitted that it was absurd to conclude that anything as technical as the human eye could have evolved by natural selection. Of course he went on to blatantly assert that it did. Apparently, Darwin wasn’t the only atheist to have trouble with the design found in the eye. Robert Jastrow wrote this: “The eye is a marvelous instrument, resembling a telescope of the highest quality, with a lens, an adjustable focus, a variable diaphragm for controlling the amount of light, and optical corrections for spherical and chromatic aberration. The eye appears to have been designed; no designer of telescopes could have done better. How could this marvelous instrument have evolved by chance, through a succession of random events.” he went on to say, “...there seems to be no direct proof that evolution can work these miracles...it is hard to accept the evolution of the eye as a product of chance.” If you didn’t know who wrote these things, you might think it was a gospel preacher. But it was written by a well known evolutionists! What an admission!

When we look at the intricate design and functions of the eye, it’s no wonder that men like Darwin and Jastrow have such a troubling time with

it. Consider these remarks, “Light images from the environment enter the eye (at approximately 186,000 miles per second) through the iris, which opens and shuts like the diaphragm of a camera, to let in just the right amount of light. The images move through a lens that focuses the ‘picture’ (in an inverted form) on the retina at the rear of the eyeball. The image is then picked up by some 137 million nerve endings that convey the message(at over 300 Miles Per Hour) to the brain for processing.” (*The Case for the Existence of God*, Bert Thompson, Ph.D. and Wayne Jackson, M.A., Apologetics Press, copyright 1996, Apologetics Press). Listen to another statement made by an evolutionist: “The living camera of the eye photographs fleeting images by the thousands, between one moment and the next, and it makes its own adjustments, automatically and precisely, with each change in distance light, and angle.” Miller And Goode. Would you believe it if someone told you that your Fuji camera just evolved? Or is it more reasonable to conclude that some intelligent person designed and marketed it?

Another interesting thing about the eye, each part of the eye is absolutely useless without the other parts. How then could this organ have evolved piece by piece as evolution demands? It could not have, the eye, like so many other things in life, must have appeared complete and in tact. This is just what God did in the beginning.

## SYSTEMS

The final division of the body are the systems. This would include the nervous system, the reproductive system, the circulatory system, the skeletal system etc.. Sadly, there isn’t enough time and space to consider these systems. But if you want to take the time to study them on your own, again, you will see amazing purpose and design. The way they repair themselves, their functions etc.. All of these things point conclusively to a brilliant Designer.

## CONCLUSION

Truly, as the psalmist said, we have been “fearfully and wonderfully made.” If only more people would recognize the fact that God does exist and that it is only he Who is worthy to be praised and honored. As the twenty-four elders declared in Revelation 4:11, “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created. The teleological argument stands unscathed. When one considers all the purposeful design which is in us and around us, intellectually, he can only exclaim... “God Is!”

**Lesson Seven**  
**STUDY QUESTIONS**

- 1) What are four basic divisions of the body?
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  - 2)
  - 3)
  - 4)
2. What Psalm shows us that God used wisdom in designing us?
3. What is one reason why we should praise and worship God?
4. Do cells blindly develop into whatever?
5. What a cell will become is pre-programmed within the section of it's nucleus called what?(Give full name and Initials)
6. What is it that man is incapable of duplicating?
7. If man were to receive an intelligent communication by way of radio signal, what do you suppose he would conclude?(Choose one)
  - A) That it just suddenly appeared in the air by blind chance.
  - B) That it had been developing and evolving from nothing over millions of years.
  - C) That there must be some intelligent life in space that sent it.
  - D) That God was communicating with them.
8. How much of the body's weight is attributed to muscle tissue?
9. How does the Diaphragm know to take over the breathing process when we go to sleep?
10. Besides Darwin, what other renowned atheist had problems with the design found in the eye?
11. Why do you suppose we have lines and crevices in our hands?
12. Why do the eyelashes not grow too long?
13. How did one man refer to melanin?
14. What was the camera designed after?
15. Do cameras evolve after millions of years of natural selection?
16. What is required for the eye to properly function?

## *Lesson Eight* **ARCHAEOLOGY**

The primary purpose of this study book is to strive to prove the existence of God. Once again, as mentioned in other chapters, one cannot present God before our faces and say, “see, there he is.” But God’s existence can be proven by the legal, *Prima Facie* method. This consists of putting forth so much evidence for God’s existence that it would take an irrational and evolution biased mind to deny Him. Archaeology has put forth just such evidence and continues to do so with each passing year. “Archaeological evidence has both confirmed and illuminated the Bible in many unexpected ways.”(Digging For Answers, Garry K. Brantley, Apologetics Press, Copyright 1995, pg. 11). Nelson Glueck, a highly respected archaeologist, made this compelling statement in 1959, “it may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible.” And since that time, many more amazing finds have been made confirming the bible record. It is true what one man said once regarding archaeologists, “They’re digging up Bible stories!” Joseph P. Free, another respected archaeologist, wrote clearly that he was convinced that archaeology had confirmed that the Bible is the Word of God “...in the most complete sense.”(*Archaeology and Bible History*, 1950, pg viii). And as stated in previous chapters of this workbook, if it can be proven that God wrote the Bible, then it has been proven that God exist since there had to be a God Who wrote it.

In this chapter, we want to take a look at just a small portion of the archaeological evidence. But let us first understand a little about the science of Archaeology.

### **ARCHAEOLOGY, A SCIENCE?**

Science, by it’s strictest definition, is a study of that which can be repeated something that can be observed to happen with consistency. But archaeology, although it has to do with the study of artifacts from past societies, is considered a science. It is a special kind of science in that it deals with singularities, not regularities. Archaeologists cannot re-create the past societies which they study by way of the artifacts which they dig up.

## EXAMPLES

Now that we understand a little bit about the science of archaeology, and the fact that there are many examples which exist in archaeology which shows perfect accuracy in the Biblical account. Let's turn our attention to some of the examples.

**DESTRUCTION OF JERICHO:** According to biblical chronology, the city of Jericho was destroyed by the Israelites at about 1400 B.C.. We are told that Solomon's fourth year as King was 480 years after the exodus from Egypt. His reign can be confidently dated at around 971-931 B.C.. This would place his 4th year of reigning at the date of 967 B.C.. The date of the exodus, therefore, would be about 1447 B.C.. Before the Israelites invaded Canaan, we have to allow for 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. This would mean that the beginning stages of the conquest of Canaan would have occurred around 1407 B.C.. Also, the reign of Jephthah(Judges 11,12) is widely believed to have occurred at around 1100 B.C.. Considering this fact, we can look to Judges 11:26 for another chronological marker. That passage tells us that it had been 300 years since the Israelites had began the conquest. Again, this would place the destruction of Jericho at around 1400B.C.. But the question is, does this date correspond to the finds of archaeology? Yes it does. One of the dating systems used by archaeologists is by way of ancient pottery. Just as today, pottery styles have changed from time to time and from society to society. Because of existing records in Egyptian history, the time frame of many forms of pottery that have been dug up can be shown with amazing accuracy. In view if this evidence, it is interesting to consider the type of pottery that has been discovered at the excavation site of Jericho. There was, in that time era, a type of pottery known as Cypriot bichrome ware. This pottery was decorated in two colors and imported from Cyrus and is dated to have been used from about 1550 to 1400 B.C.(Also known as the Late Bronze I period). The fact that this type of pottery has been found at the Jericho site places it's destruction in a time frame consistent with that given in the Bible. Also, there has been found at the site many bowls, cooking pots, and small dipper juglets which are dated in the Late Bronze I period. All of this evidence suggests that Jericho was certainly destroyed just when the Bible says it was.

It is also interesting to consider the walls of Jericho. The Bible tells us that the walls of Jericho fell flat as the result of the direct intervention of God. This does not characterize the normal way a city was destroyed. Usually, cities with surrounding walls were entered and destroyed while the walls were still standing, or else the walls were knocked down toward the city providing the intruders with an entrance to the city. But according to the finds at the Jericho site, this was not what occurred. Surrounding the city, there is a large deposit of red bricks on the ground

extending from the city outward indicating that the walls truly did fall flat just as the Bible says, because archaeologists, even those who deny the bible story, agree that these red bricks certainly composed a wall which surrounded the city. Also, the city was destroyed by fire as was usually the case. Bricks, floors, utensils and all other artifacts found within the city were either reddened or blackened by fire. But this was not the case with the bricks which composed the wall, indicating that the wall fell before the city was destroyed, just as the Bible says.

Consider also the presence of large amounts of grain found within the city. Almost without exception, all grain was removed from the attacked city before burning it because grain was such an expensive and useful commodity. But amazingly, as stated above, large quantities of grain were found in storehouses at the excavation site of Jericho. This agrees with many statements found in the Bible. First of all, the destruction of the city took place just after harvest which would explain why there was so much grain in the city at that time (Joshua 3:15). Also, if you will recall from Joshua 2:6, Rahab had stalks of flax laid in order on her roof, indicating again that it was harvest time and there was much grain in the city at that time. Large amounts of grain also indicates that the city was taken quickly. Normally, cities were surrounded and starved to death before conquest, but in accordance with the Bible, Jericho was sieged quickly. Also, regarding the idea of grain being so useful and expensive a commodity, it's interesting to wonder why Israel did not take it into their possession before burning the city. The answer is simple, God forbade them from plundering the city (Joshua 6:17-18). All of these archaeological finds agrees amazingly well with the Bible account. But there is more.

