Is It Reasonable to Believe in God in this Scientific Age 2?

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INTRODUCTION

- There are lots of people in our age who believe that belief in God is antiquated, medieval, and not for folks who are informed.
- The evolutionary theory is practically a religion for those who become convinced by it that it explains life in all its forms and even the origin of the cosmos itself.
- In fact, it is my view that we have less excuse than ever for missing that there is a God.

1 God Left a Testimony of Himself in His World

Psalm 19:1–4; Hebrews 11:3

- The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- The God of heaven has left the testimony of Himself not only in His Word, but in His world.
- Nevertheless, he did not leave himself without witness, in that he did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.
- So what it says is the things that are now observable at one time were not, and God made them so they are.

2 Romans 1:20: The Argument from Design

Romans 1:20

- For since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.
- Romans the first chapter in verse 20 is the biblical expression of the argument from design, which has always been the most powerful argument from nature for the existence of God.
- You look at things around you and you examine them carefully, and they say to you, somebody or something made this, it did not get in the condition it's in by itself.

3 His Eternal Power: The Sheer Size of the Cosmos

Psalm 8:3–4

- Whoever created this universe, of which we know a small smidgen, must have been marvelously powerful, beyond our ability to comprehend.
- It is said by the latest estimates that galaxy contains some 100 billion stars, of which our Sun is one of them.
- It is estimated now that there are over a trillion galaxies, many of them a lot bigger than ours, and with more stars in them.

- And within that cosmos, we see order everywhere we look. And we ought to be overwhelmed with the majesty of the one who must have put this together.

4 Not the Center, Yet a Privileged Planet

- You need to be very careful about using the scriptures to support modern day scientific theories.
- The evidence God has left us on this little tiny speck in the midst of a cosmic vast darkness is so powerful we have no excuse for missing it.
- The more we learn about our position in the universe, the more unique it becomes.

5 The Incredible Amount of Matter in the Cosmos

- The first law of thermodynamics says the total amount of matter and energy in the universe is a constant.
- If that's the case, and matter is not eternal, which I'm convinced it isn't, then that means at some instant the creator made all this stuff by the breath of his mouth.

6 Hundreds of Factors Just Right for Life, and Water

- In order to have life on Earth, this privileged planet as we know it. There have to be hundreds of factors that are just right.
- You have to be in the proper place in the galaxy. You have to be around a proper kind of star.
- Folks, when I look at that, as these folks did, I would say, it looks to me like somebody planned that.
- That the most key substance for life is water, and it happens to be the most abundant in us and outside of us.
- And you tell me, beloved, that a substance like that, which is the essence of life as we know it, found in the right place at the right distance, just came about by natural means.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And may we go forth from this assembly with a deeper faith than we've ever had that it is reasonable to believe in God. In fact, it is unreasonable not to.**

MY NOTES