

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 8-14-16 PM NOTES
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VARIOUS SCRIPTURES
(#1 in Series, "Answering 10 Questions Skeptics Ask")

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If time allowed we could talk about the make-up of the atmosphere that is perfect for human life, the nitrogen cycle, the ozone layer, and even the dust which is responsible for blue skies (without dust, it would never rain and the skies would be black). This powerful God we see through creation matches up with the God we see revealed in Scripture. There we learn how He created everything. Psalm 33:6b: “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.” He spoke all of creation into being. The only word I can think of to describe that is omnipotent!

2. He is All Knowing

From the immensity and exactness of creation we know that our God is all powerful. From the intricate design of creation, we know that God is all knowing. A complicated design gives evidence that there is an intelligent designer. An infinitely complicated design argues for an all knowing Designer. Let’s just think about the human body for a moment. There has been a lot of publicity over the last decade about scientists decoding the human genome. Several years ago a group of scientists called a press conference to announce that they had deciphered the human heredity script. Scientists identified the three billion chemical letters that constitute the human genome. That however is just the letters; they don’t yet know how to read it. They still don’t know why some cells become liver cells, some heart cells, some intestine cells, etc. Individual human cells have energy generators, defensive systems, transport systems, food factories, protective barriers, waste removal structures, and communication processes. Each person has up to one-hundred billion of these complicated “cities” in their body!

Let’s take something not nearly as well known. In order to keep the eyes moist and clean, a wash (tears) is secreted constantly to cleanse and moisten the eyes. What happens to all those tears? They are sent to the nose through a perforation in a bone about half the size of a pencil. When the fluid has entered the nose, it spreads out on the inside and is evaporated by the warm air breathed in and out. Think of that, the eye has a need to be washed and moistened so the Lord provided a gland to secrete a specially prepared liquid

which is disposed of through a specially bored hole in a bone to the nose where it is evaporated into the air. [From James Kennedy, *Why I Believe*, page 37]

If we had time, we could talk about the eye itself, the brain, and the heart. How can anybody believe all that just evolved through mutations over time? That intricacy screams out that we have an all knowing, all wise creator! Again, the God we see in the “book of nature” matches up with the God who reveals Himself in the Scriptures. Isaiah 46:10: “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.’”

We can know some things about God from general revelation (creation), but we cannot reason our way to God in the sense of knowing Him more fully. God had to reveal Himself.

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By special revelation, I mean the Scriptures. We have done whole series on the attributes of God, but I picked four of His attributes in addition to the two we just looked at (all powerful, all knowing).

1. He is Triune

Another way is to say that He is a Trinity. The word “Trinity” is not in the Bible but the Trinity is all through the Bible. The word *Trinity* is a word that ancient theologians invented to describe God as He is revealed in the Scriptures. Let me begin by describing what the Trinity is not. It is not saying that we have three gods. There is one God. Deuteronomy 6:4: “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!” We have one God. The technical name for that is “Monotheism.” The Bible tells us there are three persons in the one Godhead. The doctrine of the Trinity says that in the one essence or substance of the Godhead there are three personalities – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. There are three persons and one essence. Minds much greater than mine have never plumbed the depths of that, but it is not illogical; it is simply beyond our logic. A lot of people try to come up with illustrations about the Trinity, but they all seem to fall short. However, there is one illustration that comes close. It is in the universe itself. There is one universe but if you asked any scientist, what makes up the universe, he will tell you space, time, and matter. Just as God always exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the universe always exists as space, time, and matter. This isn’t a perfect illustration of the Trinity, but they show the fingerprint of God upon the universe He created.

