# There Is A God

# Many 'believers' do not allow faith to affect daily life

- Lack of prayer. Mt.6:9...
- Indifference to moral issues. Mt.6:12-13
- Worldliness: more attention to earth than heaven. Mt.6:19-21

# I. The Two Alternatives

#### 1. God is, therefore we exist

- If we believe Bible, it's settled
- Gn.1:1, 3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26-28; 2:18-21

Inconsistent to believe in God, but disbelieve Genesis account of creation

Same book that teaches one, teaches the other

- 1. God is, therefore we exist
- 2. God is not, therefore we evolved from nothing
- We cannot say, "God is not" without making ourselves God
- Requires omniscience
- Requires faith
  - Not established by senses ———— faith
  - Julius Caesar: fact or fiction?
  - No one photographed the creation...
  - John 1

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# II. The Proof Examined

# 1. Man has always been religious

- "Look in what continent we please, we shall find the myth of a Creation or of a primeval construction, of a Deluge or a destruction, and of an unexpected Restoration" – D. Brinton
  - Gn.1-9
- In the beginning, the Supreme Being gave man a revelation of Himself; various religions of earth are corruptions of the original.
  - If no God, how to account for this fact?

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In all traceable cultures, monotheism always predates polytheism. Ec.7:29

20: without excuse. Ps.19:1-4. Is.40:26

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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world Psalm 19

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26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing – Is.40

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- 21-22: ingratitude
- 23: immoral perversity
- 24-25: God allowed them to live as they pleased...
  - Problem not intellect, but moral

# 2. Man believes in principles of right and wrong

- May have different opinions of rules
- May refuse to live by rules
- BUT: they do believe in them
- God made man...
  - Sense of right and wrong. Ro.2:1
  - Different from animals. 1 Co.15:32-34
    - ■2 Pt.2:12

- Three possible explanations
  - 1. Blind chance.
    - Ear, Pr.20:12
    - Eye, Pr.20:12
    - Hand, Ps.139:14-16

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  - 1. Blind chance.
  - 2. Created itself.
    - "Nothing comes from nothing"
    - Atheism's dilemma:
      - Dead matter is eternal (rejected)
      - Even if universe created itself, how did life get here? Spontaneous generation?

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  - 2. Created itself.
  - 3. <u>God</u>
    - Every effect must have cause.
      - Crusoe. Watch. House... Hb.3:4
      - Hb.11:3. Globe? Mt.6:28-29; Ac.14

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  - 3. God is
    - all wise.
    - all powerful.
    - eternal.

### 4. Jesus, the Christ

- No one can deny that . . .
  - He lived, died, and was missing on third day as He prophesied
  - the disciples changed
- Would thay suffer and die for a lie? (Thomas)
  - Group of vile deceivers give birth to purest system of morality the world ever saw?
    - ■Mt.5; Ro.12

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How the world's

#### most notorious atheist

changed his mind

"Towering and courageous. . . . Flew's colleagues in the church of fundamentalist atheirm will be scandalized." —Francis S. Collins, author of *The Language of God* 

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# Socratic principle

"We must follow the argument wherever it leads"

"I must say again that the journey to my discovery of the Divine has thus far been a pilgrimage of reason. I have followed the argument where it has led me. And it has led me to accept the existence of a self-existent, immutable, immaterial, omnipotent, and omniscient Being" – Antony Flew

## Francis Collins (1/3)

Trillions of cells compose our body Each contains the same approximately 3 billion DNA base pairs per cell Each cell contains so much information that if it were represented in printed words, simply listing the first letter of each base would require over 1.5 million pages of text! We have never produced a book this long. If laid end-to-end, the DNA in a single human cell measures 3<sup>1/3</sup> feet.

### Francis Collins (2/3)

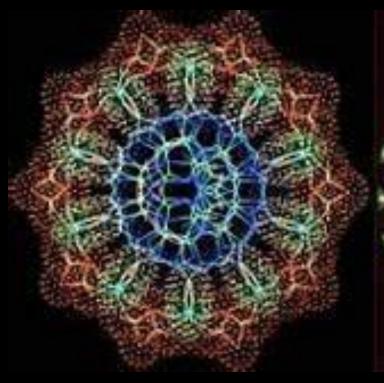
Each cell's information is the correct sequence

Is there a three billion word novel?

How to explain it?

Design implies a Designer. Hb.3:4

# Francis Collins (3/3)





**Axis of DNA** 

Accident?

Stained glass window

Design?