**THE HITTITES:** There are about 46 references in the Old Testament to the Hittites, either to individual Hittites or to the nation itself. For many years, enemies to the Bible maintained that this nation never existed therefore the bible writers just made them up. Their argument was that if this Hittite nation was such a large powerful people, surely something would be dug up about them in archaeology. And for many years, nothing was found of them, no traces whatsoever. But lo and behold, guess what happened? Archaeologists discovered the Hittites. And not just obscure finds, but many large and glorious finds regarding that nation which prove the Bible, once again, to be amazingly accurate.

Thanks to the archaeologists' spades, we now know that the Hittite nation was a large, powerful, and well known nation during the time frame which the Bible places it. Professor Hugo Winkler of Berlin, began excavations 90 miles east of Ankara in Asia. This excavation took place in 1906 and occurred specifically in a large bend in the Halys River. As a result of this venture, it was shown that this was the location of a Hittite

capital. Found among the artifacts were several clay tablets written in six different languages. Much of these were written in the cuneiform characters of the Hittite language. Thanks to the deciphering abilities of Czech scholar Friedrich Hrozný and two other men, this language brought out many wonderful facts about the Hittite people.

There are really two great periods in which the Hittite people were particularly powerful and famed. The first period was around 1800 B.C., while the second period was from about 1400B.c. till 1200 B.C.. It was during this second time frame that the rulers of the Hittite nation reigned at the spot of this excavation(Boghaz-Keui). One of these rulers, Subbiluliuma, was a powerful conqueror and extended his reign all the way into the land of Syria-Palestine(Canaan). We learned that Rameses II , the great Egyptian ruler, collided with Hittite forces at Kadesh and that there was an agreement of peace made between them which was confirmed by a royal marriage.

The Hittite nation fell, along with the capital city Boghaz-Keui, at about 1200 B.C.. But important Hittite cities still remained for some time. Some of these included Carchemish, Sengirli, Hamath and other places located north of Syria. Many excavations have been done since including the deciphering of several Hittite monuments which has given us an extensive knowledge of this great people which at one time was considered by unbelievers to be a product of the imagination of deluded Jewish writers.

Much of the knowledge we now have about the Hittite nation helps us to better understand references to them found in the Bible. For example, 1 Kings 10:29 and 2 Chronicles 1;17 refers to the “kings of the Hittites.” We now know that there were many and that they were very powerful. in addition, during Ezekial’s time, the Israelites were guilty of serving the gods of other nations. Obviously, they would serve the gods of the most powerful nations hoping to win them as allies instead of enemies. Some of the gods which they served were from the Hittite nation(Ezek. 16:45). So, the many records, weapons, and other artifacts pointing to the power of this nation, which have been found through archaeology, illuminates and corresponds to the Bible record, confirming once again that the Bible is a reliable and divine source of history.

## CONCLUSION

On and on we could go listing find after find from the field of archaeology which confirms without a doubt the accuracy of the Word of God. Over and over again archaeology continues to reveal knowledge of

things which have been obscure for many years with the exception of what is found in the Bible. Archaeology is a veritable “thorn in the flesh” to those who want to discredit the Bible. In the next chapter, we will look into some other significant finds from this field of science. But let me remind you, there are volumes upon volumes of books which have been written detailing the discoveries from this field which illuminate, confirm and explain hundreds of statements found in the Bible. Once again, this is an astounding source of evidence which demands the verdict that God must exist. I pray that this chapter and the next will pique your interest and prompt you to study further into the finds of archaeology.

**Lesson Eight**  
**STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. What compelling statement did Nelson Glueck make regarding Archaeology?
2. How is Archaeology a special kind of science?
3. When did Israel destroy the city of Jericho, according to Biblical chronology?
4. What is one of the dating systems of Archaeology?
5. Why was it strange that the walls of Jericho were found laying flat from the city extending outward?
6. Give three significant observances in relation to the fact that large amounts of grain were found within the city of Jericho.
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
7. What significant group of people are mentioned in the Bible which have also been discovered by Archaeologists?
8. How did unbelievers, for many years, use the Hittites to discredit the Bible?
9. Who was the man who originally discovered the Hittite nation?
10. How does the knowledge we now have of the Hittite nation help explain the following two passages.
  - 1) 1 Kings 10:29; 1 Chronicles 1:17:
  - 2) Ezekial 16:45:

## *Lesson Nine* **ARCHAEOLOGY(2)**

As was stated near the end of the last chapter, we want to take a look at some examples from Archaeology which shed light on many Bible references. Not only do they shed light, but they confirm to any rational mind the authenticity of the Bible record. “The discipline of archaeology has only recently gained relative importance among the physical sciences. However, it has made significant contributions in many areas, including biblical criticism and arguments for the reliability of the biblical text.” (The New Evidence That Demands A Verdict, Josh McDowell, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Pg. 91.) We get our word “archaeology” from two Greek words. One is *Archaios* which means “old.” The other is *Logos* which means “word, treasure, or study.” Literally, the study of old things. And so, the definition of archaeology, as given by the Concise American Heritage Dictionary is “The systematic recovery and detailed scientific study of material evidence of human life and culture in past ages.” As indicated earlier, the finds of archaeology do not prove the existence of God by producing Him in front of our eyes. But they do show that the Bible, contrary to what many critics have stated, is historically reliable in all accounts as compared to the archaeological finds. Again, Joseph P. Free, renowned archaeologist, wrote that he was convinced that archaeology proved that the Bible was written by God “...in the most complete sense.” And if it can be proven that the Bible was written by God, then God must exist to have written it.

Now, let’s move on to some further examples from archaeology which show the Bible to be accurate. We will notice some examples from the Old Testament, then we will make a few observations from examples relating to New testament writings.

### **OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES**

- ***SODOM AND GOMORRAH.***

We read in the Bible about Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis chapters 18,19. The destruction of these cities, according to the Bible, was as follows, “Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from the Lord out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.” “Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.” This indeed is not a normal way in which anything was destroyed. This was a unique destruction of a city brought on by God Himself. Surely such a unique destruction would stand out apart from other destroyed cities in the finds of archaeology. And if

evidence of this unique destruction can be found, surely this would give astounding testimony to the fact that these great cities were destroyed by the direct hand of God just as the Bible said they were. Well, Sodom and Gomorrah have been found, and the places where they stood have been excavated and studied. And sure enough, some amazing and strange things have been brought to light in relation to how these cities were destroyed.

First of all, it should be noted that the geographical locations at which these cities have been found correspond to the location where the Bible places them, just off the Southeast shore of the Dead Sea which is part of the plain of Jordan near Zoar (Gen. 13:10-14).

Archaeological discoveries have shown that about the time at which the Bible describes the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, there was an earthquake in that area which caused some extraordinary events. Apparently, due to the earthquake, an oil basin which lay beneath the Dead Sea ignited and erupted. As a result of this, much fire and bitumen literally exploded from the ground and was sent a great distance into the air at very high quantities. This bitumen (brimstone) and fire would then proceed to fall from the sky at large rates and very quickly covering and destroying any thing in that location. It literally “rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from...out of the heavens” just as the Bible said it did. Of course, the natural explanation of these things does not take away from the miraculous nature of the events since God, Who is the creator and controller of nature, often used nature for His purposes. IN this case, he caused a very unique situation to occur for the purpose of destroying these two wicked cities as He said He would.

Also, it is interesting to point out that the layers of sedimentary rock, located on the top of Mount Sodom (Jebel Usdum), have actually been molded together by extreme heat. This corresponds to the statement in Genesis 19:28, “and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.” It went up like the smoke of a furnace because it was just that hot. Hot enough to mold together layers of rock! What amazing testimony from archaeology showing the accuracy of the Bible record!

- ***KING SAUL***

As stated in the Bible, Saul was the first king of Israel. Many things are revealed in the Bible in relation to Saul and his era. For example, it seems that the slingshot was a widely used and very effective deadly weapon during his reign. This is evidenced by the fact that David, a shepherd boy, killed the great Goliath with a single stone from a slingshot (Gen. 17). There is also the statement found in Judges 20:16, “Among all this people were seven hundred select men who were left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair’s breadth and not miss.” But if the slingshot was such a highly used and astoundingly effective weapon in

that day, surly archaeology would reflect this. It does. Sure enough, while excavating Saul's fortress at Gibeah, it was found that slingshots were indeed one of the primary weapons of that day. Once again, another amazing confirmation of the accuracy of the bible record.

