EXISTENCE OF GOD

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If God created us, then who created God?

No Proof in Bible

A University of D.C. philosophy professor, Dr. Peter Remnant, told 1,100 students in a noon-hour speech that "there is no proof in the Bible that God exists."

Quite right. The existence of God is taken for granted in the Bible. The Scripture starts with these words: "*In the beginning God...*" (Genesis 1:1).

Attributes of God

OMNIPRESENCE (of God)

- Deut 4:39
- Ps 139:8
- **Prov 15:3**
- Isa 66:1
- Jer 23:24
- Acts 17:27

Is Infinite

- **Job 42:2**
- **Ps 115:3**
- **Ps 135:6**
- Isa 43:13
- Hab 3:6
- o Mat 19:26
- o Mark 14:36
- Luke 1:37
- **Rev 19:6**

1. (<u>Romans1:19</u>) <u>Proof of God</u>— <u>Mind</u>— <u>Conscience</u>: God—the only living and true God—shows wrath because men reject that *within them*; that is, they reject their consciences and thoughts and reasonings about God. (<u>Romans 2:15</u>.) Note three clearly stated facts.

- \Rightarrow God can be known. There are *some things* that "can be known about God."
- \Rightarrow These things are manifest (evident, made clear and plain) "*in*" men. Men know about God; they know some things about God *within* their hearts, minds, and consciences.

 \Rightarrow How? "God has shown [made evident, clear and plain]" these things to men.

Now note.

A. There is a great deal *about* God that men cannot know (<u>Job 11:7</u>), but there is a great deal that men can know. Men can know enough to be led to God. This is the whole point of this passage: men know about God, but they do not worship Him as God. They have a sense of God, but they suppress the sense, trying to get rid of it.

B. Man's inner sense, or *innate awareness*, and *instinctive knowledge* of God are strong. Man is a very capable creature. He has enormous power and mental capacity. Man can reason and grasp that "God is [exists] and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him" (<u>Hebrews 11:6</u>). Man can "know God" (<u>Romans 1:19</u>), even the "invisible things" of God (<u>Romans 1:20</u>); he can know to such a degree that he is "without excuse" (<u>Romans 1:20</u>).

However, man chooses not to know God. He even chooses to take the truth that is *within* him and suppress it. Man rejects the knowledge of God that is *within* him. This is the first reason why God reveals and shows His wrath.

2. (<u>Romans 1:20</u>) <u>God, Proof of — Creation — Man, Depravity</u>: God — the only living and true God — shows wrath because men reject that *without* them — the signs of creation. Creation reveals God. The whole universe, its presence and its nature, declares God.

However, note something often overlooked. Men can look at nature and see *more* than the simple fact that God is the great Creator. Men can see *more* than a Supreme Being behind the creation of the universe. They can see "the invisible things" of God. This means at least two things.

A. Man can see the "*eternal power*," the Supreme Intelligence and Force (or Energy), of God. Man can look at the creation of the earth and outer space, of plants and animals, of man and woman; he can look and clearly see their...

- bodies and structure.
- variety and beauty.
- arrangement and order.
- purpose and laws.

When man looks at such things and reasons with an *honest spirit*, he sees clearly that the world was made by a Creator. But, as stated above, he sees much more. He sees that the Creator is a God of supreme...

- Life and Being
- beauty and majestyglory and honor
- Intelligence and Knowledge
- value and worth
- Energy and Power (the Supreme Force)
 - (the Supreme Force) mystery (things not

(morality)

- purpose and meaning
- understood;
- design and order (law)
- understood; secrets undiscovered)

B. Man can see the "*Godhead*," that is, the deity of God. When he looks at nature and reasons with an *honest spirit*, he sees clearly that the Creator is a God who...

- cares and provides for what He has created.
- gives life and has interest in life.
- regenerates, replenishes, and carries things on.
- deserves worship and obedience (being the Creator of life and purpose, and being the Supreme Person of law and order demands that all his subjects serve and obey Him).

Note what Scripture says: man is without excuse. The point is shocking. Man has every evidence imaginable within creation directing him toward God, yet man rejects the knowledge of God within creation. This is the second reason why God reveals and shows His wrath. Man is without excuse. Man has no defense, no answer, and no reason that can justify his rejection of God.

"Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17).

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (<u>Romans 1:20</u>).

"The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork" (<u>Psalm 19:1</u>).

"The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory" (<u>Psalm</u> <u>97:6</u>).

<u>Thought</u>

- 1. Why do men not discern, not judge what is right?
- 2. Why do men not discern that God is, that He exists?

"In the beginning <u>God</u>" (<u>Genesis 1:1</u>).

"Thou, even thou, art <u>LORD alone</u>; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is

therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee'' (<u>Neh. 9:6</u>).

"The LORD he is God; there in none else beside him" (<u>Deut. 4:35</u>).

"The LORD our God is one LORD: and thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (<u>Deut. 6:4-5</u>).

"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth" (<u>Psalm 83:18</u>).

"For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone" (Psalm 86:10).

"I am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior. I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God" (<u>Isaiah 43:11-12</u>).

"Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God" (<u>Isaiah 44:6</u>).

"For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:18).

"And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment" (<u>Mark 12:29-30</u>).

"We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one" (<u>1 Cor. 8:4</u>).

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <u>one God and Father of all</u>, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (<u>Ephes. 4:4-6</u>).

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (<u>1 Tim. 2:5-6</u>).

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and <u>these three are one</u>" (<u>1 John 5:7</u>).