

"Why I Believe In God." Isaiah 40:26. 12.

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Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number; he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

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Who hath measured the water in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance.

1-Is there a God? Who knows, and who can tell?

1-We know that we exist, but what do we know besides?

2-No man hath seen God, and what evidence have we of the existence of an unseen Deity?

3-Men have ransacked the world to find the abode of a Supreme Being, but never eludes their search.

4-Neither in:

Olympus nor Zion, neither in the temples of Rome, or Greece, or Persia, or Babylon, or Assyria, or Egypt, has man been able to find the God for whom he sought. Acts 17:24;

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

2-Scripture, does indeed speak of those who say in their heart there is no God. Ps. 14:1

1-But these are the fools, that is, the practically ungodly.

2-Their denial is not a theoretical or speculative one, but merely what may be held to be the expression of their manner of life.

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3-Even the phrase, 'There is no God'.....

- 1-Hardly means that God is not;
- 2-But that he is not present-visibly
- 3-That he does not interfere in life.
- 4-And, counting on this absence of God from the world, and on impunity, men become corrupt and do abominable deeds.

3-Yet, notwithstanding all this, the mass of mankind, from the remotest ages, have believed and acknowledged the existence of a God..a supreme, intelligent and almighty Ruler, to whom man is indebted for the blessings of this life and the hope of a life to come.

4-Said Plutarch, the greatest biographer of antiquity, more than 1700 years ago:

1-"If you will take the pains to travel through the world;

You may find towns and cities without walls, without letters, without kings, without houses, without wealth, without money, without theatres and places of exercise---But there never was seen, nor shall be seen by man;

Any city without temples and gods, or without making use of prayers, oaths, divinations, and sacrifices, for the obtaining of blessings and benefits, and the averting of curses and calamities.

Nay, I am of opinion that a city might sooner be built without any ground to fix it on, than a commonweal be constituted altogether void of any religion and opinions of the gods, or, being constituted, be preserved. This conviction is wide-spread. The appetite for religion is as universal as the appetite for bread,.. and as wide spread.

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5-A sentiment so wide spread, so universal,
must rest upon some substantial basis.

1-I believe in God because:

1-We have the Bible tonight.

2-The Bible Consists of 66 books.

1-These books written by forty different
men over a period of 1600 years.

2-Written by;

kings, soldiers, shepherds,
farmers and fishermen.

3-Yet;

Skeptics have been unable to find one
single error in the Bible.

4-Since there are no mistakes in the Bible
it must be, therefore, that God directed
its writing.

2-I believe in God because:

1-Of the influence of the Bible.

1-Where the Bible has gone;

Women have been
exalted, slave freed, working men given
their rights, and civil government helped

2-No other book has had such an influence;

The Bible
has been, and is now the very fountain-
head of civilization.

3-I believe in God because:

1-Of the indestructibility of the Bible.

2-Down through the centuries;

Enemy after enemy
has come forth to war against the Book of
God.

3-Just as often;

As enemies array themselves
against the word of God, just that often
they go down in ignominious defeat.

4-In France, over a century ago:

1-900,000 lbs. sterling each year in the
spread of infidel and corrupting books.

5-Result: Bible suppressed; God was denied.

Half of babies illegitimate. 18-Resolution

Streets ran red with the blood of insurrectionist

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4-I believe in God because:

1-Of man's highly exalted position in the mammalian world.

2-Psalms 139:14;

I will praise thee: for
I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvellous are thy works; and that my
soul knoweth right well.

3-I am fearfully and wonderfully made:

1-The human body is a temple always complete, and yet always under repair.

2-The human body is a machine which never stops working, and yet it is taken to pieces in the one twinkling of an eye, and put together in the other.

3-It is like a cloth of gold to which the needle is ever adding on one side of a line, and from which scissors are ever cutting away on the other.

4-Next we consider the biological characteristics of the human brain which are four:

1-A highly developed nervous system.

2-Beyond the extremities of animals, our hands are highly developed.

1-We have work with them and make our living with them.

3-There is the extended dependancy period:

1-The destiny of the human being require much learning.

2-This period made possible for man to acquire this learning.

4-We have highly developed vocal sounds:

1-Speech methods of communication.

2-Written symbols-conveying thought

3-All these combined;

Make the human brain more educable. These are not the by-products of accident but made possible by an infinite Supreme Being.