- ***SOLOMON***

A few things could be pointed out from archaeology about Saul and Solomon. But as with Saul, let's just make one interesting observation about Solomon's times. We know from the Bible that Solomon was the third king of Israel and that he was extremely wealthy. We also learn that he had many wives from several different nations, probably to secure peace with these nations. An interesting find has been made that corresponds with these facts about Solomon. In 1969, the Hebrew Union College began excavations at the site of the Canaanite city of Gezer. During this excavation, an enormous layer of ash was found that covered most of the Tel. Found in this ash were artifacts from three different cultures who apparently lived there at the same time. These three cultures were Hebrew, Egyptian and Philistine. This is indeed a strange find. But amazingly, it corresponds to something the Bible tells us, "(Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer and burned it with fire, had killed the Canaanites who dwelt in the city, and had given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife." 1 Kings 9:16. This is a very enlightening passage. This verse explains the massive amount of ash found there, as well as the presence of all three cultures. The Philistines were the one's the king of Egypt killed. The presence of Egyptians is explained by the fact that the king of Egypt's daughter received the city as a dowry. The presence of the Israelites is explained by the fact that Solomon was married to that very daughter of the king of Egypt. Just another amazing discovery which shows the exact accuracy of the Bible.

- ***DAVID***

As with Solomon and Saul, many interesting facts could be discussed from archaeology about King David. Let's notice one. "A remarkable inscription from the ninth century BCE that refers to both the [House of David], and to the [King of Israel]. This is the first time that the name of David has been found in any ancient inscription outside the Bible. That the inscription refers not simply to a [David] but to the house of David, the dynasty of the great Israelite king, is even more remarkable...this may be the oldest extra-biblical reference to Israel in Semitic script. If this inscription proves anything, it shows that both Israel and Judah, contrary to the claims of some scholarly biblical minimizers, were important kingdoms at this time." (Avaraham Biram, "House of David," Biblical Archaeology Review. March/April 1994, As quoted by Josh McDowell, The New Evidence That Demands A Verdict, pg. 97). So we can see, David's existence and great reign has been confirmed by

## Archaeology.

There are many other examples from archaeology which confirm the accuracy of the Old Testament. Before moving on to some New Testament examples, consider this statement by Geisler, “In every period of Old Testament history, we find that there is good evidence from archaeology that the Scriptures speak the truth. In many instances, the Scriptures even reflect firsthand knowledge of the times and customs it describes. While many have doubted the accuracy of the Bible, time and continued research have consistently demonstrated that the Word of God is better informed than it’s critics.

In fact, while thousands of finds from the ancient world support in broad outline and often in detail the biblical picture, not one incontrovertible find has ever contradicted the Bible.”

## NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES

As with the Old Testament, we will only look at a small sample of the archaeological finds which confirm the writings of the New Testament. Noted scholar, F.F. Bruce, wrote this, “Where Luke has been suspected of inaccuracy, and accuracy has been vindicated by some inscriptional evidence, it may be legitimate to say that archaeology has confirmed the New Testament record.” (Bruce, ACNT, as cited in Henry, RB, 331, As cited in *The New Evidence that Demands A Verdict*, McDowell, Pg. 62). Now, let’s look at a sample of this evidence.

- *ICONIUM, LYSTRA, DERBE, LYCAONIA*

For many years, critics of the Bible believed that Luke was wrong about his geographical information given in Acts 14:1-6. IN that passage, we learn of a region known as Lycaonia. Luke tells us that the city of Iconium was not located in this region, but that Lystra and Derbe were. They based their criticisms on the writings of Roman Cicero and others. These writers indicated that Iconium was in Lycaonia, therefore, these critics concluded that the book of Acts, written by Luke, was in error on this point. But there have since been a few discoveries which have confirmed just what Luke wrote. For example, in 1910 Sir William Ramsey discovered an inscription on a monument which confirmed that Iconium was indeed a Phrygian city, not a city of Lycaonia.

- *LYSANIAS, TETRARCH OF ABILINE*

Critics in times past have also criticized a statement made by Luke in Luke 3:1. He states that Lysanias was the Tetrarch of Abiline. They pointed to the fact that the only Lysanias found in history was killed about 36 years before Christ was born. But Luke’s statement would be placed in a time frame of about 27 years after Christ’s birth, about a 63 year

discrepancy. But low and behold, as usual, archaeology has discovered more astounding evidence. In Abila, near Damascus, an inscription has been found which mentions “Freedman of Lysanias the tetrarch.” further, this inscription is dated between A.D. 14 and 29, just the time period in which Luke places him. Again, archaeology has proven the accuracy of the bible to the dismay of biblical critics!

- ***MERIS***

*Meris* is a Greek word which means “part” or “district.” Luke uses this word in Acts 16:12 to say that Philippi was a “part” or “district” of Macedonia. Critics have said that this is really not accurate. That term, they said, would not have been used to describe Philippi’s status. F.J.H. Hort said that “Meris” would refer, not to a “district,” but rather to a “portion.” Almost seems silly that Bible critics would go to such tedious extremes to try and discredit the word of God. But guess what, archaeological discoveries has proven the critics wrong on even this point. Recent excavations have confirmed that the word Meris, this very word, was used to describe the divisions of that particular district. The Bible prevails again!

## CONCLUSION

Many other interesting things have been uncovered by archaeology. The “Pavement” where Jesus was tried has been dug up. Traces of the Pool of Bethesda have been unearthed. An inscription about Pontius Pilate has been found and on and on the list goes. Archaeologists are truly digging up Bible stories. This science is a very exciting and faith building field, but it supplies just one of the many forms of evidence which shows to prove, by the legal method, the existence of Almighty God.

***Lesson Nine***  
***STUDY QUESTIONS***

1. What is the meaning of the two Greek words from which we get the word “Archaeology?”
2. How was Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed according to the Bible?
3. What weapon, as revealed by the Bible and by archaeological discoveries, was widely used in king Saul’s day?
4. What verse of Scripture verifies the archaeological find that people from three different cultures actually inhabited the same city at the same time?
5. What does the extra-biblical inscription about David prove?
6. Who wrote this statement? “Where Luke has been suspected of inaccuracy, and accuracy has been vindicated by some inscriptional evidence, it may be legitimate to say that archaeology has confirmed the New Testament record.”
7. According the Acts 14:1-6, and recent archaeological discoveries, in what region was the city of Iconium NOT located in?
8. Has archaeology confirmed Luke’s statement in Luke 3:1 that Lysanias was the Tetrarch of Abiline?
9. How has archaeology proven the accuracy of the New Testament in relation to the Greek word *meris*?
10. Name 3 other significant archaeological finds which show the accuracy of the New Testament record.
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)

## **Lesson Ten**

# **EVOLUTION**

The purpose of this study book is to prove the existence of God, specifically, the God of the Bible. As pointed out many times, this is not done by the so-called scientific method. God is not and can not be demonstrated before the human eye. God cannot be proven to exist by placing him before man in order to be seen, smelled, touched etc.. But rather, we are trying to prove the existence of God using the *primie facie* method or the legal method. Our goal is to set forth so much evidence that God must exist, that it would take an irrational and athiestically biased mind to deny Him. We have already pointed out much evidence, although there are literally volumes of evidence that we have neither the space nor the time to discuss in this small work.

It is a shame that this type of study is even necessary, but the denial of God by many people has made it necessary for those who believe in the God of the Bible to stand up and defend their belief (1 Pet. 3:15). Down through the ages, men have denied the existence of the Almighty. This is done first, as has been pointed out, with the heart. Once man has decided to deny God with the emotions i.e. the heart, he then tries to justify his unbelief with the intellect. This is impossible, however, many different kinds of attempts have been made to do so down through the years. One, of most recent times, is the idea of modern evolution. Since evolution poses such a threat to the belief in God in our age, it is necessary for us to devote a couple of chapters explaining and refuting the false theory of evolution. There are many in our society who are atheists specifically because of the teaching of evolution. In fact, "Many atheists have claimed to be atheists precisely because of evolution. For example, the evolutionary entomologist and sociobiologist E.O. Wilson ...said: As were many persons from Alabama, I was a born-again Christian. When I was fifteen, I entered the Southern Baptist Church with great fervor and interest in the fundamentalist religion; I left at seventeen when I got to the University of Alabama and heard about evolutionary theory." (*Refuting Evolution*, Jonathon Sarfati, Copyright 1999 by Answers in Genesis).

So we see that there is a great need for us, as children of God, to understand the fallacies of evolution and how we may adequately refute it.

In this chapter, we will discuss the history of evolution as well as the vehicles which are used to spread it in our society, and it's influence. In the next two chapters, we will talk about the creation of the world and then the creation of mankind as opposed to the evolutionary teaching that the world came as the result of the big bang theory and mankind came as the result of progressive evolution by the means of Darwin's mechanism of natural selection.

## HISTORY

There are many today who believe that the theory of evolution was began by a man named Charles Darwin. Darwin has been called the “father of evolution.” But was he the father? Is he the one who came up with the idea? The answer is no. While it was Darwin who was responsible for popularizing the theory back in the 1800’s because of his suggestion of natural selection as a mechanism to make it work (this was done by the publishing of his infamous book *Origen of Species*), He did not come up with the idea of evolution itself. There were in fact a great number of scientists and philosophers who believed the false doctrine of evolution before Charles Darwin was even born. In fact, among those from ancient times, the belief in spontaneous generation (life from inanimate objects) and transformation from one type of creature to another was quite common. For example, among the early Greeks, Empedocles taught that animals had derived from the plant kingdom. Another Greek, by the name of Anaximander, taught that evolution had occurred from fish to men. Paul Amos Moody wrote: “Ideas that by one means or another evolution does occur far antedated Darwin, however. In fact, such ideas are probably as old as human thought.”