How about the Trinity in the Bible? It is all through the Bible. It isn’t as clearly taught in the Old Testament, but it is there. Even in the first verse of the Bible, the Hebrew word translated God (Elohim) is plural. Even in the first verse of the Bible God lets us know that He is plural while He is singular. The preincarnate Christ says in Isaiah 48:16b: “I was there. And now the Lord God has sent Me, and His Spirit.” In Deuteronomy 6:4, “one” is the one of plurality. It is the word used to describe “one cluster of grapes.” There are other “hints” of the Trinity in the Old Testament, but it is clearly taught in the New Testament. Let me just give you a couple of the many references to the Trinity. Luke 1:35: “The angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.’” We see the Trinity at Jesus’ baptism. Matthew 13:16-17: “After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.’” We see the Trinity in the giving of the great commission. Matthew 28:19-20: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” There are many, many more passages, but from the Scriptures, we know that God is a Trinity.”

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Holiness is the centerpiece of all God’s attributes. None of His attributes contradict His holiness. When we see the angels worshipping Him in heaven, they are crying out, “Holy, holy, holy.” To say that God is holy is to say that God is separate (transcendent). The primary emphasis of that separateness is in the area of sin. Because God is holy, He hates all sin and must judge all sin. The more we focus on the holiness of

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Conclusion

The evidence is overwhelming for the existence of God. It is certainly enough to convince a willing heart or condemn a hardened heart. I remind you that no one is saved by simply stepping out in faith based on the evidence and believing there is a God. Salvation is through Jesus. Have you ever come to the true God through faith in Christ?

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1. He is All Powerful

Romans 1:20: “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.” From creation, we not only know that God exists, we know that God is powerful. Even if a person had never seen or heard of a Bible, they could know this much about God. We can see God’s power through the immensity and yet the exactness of His creation. The earth is a really small place compared to the immensity of the universe with its multitude of galaxies. But let’s focus for a moment on the exactness in this immense universe. Consider the mass and size of the earth. If the earth were either ten percent larger or smaller, life would not be possible here. In addition, we are just the right distance from the sun. If we were farther away we would freeze and if we were closer, we would fry. The tilt of the axis of the earth is twenty-three degrees. This is the exact angle necessary for the climate to sustain life here. [Taken from James Kennedy, *Why Believe?* pages 33-37]

If time allowed we could talk about the make-up of the atmosphere that is perfect for human life, the nitrogen cycle, the ozone layer, and even the dust which is responsible for blue skies (without dust, it would never rain and the skies would be black). This powerful God we see through creation matches up with the God we see revealed in Scripture. There we learn how He created everything. Psalm 33:6b: “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.” He spoke all of creation into being. The only word I can think of to describe that is omnipotent!

2. He is All Knowing

From the immensity and exactness of creation we know that our God is all powerful. From the intricate design of creation, we know that God is all knowing. A complicated design gives evidence that there is an intelligent designer. An infinitely complicated design argues for an all knowing Designer. Let’s just think about the human body for a moment. There has been a lot of publicity over the last decade about scientists decoding the human genome. Several years ago a group of scientists called a press conference to announce that they had deciphered the human heredity script. Scientists identified the three billion chemical letters that constitute the human genome. That however is just the letters; they don’t yet know how to read it. They still don’t know why some cells become liver cells, some heart cells, some intestine cells, etc. Individual human cells have energy generators, defensive systems, transport systems, food factories, protective barriers, waste removal structures, and communication processes. Each person has up to one-hundred billion of these complicated “cities” in their body!

Let’s take something not nearly as well known. In order to keep the eyes moist and clean, a wash (tears) is secreted constantly to cleanse and moisten the eyes. What happens to all those tears? They are sent to the nose through a perforation in a bone about half the size of a pencil. When the fluid has entered the nose, it spreads out on the inside and is evaporated by the warm air breathed in and out. Think of that, the eye has a need to be washed and moistened so the Lord provided a gland to secrete a specially prepared liquid which is disposed of through a specially bored hole in a bone to the nose where it is evaporated into the air. [From James Kennedy, *Why I Believe*, page 37]

If we had time, we could talk about the eye itself, the brain, and the heart. How can anybody believe all that just evolved through mutations over time? That intricacy screams out that we have an all knowing, all wise creator! Again, the God we see in the “book of nature” matches up with the God who reveals Himself in the Scriptures. Isaiah 46:10: “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.’”

