

Bite Size Bible Study

Is there a God? #119

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Recently I was presented with the question, “How do I know there is a God?”. It is a question I have pondered my entire lifetime up to now, with varying answers. However, as I learn more and more about this Universe we live in and the Earth we live on and it’s inhabitance; the more I find that there is no logical reason to deny that it was created by a superior being. A being that is outside space and time. A being that is capable of unfathomable power and intelligence. A being that is capable of creating and sustaining the Universe, as we know it.

From the condition of the universe, we can tell that He (masculine used in lieu of a neuter word) is not a creature of chaos. As we get to know the functions of the elements of His creation we find perfect harmony and infinite detail and fine tuning (explained later). Everything has a lifetime: the elements, the stars, the living plants and animals, etc. When one of them reaches end of life the parts that makeup that entity are recycled into a new entity. The tree decomposes and becomes nutrients for the next thing to grow. The star explodes and spews out it’s remaining matter, only to collect into a new star with elements that have fused together to make a new and more robust star – possibly with planets.

When many people look at the universe we live in they only see the destruction and chaos. But that is part of the building process. They ask, “If there is a God (Creator Being) then why is there such enormous amounts of gratuitous suffering and death.” The problem is that they are only looking at a small part of the process this God has created and don’t understand even much of what they do see.

Many people think that this Universe is only a fluke of probability. But again they are only looking a minute part of the puzzle. Physicists have in the last 40 or 50 years discovered that there are properties of this universe that are so finely tuned that if only a tiny fraction of the value of only one of these changed, the Universe would not exist or would not be capable of containing life. And there are not just a couple of these properties – there are hundreds and possibly thousands of them.

Probability will not suffice as an answer for this amount of fine tuning. Some have calculated that the chances of these known values all coming together at the same time to create our Universe is 1 in 10^{229} (that is 10 with 229 zeros after it). That is an inconceivably small possibility. So small that it would take hundreds of times the age of our universe to have

one chance of this happening. Even probability enthusiasts would consider this an impossibility.

So we have looked at this without the aid of the Bible, now let’s bring in what some feel are the words of this Creator.

*I am the one who made the earth!
I created human beings on it!
I — my hands — stretched out the heavens,
and directed all their number.* Isaiah 45:12 (CJB)

*For thus says Adonai, who created the heavens,
God, who shaped and made the earth,
who established and created it not to be chaos,
but formed it to be lived in:
“I am Adonai; there is no other.* Isaiah 45:18 (CJB)

*“With whom, then, will you compare me?
With whom am I equal?” asks the Holy One.
Turn your eyes to the heavens!
See who created these?
He brings out the army of them in sequence,
summoning each by name.
Through his great might and his massive strength,
not one of them is missing.* Isaiah 40:25-26 CJB

By trusting [that is, with an inherent trust and enduring confidence in the power, wisdom and goodness of God], we understand that the universe was created [formed, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose] through a spoken word of God, so that what is seen did not come into being out of existing phenomena [a situation that is observed to exist or happen]. Hebrews 11:3 CJB [AMP]

*“You are worthy, Adonai Eloheinu,
to have glory, honor and power,
because you created all things —
yes, because of your will they were created
and came into being!”* Revelation 4:11 CJB

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