## Our Creator and Designer!

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- 1 Knowing God as the Creator and Designer of everything, enables us to *know* Him better and *trust* Him more completely. He allows no rivals. Av Isaiah 44:6 "I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." And Av Isaiah 48:11 "I will not give my glory unto another."
- **2** We may, without much thought, give praise to something or someone else. As we get to *know* God better, we begin to *trust* Him fully.
- 3 Reading the Word and praying to Him is a good way to start learning more of Him—AV Isaiah 46:5 "To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal?" Idols are not allowed.
- 4 The apostle reminds us to AV Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." Our eternal destination rests upon our belief and trust in God—we have to really know the One in whom we place our eternity.

- 5 AV 1 Peter 3:12 "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." Being righteous in His sight, is being faithful in our trust on Him—there is no other in whom we are to place our trust!
- Truth, by definition, is exclusive—there is one *right* answer and many *wrong* answers. Like 2 + 2 = 4; not 5, not 11, not 77—one *right* answer but many *wrong* answers.
- 7 With eternal life, it is the time—there is one right way and many wrong opinions. AV Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."
- 8 It is not a matter of what you *believe*—but if *what* you believe is *true!* We need to know the Truth so we can then believe the One who is the source of *all* Truth. People once believed that the earth was flat but that is not true. *Absolute* Truth is found in the Bible.
- 9 Those who doubt there is God should read or re-read AV Romans 1:19 "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them." Three basic proofs for God are: Creation; Design; and Order.
- 10 If we were to ask an atheist or agnostic what evidence have, they found that proves there is no God—they would have to admit they have no evidence to prove that—just blind faith—the very thing agnostics and atheists wrongly accuse those who believe in God of having. Our belief is the basis for our eternity.
- Any *item* with a name on it has a *creator*; a *watch* has a *designer*; and anything put in *order* has an orderer. Throughout the universe there is creation, design, and order.

- 12 If every *other* thing has a creator, a designer, and an orderer in back of it, why would anyone not think that there is a Creator; a Designer; and an Orderer behind the universe!
- 13 AV Romans 1:20 "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."
- **14** On Judgment Day, people will have no excuse if they claim there was not enough evidence to believe in God, because *all creation* is evidence of a divine Creator.
- **15** Many want to know the truth and they ask as Pilate did: "What is Truth?" Jesus says of God's Word, Av John 17:17 "Thy word is truth."
- **16** All of the information in the Bible points to it being the *true* and *eternal* Word of God that would lead a person to an eternal *kingdom* if followed in faith. Five things point to the truth of the Bible.
- **17 First**; The Bible is the best-selling book in the world. That alone does not mean the Bible is true, but because it is the best-selling book in history, then everyone should read it to discover why it outsells every other book. About 150 million Bibles are *printed* each year!
- **18** Second; The Bible is written by God, which is a crucial point. Many think *men* wrote the Bible, but *God* is the Author. The Bible *claims* its authorship is divine.
- 19 AV 2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in right-eousness." "Thus saith the Lord" is used over 3,000 times!

- **20 Third**; There are no historical mistakes in the Bible! If the Bible was not divine, there would be many errors after all these years—but there is none! The Bible is written by God.
- **21** AV **Deuteronomy 9:10** "The LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with [Moses] in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly."
- **22** Fourth; Archaeological evidence supports the Bible. There have been more than 25,000 archaeological finds relating to people, places, and events in the Bible, and not one contradicts anything in Scripture. Many believe the historical evidence, but do not believe the spiritual truth that could save their souls from the flames!
- 23 Fifth; Fulfilled prophecies validate the Bible and are proof for the living God. The Bible is the only book that contains hundreds of very detailed prophecies. The Book of Mormon does not; the Koran for Muslims does not; and the book of Hindus does not. If any book contains prophecies that do *not* come true, the book is false—and cannot be trusted.
- 24 When the Bible was written, 25% of the content predicted future events—and every one has come true in the minutest detail. Statistically, there is no human who can predict the future with 100% accuracy—only *God* can do that because He knows the beginning and the ending of everything.
- 25 The Bible says there is a Heaven and a Hell, so we have to decide which one we want to go to, and then live in a way that assures we head in the direction of that place.
- **26** AV **Proverbs 16:25** "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways

- of death." Only the Bible has the information that will prove to be the right way to the right place!
- **27** Micah 5:2 says the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem—not Jerusalem or Atlanta, but Bethlehem, and He was. AV Luke 2:4 "Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David)."
- 28 The Book of Zechariah 11:12-13, predicts that this Messiah will be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver—and He was. Judas Av Matthew 26:15 "Said unto them, 'What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?' And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver."
- 29 The Book of Psalms chapter 22, says that this Messiah will be pierced in His hands and His feet—and He was as predicted. This prophecy is amazing because it was written 800 years before crucifixion was ever used as a means of punishment. Jesus was pierced in His hands and feet Matthew 27:35
- **30** The Bible is true, and we can stake our *eternal* destiny on it. The Bible is not just a single book, but a compilation of sixty-six books, written by some forty authors over a span of 1,500 years, and on several continents. Its *internal* consistency and *fulfilled* prophecies prove its divine origin.
- **31** Millions of people think that there are many ways to God or to His kingdom—they think there are many paths that would lead to that wonderful and eternal home.
- **32** Today, increasing numbers of people think that all faiths are equal, and that people should simply believe whatever they want to believe—the Christian path; the Jewish path; the Muslim path;

- or Hindu path, etc.—but if there are *many* paths to God, why did the Son of God have to die on the cross for the sins of the entire world?
- 33 If people could have remained on the Jewish path or the Muslim path or outward religion path and still received eternal life, then Jesus did not have to endure an excruciating death on a Roman cross as payment for our sins. Why would He die for us, if He did not have to?
- **34** The Bible says He did this voluntarily. If He *chose* to lay down His life for our sins—because as God in the flesh, He knew that He *had* to do that to pay the sin debt of the world.
- **35** If He did not *have* to do that, then His sacrifice was in vain. But Jesus never did *anything* in vain—He did everything perfectly and for a purpose. Just as He said—AV **John 14:6** "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."
- **36** The Bible says that Hell is a *real* place—but so is Heaven a real paradise! We must have absolute *assurance* that we are going in the right *direction* to the right *destination*.
- **37** Learning spiritual lessons under God's personal teaching and placing our trust in the Blood Jesus shed for us, *gives* that assurance.
- **38** AV Isaiah 45:22 "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." He is our Creator, our Designer, our Healer, our provider, and our protector forever!

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