



“The heavens declare the glory of God: And the firmament shows His handiwork.” Psalm 19v1 - The Bible

Creation

Does God exist? Is there an afterlife? How did the world begin? These are fundamental questions that we all think about from time to time.

One of the ways to discover God's existence is to look at the world around us. The beautiful picture on the front, of Bath Abbey actually reminds us of God's creation. No one would suggest that it was a chance happening, the result of millions of years of stone erosion and freeze thaw action that gradually shaped the building that we see today. The fact that the Abbey exists is evidence that there was a designer and a creator!

This is even more true when we look at the wonders and complexities of nature, and yet the common belief today is that the human beings who designed and built Bath Abbey, had no designer themselves! The Bible says: ***"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". Romans 1v20.*** In other words, as we look at the intricacies of creation around us, such as the human body with three billion base pairs of DNA in every cell and irreducibly complex organs such as the heart, the ear and the eye, we see living proof that God exists and that things didn't just happen by chance.

Job in the Bible declared: ***"The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life". Job 33v4.***

To consider how Bath Abbey and the human body came about and arrive at two different conclusions is illogical.

Both were designed and created by intelligent beings. The Bible teaches us that God created each and every one of us and in part 2 we will explore why this matters and how it affects us.

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“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 6v23 - The Bible

Part 2 of a 3 part series brought to you by the Christians at Manvers Gospel Hall, Bath.

Conscience

Following on from part 1, we discover in the Bible that the same God who created all things has also given us a conscience. The Bible says about us: ***“[they] show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness”, Romans 2v15.*** This means that God has written His moral law, the ten commandments on our hearts, and given us a conscience. We instinctively know that it is wrong to lie, to steal, to murder and to commit adultery, to cite just four of the ten commandments. Most of us try to live based on what is right, and think we are good people as a result, but let’s think about that for a moment. If we measure our “goodness” by the 10 commandments, God’s moral law, we would all conclude that we have violated many of them if not in deed then in thought. God’s standards are so much higher than our standards.

The Bible says: ***“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”, Romans 3v23.*** We may try and deny and protest this fact but the Bible also says. ***“Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God”, Romans 3v19.***

Whether we like it or not, we are guilty of breaking the moral law of God and the punishment is eternal death! The Bible text on the front of the card says: ***“For the wages of sin is death”, Romans 6v23a.*** This is serious! The Bible is talking about Hell, and certainly not Heaven for the sinner. It’s so serious that the Bible says: ***“... all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death”, Revelation 21v8.*** We end with quite the problem for humanity but in part 3 we will explore the answer to the problem of sin and the good news of the gospel, the gift of God that is eternal life through Jesus Christ.

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“But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”

Romans 5v8 – The Bible

Crucifixion

In part 2 we found ourselves facing the judgement of God and now we are going to discover what God has done to save guilty sinners from going to Hell. Sadly, we have no hope of saving ourselves and because of our sin we rightly face condemnation and judgement from a righteous and holy God.

However, the Bible gives us good news of salvation and the way of escape. **Ephesians 2v4** says: **“God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us.”** The key word here is the word ‘mercy’, because as well as our responsibility to admit we are sinners and repent (turn to God), we need mercy from a Saviour, and God has provided one! The word of God says: **“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly ... But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him”, Romans 5v6-9.**

Because of His great love, God sent His Son into the world to die for guilty sinners. His death upon the cross means that we can be made righteous and have our sins forgiven, but we need: **“Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ”, Acts 20v2.** In other words we need to turn to God and trust in the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ, who died and was punished for us upon the cross that we might be saved from Hell, have our sins forgiven and gain eternal life. Don’t trust in yourself for salvation! Trust and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and His work of salvation; God promises to forgive all your sins and make you fit for Heaven **“the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”, Romans 6v23b.**

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