Schedule of Events

Think on These Things

Philippians 4:8

Door Knocking June 1st and June 8th.

Outdoor Meeting June 10-12 6:30pm-7:30pm at Wonderland Park

VBS June 13-15 9:30am-12:30pm at church building for all ages Topic: Power in Proverbs For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other Isaiah 45:18

Our Family News

Pray for /Emily/Cody Hatley, Paul/Alice Stone, Joy Jensen, Stinson family, Ethan McClure, Ralph Campbell, Arnold Wilson

Wisdom for Today

The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them. The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.

Psalm 89:11-12 (NKJV)

AM Sermon / George Jensen PM Sermon / George Jensen

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Today's Scripture

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1



God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17 Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1–6 Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10 Confess Romans 10:9–10, Matt 10:32–33 Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16 Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

Come join us!

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Radio Programs on KMBQ 99.7 "Searching the Scriptures" Our weekly radio program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Classes 10AM AM Worship 11AM PM Worship 5PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7PM

Office Hours Call or check the website!

Visitors always welcome; Members expected

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Does the God of the Bible Exist?

By: Bill Beebe

If George asked this morning in his adult Bible class, or at the beginning of his sermon, who believes that the God described in the Holy Bible exists, everyone would raise their hands. It is likely that you would not be here if you did not believe this. A Gallup Poll conducted in 2022 found that 81% of Americans answered "Yes" to the question, "Do you believe in God?". But 92% of Americans answered "Yes" to the same question asked in 2011. If he were to go on and ask how many of you could offer arguments in support of this belief how many could, in all honesty, raise your hands. Of those who do raise their hands, a variety of answers may be given. I heard on an Apologetics Press show once where a young man answered that he could prove that God existed. When asked how, he simply said that the Bible says so. And that is correct, the Bible leaves little room for anything other than God exists. Unfortunately, skeptics and atheists would scoff at his proof. But when you are confronted by a person or group that does not believe in either God or the Bible, what would your defense be.

Peter told us to be ready to give a defense of our faith; 1 Peter 3:15 (ASV) <u>"but</u> sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with <u>meekness and fear:</u>" The "hope that is in" us begins with the knowledge that God is real and that He is the ruler of the universe. So, what are your reasons for believing that God exists, and can you articulate them well enough to convince others of this fact. In this article we will discuss the several basic groups of reasons that people throughout years have given for their belief in God. Due to space limitations, this will be a summary of three of these reasons to believe in God. They are 1)Cause and Effect, 2)Design, and 3) Morality.

Cause and Effect: Everything that we see in the universe is the effect of a cause. Scientists use this all the time in their experiments and even in designing space flight. For example, we know that rain, in moderation, is good. But an excessive amount of rain will overfill the landscape and result in floods. Floods, which are the effect, happen because of excessive amounts of rain which is the cause. The next step backwards towards the beginning looks at rain as the effect and atmospheric conditions as the cause. We can follow these steps backwards to try to get to the beginning. We eventually reach a point where we must concede that there must be an "uncaused first caused." This idea we conclude is God. He is the uncaused first cause because He is eternal. Even scientists are forced to admit that there must be an uncaused first cause. If they do not believe in this, they are forced to argue that the "big bang" is eternal, or that it created itself or

that God created it and everything else in the universe. **Genesis 1:3 (NKJV)** <u>"Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light."</u>

Design: Everything we see has a design. If you were to pick up an unabridged copy of the English Dictionary your first thought may be who published it. It is highly unlikely that you would even consider "how marvelous the conditions that allowed this book to evolve from nothing." When we look at the universe, we see a design on an infinite scale. Planets orbiting a star, moons orbiting planets. Stars orbiting the centers of a galaxy. And the farther we can see with the most powerful telescopes, the same thing as we observe in our own galaxy. Who can look at this and with a reasonable mind think it is not design? Consider the small scale. The average adult male human body is composed of about thirty-six trillion cells. That is an incomprehensible number. It is thirty-six followed by twelve zeros. And they all work together to make the body function. Who with any ability to reason would argue that it was not designed to function that way? But they will and do. Colossians 1:16 (NKJV) "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."

Morality: There are innate laws of morality within us. Every culture that men have studied through history have moral values that are remarkably similar if not identical. Murder is always wrong. Adultery is always wrong. Stealing is wrong. Disrespecting the deity is wrong. These fit well with the ten commandments, but there are no evolutionary requirements for them. Evolutionary teachers will try to make arguments for an organism like humans to develop morals, but when it gets down to the beginning their arguments fail. Moral law: thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, and others all require a moral law giver. That is exactly what we find if we accept the fact that God exists. **Hebrews 6:18 (NKJV)** <u>"that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us"</u>

Study the Bible. Then you can say with the Apostle Paul **2 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV)**: "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."