All of this information is critical when you think of some of the attacks that have been made upon Christians by modern day evolutionists. You see, evolution is considered to be on the cutting edge of intelligence. And if you reject evolution, then you are simply rejecting intelligence and progress. Those people back in Bible times, we are told, just weren’t smart enough to figure out that mankind evolved. This is supposedly why the Bible is filled with talk about God and creation because that is all those people knew about how we must have got here. But this is far from the truth. There was a consensus that spontaneous generation had occurred from some muddy pool, or from some bit of slime, and then that new life form began to evolve until we had man. Does that sound familiar? The Greeks even had a form of natural selection which was the basis for the main point of Darwin’s theory. It’s the same thing folks believe today. Except the folks today who believe it are naive enough to think that it is cutting edge knowledge, that it is something new and newly discovered. And many of these folks, although they affirm that evolution is scientifically factual, couldn’t even begin to place before you one shred of evidence supporting the theory of evolution. As Dr. Henry M. Morris said, most intelligent people believe in evolution, simply because they have been told that most intelligent people believe in evolution. (For more discussion on what the ancients believed, see Henry Morris’ book *the Twilight of Evolution*, 1963, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids Michigan, and *Not By Chance* by Dr. Lee Spetner.)

Most scientists in the 17th and 18th centuries were Bible believers and the things which they proposed in science were facts and biblically based. It was Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778) who developed the

classification system of living things which is still in use today by biologists. Then there was Georges Cuvier (1769-1832) who wrote a great deal about comparative anatomy, zoology and paleontology. He was a man who represented the thoughts of most scientists of his day. He discovered that the fossil vertebrates could be put into sequence from fish to mammal, he did not believe that one form descended from another, but was created, and he believed that a series of catastrophes had wiped out many life forms (e.g. the flood).

But regardless of these men of faith, there were those scientists who played seriously with the idea of evolution. But it was never generally accepted, most likely because of the two books written by William Paley (1743-1805) (*A View of the Evidences of Christianity* and *Natural Theology*). Paley's famous watch argument (See chapter five *Design Demands a Designer*) kept the teaching of evolution in check simply because no one could answer it. But when Darwin's book *Origin of Species* was published in 1859 by John Murray, it was thought that the answer to the watch argument had been found. In truth, Darwin gave no such answer, nor has an answer been given to this day. You see, although the idea of lower life forms evolving into higher life forms has been tinkered with for many centuries, there was no mechanism which could show how this happened. Darwin came along and offered the idea of natural selection and people accepted it to a large degree. This doesn't show intelligence on Darwin's part, it just shows the moral degradation of folks who were ready to find any explanation they could of the origin of man that would excuse them from having to answer to a just God. In fact, Darwin's theory of evolution has been rejected by evolutionists today and replaced by a more modern version of the theory.

Some of the evolutionists, whose writings influenced Darwin's thoughts were Georges Leclerc Buffon (1707-1788), Jean Baptiste Lamarck (1744-1829) and Geoffry Saint-Hilaire (1772-1844). All of these men believed in some form of evolution. Lamarck especially. He laid down four laws to show how it was possible for new organs to form within a creature as a result of need. Hillaire was especially influential in his day. He taught that since all animals were of similar structure, they must have come from one another. He believed that higher forms evolved from lower forms. Darwin was born in 1809 and died in 1882. An unpromising child, Darwin's father entered him into Cambridge University at the age of nineteen to actually prepare him for a church career. Darwin planned to be a country minister. At the age of twenty-two and a half, Darwin finished school without distinction. But he was soon appointed as the naturalist on a scientific voyage around the world. It was on this five year voyage that Darwin had the opportunity to study nature and begin to develop some of his ideas which later formed his theories.

In 1856, geologist Sir Charles Lyell prompted Darwin to write a work detailing his beliefs on evolution. In 1858, the work was about half done when Darwin received a paper written by Alfred Russel Wallace outlining

the same thoughts Darwin was presently writing about. Wallace published his book along with some of Darwin's thoughts written in 1844. This incident prompted Darwin to hurry along with his work. He finished his work and published it in 1859. It was a work which was destined to catapult evolution into the forefront of scientific thought.

Darwin tried to explain away Paley's watch argument by claiming that there was no parallel. A watch, he would say, was an inanimate object, while a duck or a frog wasn't. Living things had the potential to grow and change by reproducing themselves while an inanimate object, like a watch, was destined to remain the same unless changed by its creator. This was the key argument that caused many to go on to accept evolution. But Darwin was wrong, the two are parallel because the living things had to have a beginning somewhere. If an unliving inanimate object could evolve into a living creature, which in turn evolved into the higher life forms (human), then why could not an inanimate, unliving watch do the same thing? Nevertheless, Darwin's book sold out very quickly and became widely accepted to people who seemed to be anxious for a way to get around God.

But Darwin's theory was filled with complications that even scientists who accepted it admitted. After new discoveries in biology, particularly in the field of genetics, Darwin's theory was shown to have very serious problems and was in desperate need of repair and change. Instead of rejecting the heresy, the theory was indeed changed and updated. In 1941, at the meeting of the Geological Society of America, scientists from different fields were appointed to take into account the new discoveries and update Darwin's theory. The result was a theory called *the Modern Synthetic Theory of Evolution* which later became known as the *Neo-Darwinian Theory of Evolution*. The theory was almost completely different form that of Darwin's, but it taught the same major premise that man evolved from lower life forms. This is the theory which is taught as fact in our school systems today and is held as fact by many people of the world who consider themselves intellectual.

## INFLUENCES

As we will see in the next couple of chapters, evolution is unproved and unprovable. Just as many of its main pushers claim. But why is it that so many people accept it as fact? Why is it that Americans substituted evolution in the place of God Himself? Because of evolution we are quickly becoming a nation that has forgotten God. Why is it that so many people know about evolution? What kind of influence is there in our society which makes evolution so widely accepted? There are a couple of answers to that question. The first answer is simply the school systems.

Very recently, a book on evolution was put out by the NAS(National Academy of Sciences) for the purpose of guiding teachers in their classes relating to the teaching of evolution. It's called *Teaching about Evolution*

*and the Nature of Science.* Educators throughout America has availability to this book which teaches very dogmatically the false theory of evolution as if it were a confirmed fact. In it's preface, this book states: "Many students receive little or no exposure to the most important concept in modern biology, a concept essential to understanding key aspects of living things---biological evolution." The entire book starts out with a lie! Students of all academic levels, including pre-school, must endure constant exposure to this damnable heresy. All subjects from psychology to economics have been touched by evolutionary thought. Evolution has been taught in schools as a fact since the 1960's. And as a result, we have a whole generation of young people and maturing adults who receive evolution as if it were proven true. Old concepts which have been rejected by scientists for many years are still being regurgitated to students by their teachers because the updating systems in school text books are supposedly too slow to keep up.

Evolution is not based on scientific facts, it is based on faith, and a giant leap of faith at that. What's more upsetting is that our government is now barring the teaching of religion and God and Christ and prayer in our schools while at the same time insisting that the false faith system of evolution be crammed down the throats of our youth. Why must evolution be taught so dogmatically by our school systems as the explanation of our origins, yet the Bible as an explanation of our origins is barred? It's unfair to our youth to be exposed to the so-called proofs of evolution without also being equally exposed to the fallacies of evolution and the proofs of the Bible record. One young lady, after hearing a dissertation on the impossibility of evolution, approached the speaker afterwards and said, "I'm angry." She went on to explain that she was angry at her teachers and college professors. She said this: "Why didn't they tell me about all of this evidence that contradicts evolution? How come they taught me ideas that were discarded, even by evolutionists, years ago? Why didn't they let me consider the evidence put forward by creationists? The way I conduct my life is very dependent on my beliefs about origins. Why haven't I been allowed to hear all of this information-----isn't that what education is all about?"

This young lady, and many others, are being deceived by a godless system of education backed by godless educators. I'm not knocking all school teachers here. There are some good ones out there but they are the minority. Evolution is reigning because our schools are teaching it as a fact! It also reigns because most of our publishers in this nation are liberal evolutionists themselves. This makes it very difficult for Bible believing writers to get their works printed and in the hands of the public; works which give the evidence against evolution and for special creation. Be on guard against this heresy, Don't let yourself or your children be swallowed up by these godless influences.

***Lesson Ten***  
***STUDY QUESTIONS***

1. Many have become athiests specifically because of what?
2. Why is Charles Darwin considered the father of evolution?
3. Why is it important to realize that evolution was believed even by many in Bible days?
4. What did most scientists from the 17th and 18th century believe about origins?
5. Did Charles Darwin come up with the idea of evolution?
6. Name three writers who infulenced Darwin.
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
7. What did Lamarck accomplish?
8. What did Hillaire teach?
9. What did Charles Darwin study to be in college?
10. Who prompted Darwin to write a book on evolution?
11. What was Darwin's infamous book called and what year was it published?
12. What significant event occured in 1941?
13. What is one of the major evolutionary influences in our society?

