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Mini Study

Does God Exist?

In the beginning God...

He that comes to God must believe that He exists and that He becomes the Rewarder of those who search for Him...Hebrews 11:6

The vast majority of earth's billions believe there's a God - of some sort. The confusion of ideas about Him, however, is but an excuse for disbelief. But just an excuse. For the evidence for His existence is before our eyes.

- The Hubble telescope is sensitive enough to peer thirteen billion years into the past. Yet no-one imagines this incredible piece of engineering somehow self-assembled; launched itself into orbit and maintains itself. Clearly, it was designed and crafted by a greater intelligence
- Astronomers believe the latest 'snapshots' from Hubble take us back to a 'mere seven hundred million' years after the assumed 'Big Bang'. Supposedly, that event is the origin of all physical matter
- But wait! That unbelievable powerhouse of stored energy which 'exploded' to form our Universe is obviously not 'the first cause'. Where did that ball of energy come from? Whatever your view of origins, that question must be answered
- All Earth's material, all the elements, must derive in some form from that original 'big bang'. Take, for example, radium. It is radio-active with a 'half-life' - the time taken for half of the atoms of a radioactive substance to decay - of just sixteen hundred years. Why has only a portion of it become inert lead? Why not all of it?
- The universe we inhabit is physical. All science requires dependability - that what is experimentally true today will be true tomorrow. We exist and survive by immutable Law. Where did *that* come from?
- Here's a challenge for you. Create for me a grain of wheat, or, perhaps man's supposed simplest ancestor, an amoeba. *No*, you may not use existing genes! Start with *nothing* - not even air; and you don't have any instruments. (And you aren't even there!) Any luck? It's axiomatic that life of any kind derives only from pre-existing life. No-one has yet produced blood from a stone!
- The 'First Cause' - the un-created Creator God - is a dimension incomprehensible to mere physical beings. He is Spirit. Logically, He must have always existed, otherwise we must accept that *matter* has always existed. And that inert matter gendered the human mind. It was *God* who created the complexity of the physical dimension
- The Creator has chosen to share His being with humanity. He reveals Himself in His Creation and in His Word - the Christian Scriptures
- All this is neatly summed up by the apostle Paul:
"From the creation of the world onward His invisible qualities, such as His eternal power and divine nature, have been discerned mentally through His handiwork. So they are without adequate excuse" (Romans 1:20)

"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1; 53:1)

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