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Our Bible text is Romans 1:19-21:

"Because that which may be known of God is manifest (revealed) in them; for God hath shewed (revealed) it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen (or witnessed), being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God (aware of His deity through His creation), they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain (perverse) in their *imaginations* (or reasoning), and their foolish (wicked) heart was darkened (in error)."

This will be a series of newsletters on how the Word of God provides proof regarding man's wickedness and sinfulness. Never underestimate the power of truth and how Jehovah will ultimately judge all sin and sinners. Innately, within every human heart there is knowledge of majesty and deity that far exceeds anyone's humanity.

This truth is even demonstrated through heathens who inherently seek to worship something far greater than themselves. Heathens and pagans will go so far as to create idols, statues, and images with their own hands. And yet, even though they are the creators, they worship those inferior images because deep within they know, through the evidence of God's creation, there is something greater than themselves.

The objective knowledge of God as Creator is manifested universally before all humanity in His creation.

## GOD'S WORD PROVES MAN'S WICKEDNESS – Part 1

Everyone who witnesses the sun rising and setting as it completes its synchronous cycle every day is proof of deity.

No earthly person stands guard over Earth's 24-hour cycle of day and night. This happens daily without any human intervention. This continuous cycle does not just happen on its own; it happens without disruption because Elohim set it into motion.

The apostle Paul addressed the false gods at Mars Hill when he said:

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

The apostle Paul points to the heavens above, the earth below, the brilliant sun, the starry heavens, and says, in effect: *This creation bears* witness to Jehovah's omniscience and omnipotence. Paul being stirred in his spirit declared: *These idols* you worship are completely unable to have done any of this.

Creation is only possible by the true and living God. He made us, the world, the universe, and all things therein. Men are cynical to put their faith and belief in the foolishness of "*The Big Bang Theory*".

Personally, as I have grown in the Lord, I've come to understand that Elohim is in every nucleus, neutron, proton, and electron better known in science as the atomic nucleus.

It wasn't hard for Elohim to divide the Red Sea because He was in every molecule of water, the wind, and even the sun's rays so as to dry the ground for Israel to walk upon.

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God is everywhere in everything: "That they (even those who refuse to believe) should seek the Lord, if haply (through human conclusion) they might feel after (grasp for) him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us" (Acts 17:27).

The point being, anyone who vaguely attempts to find God will find Him because He is nigh unto everyone. Elohim, through His deity, provides divine evidence of His unfailing love and interest in mankind: thus provoking all to seek Him for He can be found.

As an eight year old schoolboy in third grade, I remember walking home from school one day and witnessing a man changing a flat tire on the side of the road being hit by a passing automobile. I remember as if it were yesterday as he was lying on the ground pleading for God to have mercy upon him. I do not know if the man was a Christian or an unbeliever, but what I do remember was a man facing his mortality and crying out for mercy.

No one will have an excuse at the Great White Throne Judgment or be able to declare they had no knowledge of God. Because of God's creation, all of the wicked and ungodly will be without excuse. The reason they will be without excuse is because when they witnessed His creation they rejected the knowledge and revelation of God.

I am always amazed when you put a shriveled seed or grain of corn in the ground how magnificently it ultimately appears after germination or dormancy. After it is sown, it comes up a glorious, lush, green stalk, with several ears of corn with literally hundreds and thousands of kernels from that one small seed after its planting. On the Day of Judgment, having seen God's creation, all men will be without excuse when they try to refute God and His absolute deity.

When the apostle Paul uses the word *Godhead*, he is speaking of absolute divinity. Man is unable to comprehend the deity of the Godhead, however, through His creation, God wills that man understand there is one absolute Deity who controls the universe more precisely than an atomic clock.

In **Romans 1:21**, the phrase *"Because that, when they knew God"* can be somewhat difficult for the reader to understand. Paul is not talking about those, in regard to salvation and redemption, who have a personal relationship with Jehovah. Paul is addressing those who witness God's creation and the manifestation of His workmanship yet they fail to acknowledge God and His existence.

To believe that the universe, through its own ability, came into existence is absurd. Believing that is like believing that a tornado, which just destroyed a Home Depot, then assembled that flying debris to suddenly build a \$10 million dollar, 10,000 square foot mansion. We all know that is not possible.

When men willfully fail to acknowledge God as seen through His creation, they are truly unable to understand anything about Jehovah regarding His deity. When men do not embrace God, or fail to comprehend Him, Paul declares they become unthankful, thus refusing to honor Him. They ultimately lack gratitude for His blessings and the rest of His creation.

This is why I am adamant that all men, sinner or saint, should be thankful for the food of which they partake when they sit down to their meals. Paul states when men fail to glorify God, even though they have witnessed His deity through His creation, they will ultimately become vain in their imaginations. How vain and worthless does anyone's mind become when they deny the deity of God? *"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God"* (Psalm 14:1).

This denial demonstrates what happens to men when they reject God and His creation. Their hearts become darkened and they become fools because they have rejected His Word and glorious light.

When a child is conceived between a husband and wife, we witness one of the greatest miracles of creation. There is already enough knowledge in that embryo that the woman's body no longer produces eggs for fertilization after concepttion. One must ask a few questions: Where does all of this knowledge come from and how does this knowledge remain intact through the whole pregnancy? How are all the chemicals released to preserve the pregnancy until birth; then how is that followed by producing milk for nourishment through the mammary glands? And not only that, if there is a genetic anomaly how can it know to naturally abort?

After conception, the placenta and amniotic fluids preserve and protect the child until birth. You might say God places the child in its own little swimming pool.

I find it amazing how God suffers a husband and wife to bear fruit from their own loins, name the child as they chose, and, hopefully, then nurture that child in the admonition of the Lord. Even God places trust in what He has created, yet man seeks to destroy God's blessings through cohabitation, abortion, and murder.

Regrettably, when men reject the holy God, all of God's blessings become perverted. Even after enjoying life and God's abundant provision, some people still turn to Satan. Paul says when men fail to acknowledge God their hearts become foolish and darkened. Every time you have opportunities, please acknowledge God and His goodness. The psalmist declared: "*The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein*" (Psalm 24:1). The earth is the Lord's but Adam temporarily surrendered the deed to Satan; however, Christ will ultimately redeem that too.

In closing, please let me encourage you to go to our website, *thevoiceofevangelism.com*, and register for our upcoming *Revival Meeting* in Fort Mill, SC. Seating is limited so please register early.

I am bringing spirit-filled servants of the Lord to minister to your every need. There is no particular theme or motif concerning these meetings. My heart's desire is to receive a divine out pouring from the Holy Ghost.

We all will need strength from the Holy Ghost in the coming days. Our world will soon change quickly with inflation exploding and affecting us all. In spite of the coming peril, I am certain we are going to witness a great move of God in the coming days.

As a nation, we must continue to pray and seek God's face. The Lord promises to pour out His Spirit in the last days and I have great expectation while we wait. I invite you to bring someone with you to these revival meetings. Do come with great faith, believing God to touch you in a very special way.

As always, we are very grateful and thankful for your continued love, prayers, and financial support. Thank you for remembering us and covering us in your spirit-filled prayers as we pursue the Lord's will.

Until next time, may the Lord God of Abraham forever order your steps in His most holy Word.

Serving Along Your Side,

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