## ***Lesson Eleven*** **EVOLUTION(2)**

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*  
*Genesis 1:1*

IN existence in our age are basically two different religions. One religion claims to believe in special creation, the belief that God created the heavens and the earth and all living matter just as Genesis chapter one says. The other religion is evolution. Evolution teaches that all living forms evolved from lower living forms which evolved from non-living matter. There are very learned scientists on both sides of the argument. But one thing needs to be pointed out; they are both faith systems. Each person chooses to believe in one or the other based on his personal choice. As was mentioned in the last chapter, it is unfair for the schools systems in our country to present “evidence” for one belief system (evolution) without being allowed or even compelled to present the evidence for the other belief system (special creation). When people tell you that the teaching of religion isn’t allowed in school, don’t you believe it! More accurately stated is that the teaching of the Christian religion isn’t allowed in the school systems, but the teaching of the evolutionary belief system is allowed, required and encouraged.

When we read the Bible, we see that there have been many men and women down through the ages who have put their faith in God as the creator of the Universe. This is also true as we study books which have been written down through the centuries right up to our own century. The same can be said of evolution. Down through the ages there have been many cultures and societies who have put their faith in some form of evolution.

Those who accept evolution also except one of two popular theories about how the earth and galaxies formed. The most popular would be the Big Bang Theory. Somehow, the earth and solar system in which it orbits, just occurred from an explosion from some hard mass about the size of a golf ball or smaller. From this explosion, all of the galaxies in outer space have developed. Some believe that the earth formed slowly, over millions of years, by the hardening of gases in space. In either case, the earth is believed to be about 4.5 Billion years old. Of course, this old earth is necessary in order to produce enough time for evolution to have occurred. On the other hand, creationists believe that the earth got here just as the Bible states; it was instantly created by the word of God (Hebrews 11:3). And man, instead of evolving, was created upon the sixth day of the earth’s existence, just as Genesis says.

In this short chapter, we are going to look at the evidence that is presented by those on both sides of the argument. After looking at the evidence which actually exists, you will be pleasantly surprised at how forcefully true science points directly to God as the Creator of the universe.

## EVIDENCE FROM EVOLUTIONISTS

According to evolutionists, some of the most compelling evidence for a 4.5 billion year old earth comes from the use of various different dating methods. These different dating methods have supposedly “confirmed” that certain substances, such as rock and coal, are millions or even billions of years old, “proving” that the earth is that old as well. But do these dating methods really prove that the rocks are that old? Certainly not! Each dating method which is used is based upon several things which must be assumed. If something is assumed, it is not proven. So these dating methods cannot prove anything. With this in mind, let’s discuss some of these methods

**URANIUM DATING:** Uranium dating is really broken down into about four different methods of dating because of the different types of uranium, called isotopes, and the different forms of uranium. You see, in the process of decaying, uranium particles emit certain substances known as alpha particles. Once the uranium atom has emitted these alpha particles, it is no longer a uranium particle, but is now another substance called thorium. And so there is actually what is known as uranium dating methods and thorium dating methods. Uranium and thorium both decay into lead. Uranium 238 decays into lead 206, uranium 235 decays into lead 207, while thorium 232 decays into lead 208. The age of the rock in which these substances are found, is determined by observing how much uranium and how much lead is found in the rock. Then, when the decay rate is figured in, the age of the rock becomes known. As was mentioned above, there are many assumptions involved in this dating method. In the first place, You have to know how much of each substance was found in the rock originally (i.e. How much uranium and how much lead was in the rock when the rock was first formed.) This is impossible to know since no one was there to take the measurements. secondly, you have to assume that nothing has happened to the rock which might cause uranium to be added, or lead to be subtracted. This would certainly alter the true reading. This too cannot be determined since we haven’t had someone standing guard over the rock down through the years observing whether or not anything happened to the rock which might have added or subtracted on of these substances. So this method of dating is extremely unreliable, and using it, one could assign just about any age they wanted to any particular rock being tested. Evidence of an old earth? certainly not!

**POTASSIUM-ARGON DATING:** The Potassium -argon dating works the same as the uranium-lead dating method. The only difference is that instead of measuring the amount of uranium and lead in the rock, the amount of potassium and argon is measured. In the first, uranium decays into lead, in the second, potassium decays into argon. In both instances

the decay rate is applied to the amount of both substances found within a given rock. The same assumptions are made in this method as with the other so we won't duplicate them here. But there is more to add. The potassium-argon method has been shown to be ridiculously inaccurate by way of certain examples. Rock from a certain lava flow, judged to be less than 200 years old, was tested using the potassium-argon method. It dated from 12 to 21 million years old! In 1800-1801, there was another lava flow which was witnessed by man in Hawaii. When dated, the results said that it was anywhere from 1 to 2.4 billion years old! But we have witnesses of this lava flow. We know for a fact that it is only 200 years old! There are many other examples of this type inconsistency. The scary thing is, this dating method is used as "proof" that the earth is billions of years old. But when it dates rocks which we know to be only a couple of hundred years old to be a few million or in some instances a few billion years old, we know we have fraud and deceit on our hands. Ever hear of a false witness?

**CARBON 14 DATING:** This is probably the most well-known and considered the most reliable of all dating methods. It may be well known, but it's reliability is another story all together. What is carbon 14 dating? Carbon 14 is a radioactive substance which is formed from nitrogen. In the atmosphere, nitrogen is transformed into carbon 14 when it comes in contact with cosmic rays. Once transformed, the carbon then showers itself onto the earth, This carbon, by way of photosynthesis, is absorbed by all living things; plants, animals etc. The carbon is then passed along from plant to animal to animal through the process of the food chain until each living creature supposedly has the same amount of radioactivity within them. Once the animal dies, it's body no longer absorbs carbon 14, and the carbon 14 which exists begins to change back into nitrogen. The age of the animal is determined by measuring the amount of carbon 14 still present in the body. The less the carbon 14, the older the carcass. But again, there are many assumptions involved with this method of dating which are similar to the one's involved in the previous dating methods. For example, how much carbon was in the animal when he died? Has anything happened to the body since it dies which might speed up the rate of carbon 14 decay? It must also be assumed that the level of carbon 14 and the level of nitrogen has remained constant over the years. Not to mention the rate of cosmic ray bombardment. This too, is a very unreliable dating method.

Without a reliable dating method, those who accept a billions of years old earth are left without a leg to stand on. They have nothing more to offer for this so called "old earth" except the dating methods. And they have been shown to be very unreliable.

## **EVIDENCE FROM CREATIONISTS**

But now the question remains, is there any evidence which shows

that the earth is relatively young, just as the Bible says? First of all, What does the Bible say about the age of the earth? Well, it says nothing directly. There is no passage which comes right out and says, "this is how old the earth is." But when one adds up the years based on the genealogical records given in Genesis as well as throughout the scriptures, the age of the earth can be reasonably determined. Using this method, different ages have been suggested ranging from 6000 years to, at the most, 10,000 years. Certainly not 4.5 billion years. What does the evidence say?

**INSTANT CREATION:** The Bible suggests that the world was created instantly at the word of God. Is there any scientific knowledge which corresponds to this teaching? Yes there is! This evidence is relatively new and has been collecting for more than 35 years now. We learned earlier that uranium, a radioactive element, decays into lead. When this uranium is trapped within a rock, the decaying process forms a radiohalo within the rock. The halo is formed by a discoloration of the rock wherever the halo is formed. This is done when uranium 238, for instance, emits alpha particles after being trapped inside the rock. These alpha particles destroy the crystal structure of the radioactive mineral. These alpha particles can only travel so far throughout the rock since they travel a certain rate of speed. And so, they only make a certain distance before they stop. When they stop, they cause a discoloration of the rock in that place. Since the alpha particles are distributed in all directions, the discolorations form the shape of a spherical halo within the rock. As noted earlier, uranium particles decay into lead. This is done in 15 different steps. And so, when a uranium atom emits an alpha particle, it is no longer uranium, but becomes another substance, thorium, which in turn emits a particle and becomes another substance.

In the flow of this 15 step process, alpha particles with five different, distinct rates of speed are emitted. As a result of this process, when uranium is trapped within a rock, a discoloration of five circles (or halos) will appear around one another sharing the same center. The rate of speed of each of the five alpha particles will determine how large it's circle will be. And so, if a halo is found within a rock, it can be determined what element caused that halo just by looking at the size of the circle. Three of the circles within the 5 ring halo are formed by metallic elements known as Polonium 218, polonium 214 and polonium 210. The only place these isotopes of polonium are found is in the presence of uranium. This is so because their rate of decay is so fast. This element can only be stored for a few minutes before it decays. In fact, the only reason they exist is because of the presence of uranium which in turn decays into these substances.