We can know some things about God from general revelation (creation), but we cannot reason our way to God in the sense of knowing Him more fully. God had to reveal Himself.

B. Special Revelation Reveals Much More about God

By special revelation, I mean the Scriptures. We have done whole series on the attributes of God, but I picked four of His attributes in addition to the two we just looked at (all powerful, all knowing).

1. He is Triune

Another way is to say that He is a Trinity. The word “Trinity” is not in the Bible but the Trinity is all through the Bible. The word *Trinity* is a word that ancient theologians invented to describe God as He is revealed in the Scriptures. Let me begin by describing what the Trinity is not. It is not saying that we have three gods. There is one God. Deuteronomy 6:4: “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!” We have one God. The technical name for that is “Monotheism.” The Bible tells us there are three persons in the one Godhead. The doctrine of the Trinity says that in the one essence or substance of the Godhead there are three personalities – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. There are three persons and one essence. Minds much greater than mine have never plumbed the depths of that, but it is not illogical; it is simply beyond our logic. A lot of people try to come up with illustrations about the Trinity, but they all seem to fall short. However, there is one illustration that comes close. It is in the universe itself. There is one universe but if you asked any scientist, what makes up the universe, he will tell you space, time, and matter. Just as God always exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the universe always exists as space, time, and matter. This isn’t a perfect illustration of the Trinity, but they show the fingerprint of God upon the universe He created.

How about the Trinity in the Bible? It is all through the Bible. It isn’t as clearly taught in the Old Testament, but it is there. Even in the first verse of the Bible, the Hebrew word translated God (Elohim)

is plural. Even in the first verse of the Bible God lets us know that He is plural while He is singular. The preincarnate Christ says in Isaiah 48:16b: "I was there. And now the Lord God has sent Me, and His Spirit." In Deuteronomy 6:4, "one" is the one of plurality. It is the word used to describe "one cluster of grapes." There are other "hints" of the Trinity in the Old Testament, but it is clearly taught in the New Testament. Let me just give you a couple of the many references to the Trinity. Luke 1:35: "The angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.'" We see the Trinity at Jesus' baptism. Matthew 13:16-17: "After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.'" We see the Trinity in the giving of the great commission. Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." There are many, many more passages, but from the Scriptures, we know that God is a Trinity."

2. He is Holy

Holiness is the centerpiece of all God's attributes. None of His attributes contradict His holiness. When we see the angels worshipping Him in heaven, they are crying out, "Holy, holy, holy." To say that God is holy is to say that God is separate (transcendent). The primary emphasis of that separateness is in the area of sin. Because God is holy, He hates all sin and must judge all sin. The more we focus on the holiness of God, the more we see how far we fall short and the more we appreciate the Lord Jesus who took our sin and gave us His righteousness. Flowing out of His holiness is His wrath, His justice, His righteousness, and His hatred of sin.

3. He is Love

The love of God is God glorifying Himself and manifesting His goodness by meeting the needs of His own. God is committed to providing for your highest need. In the words of Romans 8:31, God is for us. Romans 8:31-32: "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" That's what His love looks like. He freely gives us all we need.

4. He is Sovereign

To speak of the sovereignty of God is to speak of the absolute rule of God. Psalm 115:3: "But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases." He is in control (sovereign over) our circumstances. He is sovereign over our lives. This is where those professing to be atheists or agnostics have a rub. Spurgeon said "man will let God be anywhere but on His throne." Jack Taylor spoke of His sovereignty over our lives this way. He said, "If you want to get along with God stay out of his chair." That speaks of his sovereignty. If I am unwilling to submit to his sovereignty, I am wide open to being deceived by every philosophy that minimizes or denies God.

Conclusion

The evidence is overwhelming for the existence of God. It is certainly enough to convince a willing heart or condemn a hardened heart. I remind you that no one is saved by simply stepping out in faith based on the evidence and believing there is a God. Salvation is through Jesus. Have you ever come to the true God through faith in Christ?