Is it Reasonable to Believe in this Scientific Age?

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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.
- It is my view that we have less excuse than ever for missing that there is a God.

1 Scripture: The Testimony of the Natural World

Psalm 19:1–4; Hebrews 11:3

- The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night into night reveals knowledge.
- The Bible, in several passages, declares to us that 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.
- God would never have us believe in him without evidence, without substance. Faith is what fills in the gaps where we cannot directly see.
- The things that are now observable at one time were not, and God made them so they are.

2 His Invisible Attributes Are Clearly Seen

Romans 1:20; Psalm 8:3–4

- 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.
- Whoever created this universe, of which we know a small smidgen, must have been marvelously powerful, beyond our ability to comprehend.
- He must have a nature that is not like ours, because it's so far beyond us. It declares divinity.

3 The Sheer Size of the Cosmos

- It is said by the latest estimates that galaxy contains some 100 billion stars, of which our Sun is one of them.
- One galaxy has been estimated to be about 100,000 light years in diameter.

- So it's 588 quadrillion miles across, if that helps. It is huge.
- 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 Our Position in the Universe: A Privileged Planet

- You need to be very careful about using the scriptures to support modern day scientific theories.
- Since Copernicus, here's what the philosophers of men have done. They have said, Copernicus has taught us we're not all that important.
- In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves, says Carl Sagan.
- 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.
- Not only are there literally hundreds of factors that must all be precisely within a very limited range in order for life to exist.
- 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, ladies and gentlemen, 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.
- Our sun gets its energy by fusing hydrogen atoms together.

MY NOTES