There are two requirements which must be met before a halo can form. 1) Before a molten rock cools, there must be a small speck of a radioactive substance included in it. Such as uranium 238. 2) Before all radioactivity is ended, the rock must harden and form a crystal. All of

these facts may seem confusing, but to show how important they are, I will quote from Josh McDowell and Don Stewart's book, *Reasons*. "Because of these considerations, it was surprising when two- and three-ring halos were discovered in a size which indicated they had been formed by the three isotopes of polonium. Since polonium 218 has a half-life of only three minutes, most polonium is almost entirely gone within thirty minutes. Therefore, to find a polonium 218 halo without any evidence of a uranium halo seemed to indicate that the molten rock solidified within thirty minutes of the formation of the polonium 218, and since the only known source of polonium 218 is from the decay of uranium, the only apparent source of that polonium would be by creation." This is astounding. Apparently God created polonium 218 apart from uranium in order to fulfill His purposes in creation. It's the only scientific explanation in existence. This demands that the earth was created instantly, just as the Bible says it was. Not to mention that Polonium 214 halos has a half-life of only 0.000164 second. This means that the rock would have had to cool off and solidify in less than one-thousandth of a second after the polonium 214 was emitted. Again, proof of instant creation.

**THE SHRINKING SUN:** Herman von Helmholtz(1850) and Lord Kelvin discovered that the sun was shrinking. Evidence discovered since has confirmed this interesting fact. The consequences of this fact is that if the earth was truly 4.5 billion years old, the sun would have burned out billions of years ago.

**THE SHRINKING MOUNTAINS:** Because of erosion, the mountains and all of land gets lower and lower, closer and closer to sea level. This happens when rain falls onto the land. The rain then soaks through the soil, picking up particles of minerals which break down the rock below the soil. The particles of broken down rock then become soil themselves and replace the topsoil which is being washed away, down the hills, into the rivers, then into the oceans where it settles on the ocean floor. So, literally speaking, the ocean floors are building up while the mountains are shrinking. Don't be alarmed, this process won't even cause a noticeable difference in the size of the mountains in your lifetime. But the rate at which this is taking place has been calculated. And guess what? There is no way the earth can be billions, or even millions of years old, Because if it was, the mountains would have already disappeared and been deposited on the ocean floor!

These are just a few samples of the evidence which science has presented in favor of a young earth. Why don't we hear more about this evidence? Because it isn't taught in the schools. Once again, the reason it isn't taught in the schools is because the majority of people in this nation do not wish to accept creation and God as real. If they did, then they would have to clean up their lives and recognize their responsibility to a living, All powerful God. This, they simply are not willing to do!

***Lesson Eleven***  
***STUDY QUESTIONS***

1. What are two religions which are generally believed in our society?
2. How do evolutionists believe the earth got here?
3. How old does the evolutionists believe the earth to be?
4. What New Testament passage states that God framed the worlds by His word?
5. Where do the evolutionists turn for their most “compelling evidence” for a 4.5 Billion year old earth?
6. List three dating systems and name which one is the most popular?
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
7. What do all three of these dating systems have in common which shows them to be unreliable?
8. Why do evolutionists need a 4.5 billion year old earth?
9. Is there scientific evidence which shows that it is highly likely that the earth was created instantaneously?
10. What does uranium finally decay into?
11. What interesting fact do we now know about the sun?
12. In one word, What causes the mountains to shrink?
13. If the earth were millions or even billions of years old, what would have happened to the mountains by now?

## **Lesson Twelve**

### **EVOLUTION(3)**

*“Then God said, ‘let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness...’” “So God created man in His Own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:26a, 27*

Particles to people evolution teaches essentially that man has evolved, over millions of years, from a single celled creature. In this process, the single cell grew legs(or fins) and progressed into a multi-celled creature. Eventually, all creatures came from this single cell. A fish became a philosopher. A dog became a doctor. A lizard became a lecturer, etc.. Each animal evolved from another animal of a different, “lower” kind. Make up your own scenario. Perhaps a fish became a lizard which became an alligator which became a dog which became a bear which became an ape which became a man. Evolution is nothing more than an adult fairy tale. When we were children, we were told of a frog becoming a prince by means of a kiss from a princess. But we called it a fairy tale. But in adult life, we are told that a frog became a man by means of a kiss from blind chance and natural selection. But we are told that it is scientific fact!

On the other hand, the Bible teaches in the passages above that God created man in His image. It also teaches that God created, separate and apart from man, all the animals, the birds separate from them, and the insects separate from them. We are also taught in the Bible that all “kinds” must remain within their own kind(Read Genesis chapter one). There is a big difference between evolution and changes within a kind. For example, we have many different kinds of dogs. Big dogs, little dogs, cute dogs, ugly dogs, wolf dogs, etc.. But dogs only give birth to dogs. They may give birth to different kinds of dogs, but it will always be a dog. A dog will never, has never, and can never give birth to a cat, a mouse or any other kind of creature. This is scientifically proven every day. This is true science and is also just what Genesis chapter one teaches. On the other hand, one kind giving birth to another kind, cannot, has not, and will not be proven scientifically. Even in the most technologically advanced lab, man cannot make a dog give birth to a cat, etc.. God’s word is scientific, man’s fairy tales are not.

In this chapter, we will simply take a look at a few reasons why amoeba to man evolution cannot possibly be scientifically correct. In fact, it contradicts true science on every turn.

### **LAWS OF THERMODYNAMICS**

There are two laws in science which are two of the most proven laws in existence. They have been demonstrated thousands of times over without fail. In fact, they are so commonly recognized among scientists that they are simply referred to as the first law and the second law.

The first law of thermodynamics states basically that there is no new energy either being created or destroyed in our universe. The second law states that all energy is turning to entropy. Entropy is the measurement of the order or disorder of a system. Whenever there is a high level of workable energy available within a system, there is more order and entropy is low. But when the working energy level is low, the entropy is high, meaning that there is more disorder. Essentially speaking, all things are breaking down, all things are falling apart. As time progresses, everything is wearing out. This is just a fact. A banana peel will rot, a house will fall apart, a dead carcass will decay, concrete will crack etc. etc.. Now, how does evolution measure up under these two laws?

In the first place, let me show you how the second law demands that the first law shows that creation must have taken place. According to the first law, the universe has either always existed, or it was created at some point. Because, remember, no new energy is being created or inserted into our universe. Now, the second law demands that the universe could not have always existed, because it would have already fell apart and destroyed itself by now. The only conclusion is that the universe had to have been created at some point in time, then the second law of thermodynamics took effect, and the world began to fade away. Indeed, I believe that the second law of thermodynamics took effect when man sinned and brought a curse upon all mankind as well as the universe.

But what's more, since the second law states that everything is moving from order to disorder, where does that leave evolution? Evolution teaches just the opposite! Evolution teaches that everything is progressing, evolving, or moving from disorder to order. But the confirmed, incontrovertible fact of the second law tells us that evolution is impossible!

### MECHANISMS???

There are basically two mechanisms which are accepted among evolutionists that are supposed to explain how man evolved from the lower classes to modern man. The first one, natural selection, was put forth by Darwin in his *origins*. Basically, this mechanism teaches that acquired traits are passed on to the next generation. For example, if a monkey sits on his tail enough, it will fall off. His children, then, would be born without tails. Another example: Supposedly, a Giraffe has a long neck because he evolved it from a shorter neck. At one time, there was a severe drought and giraffes were forced to feed off the leaves of trees. Due to much stretching, the necks became longer and this trait was passed down to the next generation.

Due to the study of Genetics, and many breakthroughs in that field of science, natural selection is not as widely accepted today. Genetics have proven that the way any certain creature will look has already been

written on a code within the DNA. This code cannot be altered by the environment to the point of creating another “kind.” Let me explain, if the monkey’s tail falls off, that is a result of the environment. That is an outside incident which does not effect or alter what is written inside the genes of that monkey. His children will still have tails. Let me give you a clear example from my own family. When my father was young, due to an accident with a table saw, he lost three of his fingers on one of his hands. But I was born with all of my fingers, as was my brother and my sister. Natural selection would demand that I be born with those three fingers missing. You can see why this mechanism is no longer accepted, at least not by anyone who has any hint of sense about him.

The second mechanism, and the one mostly accepted today among evolutionists, has to do with mutations. We are told that man has evolved from the lower classes by way of mutations which occur within the structure of the gene. Indeed, mutations do occur. When a mutation occurs, an individual is born with a trait which was not part of his mother’s or his father’s gene pool. But mutations are very rare and they are almost always harmful. 99.9% of all mutations are harmful and in many cases fatal. If a helpful mutation does occur, it would happen so rarely that the time span for man to evolve from a one celled creature would be beyond our ability to calculate or to even imagine. The mutations which are not harmful are generally neutral. For example, the widow’s peak is a mutation(a trait not acquired from parents). At any rate, evolutionists teach that mutations can cause one “kind” of animal to mutate into another “kind.” This is flatly denied by scientific law. It has never been shown to happen and never will. A mutated human is still a human. A mutated dog is still a dog. Before moving on, consider a few quotes:

- How often do mutations occur? “perhaps once in a million animals or once in a million lifetimes.” (*Science today*, Chapter by C.H. Waddington, pg. 36.)
- How do mutations effect the one possessing them? “Most mutations are bad, in fact good ones are so rare that we may consider them all as bad.” (H.J. Muller, *Time*, November 11, 1946, pg. 96.)
- Are mutations capable of creating or producing a different kind of species, or even a new organ or limb?(This would be necessary in order for evolution to occur) “A fact that has been obvious for many years is that Mendelian mutations deal only with changes in existing characteristics, never with the appearance of a new functioning character.” (H. Graham Cannon, *The Evolution of Living Things*, pg. 92)

Just as evolution could not have taken place by natural selection, it could not and cannot take place by means of mutations.

