

God Is Orderly

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1 Chronicles 15:11-13 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it. For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

- I. Order is the evidence of intelligence.
 - A. Those who study archeology are looking for order in the things they find.
 - B. When we are in search of life and intelligence order is the evidence we are looking for.
 1. To determine whether something is man-made or just a result of natural processes we look for deliberate arrangement.
 - C. Order is the deliberate organization of things as opposed to chance and happenstance.
 1. The body of a plant, animal, or a human is made up of trillions of individual cells that are arranged in a precise order to form an organism.
 2. There is no way this can happen by chance, even over millions of years.
 - D. Order is when things are placed together by design with a purpose in mind.
 - E. Order includes divisions, boundaries, and limits.
 - F. Order does not happen without intelligent intervention - without intelligent intervention there is chaos.
 - G. Order is evidence that someone is in command while disorder is evidence of the lack of it.
 - H. Order is the foundation of all good things.
 - I. Order makes all learning possible - if there were only chaos we could never learn anything because there would be nothing to learn because order is what makes up knowledge.
 - J. Order makes things understandable and predictable.
 - K. Order creates harmony and therefore peace, while disorder and confusion cause frustration, anger, and bitterness.
- II. God is an orderly God.
 - A. The Creation clearly shows the evidence of intelligent design from the smallest to the grandest.
 - B. The universe is not in chaos, but runs like a finely tuned clock, more precise than anything man has ever made.
 - C. All the things God made have been set in perfect order by Him.
 - D. Since He put all the things in the universe in such order, it would be absurd to think that He did not arrange for the life of man to be lived in an orderly fashion.
 - E. Sin is confusion, which is the absence or the disregard of order.
 - F. God's law is the order by which God has arranged the life of man.

- G. The disregard or casting away of the law of God is why man is a sinner - or a lost and confused being without any idea why he is here or where he is going or what life is about.
 - H. The breakdown of God's order for man and woman and the home and family has obviously brought our world into the chaos and confusion we see around us today.
 - I. The shuffling of God's arrangements for man has brought us into violence and hatred like the world has not known since the days of Noah.
- III. Order itself should not be the object of our attention and goals.
- A. Order is only a preparation for God to work in a life.
 - B. Order provides an atmosphere and an environment for God to work in.
 - C. Order provides an opportunity for peace and harmony among those who cooperate to maintain that order.
 - D. Our goal and our attention should be toward God himself, but since He is such an orderly God this should be a major part of our life.
 - E. Since He is a God of order and we are being conformed to his image, we should be more and more orderly as we grow and mature.
 - F. There should be order in all areas of our life if we are going to be pleasing to God.
 - 1. Organization.
 - 2. Deliberate arrangement.
 - 3. Control and oversight, not just apathy and carelessness.
 - G. There should be order in the way we think and reason.
 - H. There should be order in the way we take care of our things.
 - I. There should be order in the way we manage our time.
 - J. There should be order in the way we spend and manage our money.
 - K. There should be order in our home and in our life.
 - L. There should be order in our service for God.
 - M. The less the order - the more the misery and frustration.
 - N. The less order - the less of God you will experience in your life.
 - O. Learn to live orderly, and teach the children to be orderly.
 - P. Every thinking person will be attempting to put order where there is confusion and chaos.

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