Science and Belief in God

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INTRODUCTION

- The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- What this passage says is you can see the invisible God. You can see that he has eternal power and a divine nature by examining the things that are made.
- The Bible itself says it's appropriate to examine nature because there's a grand testimony that God exists.

1 Key Scientists Were Strong Believers in God

- Many of the key scientists in the age of enlightenment, A.D. 1600 to 1800, were strong believers in God, in Jesus Christ, and in the Bible as the Word of God.
- He believed that when he was discovering things about nature, he was thinking God's thoughts after him.
- Thus, this most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets could only proceed from the council and dominion of an intelligent and powerful being.

2 Science Turned to Scientific Materialism

- That statement is not science, it's philosophy. But that's where our science has turned in the 20th and 21st century.
- God wants our faith to be founded on evidence. He never has expected us to just close our eyes and say, I believe it.
- So I'm showing you that piece by piece, people began to declare God's not needed.

3 Time to Revisit the Argument from Design

- I say, class, it's time to revisit the argument from design.
- The evidence has become overwhelming that the universe, space, matter, and time had a beginning.
- The universe, our solar system and Earth are remarkably fine-tuned to support life on Earth and have been since the beginning.
- Even the simplest forms of life at the biochemical level contain massive amounts of digital information.

4 The Goldilocks Enigma: Things Are Just Right

- On the face of it, the universe does look as if it's been designed by an intelligent creator expressly for the purpose of spawning sentient beings.
- What science has learned is everywhere you look, it looks like things were designed so we could live here on earth.
- Everywhere you look, things are just right for us to be here. And if you change them one teency little bit, we wouldn't be here.

- There are hundreds of things that have to be just right.

5 Tampering with the Evidence: Foundational, Regional, Locational

- He was convicted on the combination of circumstantial evidence that was overwhelming. That's very much like what we're dealing with.
- When we look at the nature of our universe, the existence of living bodies ought to provoke an investigation.
- The gravitational constant has to be what it is, or you wouldn't be here.
- My question to you is going to be how many coincidences does it take for you to say, I give up? Somebody did that.

6 Design at the Nano Level

- What we do know is so powerful, there is no way on God's earth that happened without a designer.
- What we did is nothing compared to what nature's already doing.
- Every molecular machine in living cells is much larger, at least 10,000 times, much more complex and much more sophisticated.
- That's how much work it took by a team of 30 people over 20 years to produce one little silly machine that runs around.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Is it reasonable to believe in God in this scientific age class? It has never been more reasonable in the history of mankind.**

MY NOTES