## CHROMOSOMES

Genes are the vehicles of heredity in all living organisms. These genes are contained by chromosomes which are contained by cells. Now, when evolution occurs, naturally, when an organism progresses from one form to another(Example:Ape to man), the chromosome count would naturally increase. This is only logical. But there's a problem. In a chimpanzee, each cell contains 48 chromosomes, while each cell of a human contains only 46. Could this mean that chimpanzees are actually the superior organism and that we are all evolving into monkeys? Hmm! The way some people think seems to indicate that this is the case(smile). What does this do to the famous road to Homo Sapiens? This is the famous chart we all saw in our science books while in school showing how modern man evolved from the different kinds of apes. Incidentally, all of the men in this Road are the figments of the imaginations of creative and sometimes deceptive men. For example, one man was drawn up based on a single tooth which was later proven to be the tooth of a pig. Another entire man was drawn up from a single skull and a jaw fragment. In fact, if you were to take the parts from which the entire Road was drawn and throw them into a 5 gallon bucket, you couldn't fill the bucket half way. In actuality, Humans rank lower than frogs and toads insofar as chromosome counts are concerned. It's true what Dr. Moore said about Darwin's theory. It is, "more illogical than biological." (*Herald and News*, Klamoth Falls, Ore., 12-27-71.)

These facts about chromosome counts destroy the argument from comparative analogy. This is one of the evolutionists' main arguments which states that since similarity can be shown between the different kinds of creatures, then they must all have evolved from one another. If similarity shows anything at all, it shows that we were all created by One Creator Who choose to make us from many of the same ingredients(e.g. Proteins, Amino Acids, etc..) because we would be breathing the same air, drinking the same water, and inhabiting the same earth.

## THE MISSING LINK

When we begin to talk about the missing link, we begin to speak about another field from which the evolutionists make their arguments - Paleontology. This is the study of fossils. Supposedly, the fossil record shows a perfect picture of evolution. On top of the basement floor of the earth, there are different layers of earth. Each of these layers have within them fossilized remains of various different species. Naturally, the bottom layer represents the oldest, while the top layers represent the most recent ages. On the bottom layers, we are told, there are the remains of only the lower forms of creatures. As you move up to the top layer, you begin to find fossils of the more complex creatures, until finally, you find fossilized humans, birds etc.. This, we are told, proves that man must have evolved

from the lower, more simple celled creatures. In the first place, all of this information isn't accurate. There are many instances in which the layers are mixed up. For example, a simple celled creature is found closer to the top while a more complex celled creature is found toward the bottom. But this is another matter. The point we wish to make here is this: In all of the fossils which have been found, and there are millions upon millions, there has not been found even one transitory skeleton. What I mean is this: There has not been found one half frog/ half alligator. There has not been found one half lizard/half bird creature. There has not been found one, not even one, half ape/half man skeleton! If just one of these combinations were found, then it would show the progression, the evolution, from a lower animal to a more complex one. But not one has been found! That's why it is called the missing link. In actuality, there are millions upon millions of missing links. If evolution really did happen the way we are told it did, then there should be literally millions of transitory links. But not one has been found! What does this say for the evolution heresy?

Also, it is very interesting that the fossils of ancient creatures have been shown to be the same as their living descendants. For example, the Coelacanth is a gigantic deep water fish. This fish was believed to have become extinct some 60 to 90 million years ago. But, in recent years, many of these fish have actually been caught and their skeletal structures correspond exactly to their ancestor's. No evolution took place.

## SPONTANEOUS GENERATION

Spontaneous generation is the occurrence of the non-living giving rise to the living. The inorganic giving rise to the organic. We are told that Evolution is a fact of science. But true science can only deal with things of the present because things proven by true science must be capable of being reproduced at will. In order for something to be scientifically true it must be demonstrated again and again. Evolution teaches that we all eventually evolved from one single celled organism. But this leads us to a question which no evolutionist can be rational or reasonable on; where did that single living cell come from? You guessed it! Spontaneous generation. We are told that non-living matter suddenly, and for no apparent reason, came to life, and then began to evolve. Listen, evolutionists claim that miracles are non-scientific and therefore the Bible must be a fraud. What about this?! Non-living matter becoming living matter is something that science has not, cannot, never has or never will produce. Believing that the one-celled creature just came to life by blind chance is by far more incredible than believing that God spoke the worlds into existence (Hebrews 11:3). Don't ever let an evolutionist tell you that he doesn't believe in miracles. And don't ever let an evolutionists tell you that evolution is scientific fact. Spontaneous generation is not, and can never be, a scientific fact.

## **CONCLUSION**

**On and on we could go showing that the supposed “proofs” of evolution are nothing more than fanciful ideas dreamed up by so-called “intellectuals” who are really nothing more than infidels who refuse to acknowledge the presence of an Almighty God in the universe. These people simply want to follow their heart and live the way they wish without realizing any responsibility to God. They don’t want to have to answer for their iniquities. So, they have denied God with the emotions, and they are still trying to do the impossible - deny Him with the intellect. As a result, their sins only continue to grow worse and worse as their heresy continues to corrupt our nation to the point of trying to drive God out of the land. “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.” Psalm 14:1**

***Lesson Twelve***  
**STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. What does particles to people evolution teach?
2. What does the Bible teach about the origin of man?
3. What do the first two laws of Thermodynamics state?
  - 1)
  - 2)
4. How is the teaching of evolution opposite from the 2nd law?
5. Name the two most popular mechanisms by which evolution supposedly occurred.
  - 1)
  - 2)
6. What are mutations NOT capable of doing?
7. What is significant about the chromosome count in a chimpanzee being higher than that of human cells?
8. How many transitory fossils have been found?
9. What significant fact about the Coelacanth fish is destructive to the theory of evolution?
10. What is Spontaneous Generation?
11. Would you consider spontaneous generation to be miraculous?

## ***Lesson Thirteen***

### **DINOSAURS**

*“Look now at the behemoth, which I made along with you; He eats grass like an ox. See now, his strength is in his hips, and his power is in his stomach muscles. He moves his tail like a cedar...” Job 40:15-17*

The word “dinosaur” is a composition of two words. “deinos” once meant “fearfully great” but later came to mean “terrible.” “Saurus” means “lizard.” So, the meaning of the word “dinosaur” is actually “terrible lizard.” The name dinosaur didn’t really come into being until introduced by a man named Richard Owen around 1842. Dinosaurs were given their own classification as creatures because of the way their legs protruded from their bodies. Although they were reptilian like, their legs did not come out to the side of their bodies like that of an alligator etc., but rather, they extended underneath their bodies more like that of a mammal, causing them to walk on vertical legs without dragging their bodies on the ground. One of the first dinosaurs discovered was called *iguanodon* (Fossil iguana). This “terrible lizard’s” fossil was found by a Dr. Mantell and his wife around 1822. Later, the tooth of this fossil was shown to be like that of an iguana, yet much larger. Ever since this discovery, thousands of complete dinosaur fossils have been found all over the world in various different shapes and sizes along with dinosaur “droppings”, fossilized footprints, dinosaur eggs. There is no doubt that this earth was once roamed by these creatures we call dinosaurs. But what of these creatures called dinosaurs? What should our conclusion be? The evolutionists claim that dinosaurs are yet another “proof” that evolution actually did occur. But those who believe in special creation maintain that dinosaur fossils provide very compelling evidence for creation. Before we draw our conclusions, let’s notice some other interesting facts about these marvelous creatures.

### **THE BIBLE AND DINOSAURS**

It is accepted by most that dinosaurs are now extinct (More on this later), but were they mentioned in the Bible? I believe they were. In the first place, let us remember that there are several creatures which once lived but are now believed to be extinct. Dinosaurs just fall into this category of extinct creatures. Evolutionists claim that dinosaurs evolved, but the Bible says they were created. Genesis 1:20-25 tells us that God created all of the creatures in the sea, the air, and the land on days five and six. This would include dinosaurs and many other creatures which no longer inhabit the earth. All animals seem to have a purpose. Dinosaurs purpose seems to have been, among other things, to keep the foliage of the large trees eaten down. In areas which were highly dense with tall trees, those smaller plants growing beneath them would need sunlight to survive. Many of the dinosaurs were tall enough to eat away the leaves of

the tall trees allowing that much needed sunlight to shine through. Interestingly enough, because of the kinds of teeth most large dinosaurs had, it can be determined that most dinosaurs were plant eaters rather than meat eaters (By the way, don't believe that dinosaurs were actually like the way they are depicted in most of the media movies and television shows. They were no more fierce than the lion or the bear, but they had to eat).

But, Genesis chapter one is only an indirect reference to dinosaurs, just as it is to all animals, birds, and fish. Wouldn't it be fascinating if we could find a detailed description in the Bible of a dinosaur which matches some of the fossils that have been found? I believe so. Well, we can! Open your Bible and read Job 40:15-24 (For the sake of space I won't quote it here but you really need to read it). Without a doubt, these verses are describing a large, powerful creature. Some have believed over the years that it's describing an elephant or a hippopotamus. But The reference to the fact that "he moves his tail like a cedar" (Verse 17) doesn't seem to fit. After all, the elephant and the Hippo are large powerful creatures, but have you ever seen their tails? Looks sort of like a Pig's tail. Certainly not like that of a cedar. However, many of the fossils of dinosaurs show them to have had tails big enough to be accurately described as a cedar. The "Behemoth" described in this passage was also a plant eater. Verse 15 tells us that he eats grass like an ox. This description matches perfectly with the three dinosaurs of the *Diplodocidae* family.

But there's more. Notice also the description of "Leviathan" in Job chapter 41. Actually, many scholars today contend that this chapter describes two different creatures. One in verses 1-11, and another in verses 12-34. Check them out for yourself! The first creature described (if these are actually two different creatures) fits the description of several different types of dinosaurs. But let's pay special attention to the second.

The creature described in verses 12-34 fits in well with that of the *Parasaurolophus*. But notice an interesting feature of this creature. We are told in verses 18-21, "His sneezes flash forth light...Out of his mouth go burning lights; sparks of fire shoot out. Smoke goes out of his nostrils, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. His breath kindles coal, and a flame goes out of his mouth." There is no doubt that the creature the Bible describes here breathed fire. Sounds like a dragon. But did the dragon actually exist? There's no reason to believe that he didn't. There have been very specific stories told and illustrations given since the beginning of time which fit the description of many different types of dragons, especially from India, Europe, Africa, The Middle East, and the Orient. Myths and legends are always believed to have had their beginnings based in certain facts, regardless of how much the facts have been stretched out. The myths and legends about fire breathing dragons are too numerous and too widespread and too similar for us to deny that at one time in the past this type of creature once existed. And now we have

the Bible describing a fire breathing creature!

“But,” you may ask, “doesn’t it seem unreasonable and even far-fetched to believe that a creature actually breathed out fire?” Not really, not when you consider that there are creatures living today who can produce the same results by way of mixing certain chemicals together in their bodies. Consider the electric eel. This animal can emit enough electricity (about 650 volts) to electrocute a man to death. How does he do this? By chemical reactions in his body. Think also of the “lightning bug.” This insect’s tail glows in the dark as the result of an Electrochemical reaction. But even more compelling, think about the Bombardier Beetle (or “bombadeer beetle”). This amazing creature has a very interesting method of defense. I won’t go into all of the details about chemicals here. But feel free to look up the Bombardier beetle in your encyclopedia and read about it yourself. Basically speaking, this beetle has the capability to produce and store certain chemicals in sacs located near the back of his body. When these chemicals are mixed and released with great pressure, they come into contact with the oxygen in the air and the result is a blazing flame which reaches the temperature of about 212 degrees Fahrenheit. He literally shoots out flames of fire! By the way, we are not talking here about an extinct creature. This beetle still thrives today and these flameshooters are witnessed and studied often.

Now, if there are creatures living today which can produce heat, electricity, and flames by way of chemical reactions, why would it be far-fetched to believe that a large, extinct creature was capable of producing the same effects, such as the “dragon?” Perhaps Job is here describing a type of fire breathing dragon. In reality, the creature described here fits wonderfully with what we know the *Parasaurolophus* must have looked like. And interestingly enough, the *Parasaurolophus* had a great bony crest with hollow chambers which could easily have served the purpose of storing just the right chemicals to produce this “fire breathing” effect.

## EXTINCT?

Naturally, because of the belief of evolution, there is a lot of debate about when dinosaurs lived and when they became extinct. In fact, there is some debate about whether some dinosaurs are still living today. Let’s take a look at some of the information which leads some to believe that certain families of dinosaurs may still be living today, not only in the sea, but on land as well.

IN THE SEA: *Plesiosaurs* are believed to still be swimming in the deep. About 900 feet deep. There is actually very good evidence to back this up, even photographs. The *Zuiyo Maru*, a Japanese fishing boat, accidentally pulled up from the deep, in 1977 near New Zealand, the remains of a very large creature still in the process of decaying, indicating that it had not been dead much longer than a month. It’s length was 32 feet and it’s weight was over 4,000 pounds. This was an amazing and unexpected

catch. The crewmen took a picture of it, acquired samples of its tissue, and then threw it overboard so that it wouldn't contaminate their other fish. Japanese scientists, from all of the evidence, determined that it was very likely a *plesiosaur*. They also concluded that there must be more living in the deep since there is no way that only one could have survived by itself.

Also, consider the famous "Loch Ness Monster." There is a very deep lake in northern Scotland called Loch Ness. In addition to being deep (over 900 feet), this lake is connected by waterways to the sea and is very cold and long. For many years there have been "sightings" of a large dinosaur like creature. Supposedly, this creature occasionally comes above water. The Loch Ness lake is very dense and hard to see through due to large amounts of very small particles of peat in the water. Since 1970, there have been a few serious scientific investigations of this lake in search of the "Monster." High frequency sonar was used to probe the lake and "Something massive" was detected by the beam. "Similar but larger objects were detected from greater distances" only ten minutes later. There was a fuzzy, underwater photograph taken of one of these swimming beasts in 1975. This picture has been called "incredible." There is no question that something is down there but what? We may never know exactly, but based on descriptions given from above water sightings, the photograph which was taken, along with other pictures taken at different times, Many believe that the Loch Ness lake is inhabited by more than one *Elasmosaurus*.

Over the years there have been numerous sightings of similar creatures in the ocean and other bodies of water which fit the description of dinosaurs from three different families. An amazing thing to point out is that over 70% of the earth is covered with water. The average depth of the seas is about two miles or more. have all of these deep regions been explored? Not even close! Man has just touched the hem of the garment in his explorations of the deep sea. Who knows what might be living down there!

LAND CREATURES: It might be worth mentioning also that man has also not explored all of the land on the earth. In fact, there is a science called *cryptozoology*. This is the study of hidden animals. In other words, there are still many different types of animals which are still being discovered in unexplored lands and in the sea. For example, there are roughly seven and a half million acres of land in the region of northern Congo which man has rarely if ever entered. This area of land is characterized by dense jungle and very dangerous swamps. Again, seven and a half million acres of it! There's no telling what might be living there! Those living on the borders of this region are known as the pygmies. The pygmies speak of a very large, frightening creature which supposedly roam the uninhabited jungle. They call it "Mokele Mbembe." The description they give of this creature fits the description of the *Apatasaurus*, the largest dinosaur believed to have ever lived.

There are other stories which seem to indicate that different types of dinosaurs may have roamed the earth very recently and may be still living today. You be the judge. But consider this; the evolutionists claim that dinosaurs lived millions of years ago. If, however, there are still some species of dinosaurs living today, the theory of evolution would be in serious trouble (As if it weren't already).

## **PROOF OF CREATION**

As pointed out earlier, the evolutionists claim that dinosaurs provide proof that evolution must have occurred. They say that the different types of dinosaurs evolved from one another. For example, some dinosaurs had certain horns and spikes which similar dinosaurs didn't have. These horns and spikes must have evolved as needed, just as natural selection teaches. But once again, there are no intermediate fossils found. All of the dinosaurs come in tact with their respective characteristics. There are no half way type dinosaurs. Furthermore, they claim that dinosaurs were extinct some 60 to 75 million years before man began to evolve. This too is a lie. There have been footprints of dinosaurs and man found side by side. There is one sample where a man's footprint is found inside of a dinosaur's footprint. How could this be possible? But more, there have been carvings found inside caves which depict in detail what certain of the dinosaurs looked like. How could "prehistoric man" know what dinosaurs looked like if dinosaurs were extinct millions of years before man evolved? They couldn't. Again, evolutionists want to hide and lie about the real facts regarding dinosaurs. "They are corrupt, They have all done abominable works, There is none who does good." (Psalm 14:1).

## **CONCLUSION**

There are many other wonderful and exciting facts about dinosaurs which we haven't the space to discuss in this book. I just hope that these few facts will whet your appetite for more information. I hope that you will seek out the real facts regarding these magnificent creatures which once roamed the earth. Don't believe what the evolutionists tell you. Dinosaurs existed alright, but they existed only because God created them.

***Lesson Thirteen***  
***STUDY QUESTIONS***

1. What does the word dinosaur mean?
2. One of the first dinosaurs discovered was called what?
3. What are some of the discoveries which show that dinosaurs must have existed.
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
  - 4)
4. Where did the dinosaurs come from?
5. What kind of food did most dinosaurs eat?
6. Does the Bible give descriptions of creatures which fit in with what some of the discovered fossils look like?
7. Why is it reasonable to believe that there actually could have been a fire breathing creature in existence at one time?
8. Where does the Bible describe a large fire breathing creature?
9. Why could the description in Job 40:15-24 not be an elephant or hippo?
10. Has all of the worlds land and sea been explored by man?
11. What is cryptozoology?
12. Give two facts which show that man and dinosaur must have lived at the same time.
  - 1)
  
  - 2)