

## So... When Are You Going To Believe What Makes Sense?

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What do you think the result would be if a random sampling of, let us say... fifty people were asked the question, "Do you believe in God and the creation story in the Bible?" I have seen and heard the results of many such studies over the years, and have to say that there is no doubt, a dwindling number of people who identify as Christian even willing to address the question, let alone give a rational reason for their belief, one way or the other! It seems that in our modern society discussion concerning God and the Bible is becoming increasingly "Taboo;" in other words, something that "should not be discussed, at least in public." If someone identifies them self as "Christian," be it on social media, or perhaps in the case of younger people, attending school, they open themselves up to rejection and / or harsh criticism at the very least, in some cases escalating to persecution, sometimes to the point of being physically harmed! It is no wonder that many will go out of their way to avoid the topic entirely! For decades now, people of all ages are being told, "There is no God," and the universe simply came into existence out of nothing by some chance / random event." This whole concept defies the very "science" which these same people tout as the supreme authority. Their mantra is, "Everything can ultimately be proven or disproven using *science*." Ironically, science teaches that *order*, which is evident in all of nature, does not, and cannot come out of chaos; actually, the opposite is true... order can, and usually does, ultimately *deteriorate* into chaos! Nevertheless, many people remain convinced that this is how the formation of the universe took place; chaos became order (*according to science*). What do *you* believe concerning this subject, and more importantly, *why* do you believe it?

The reason, or lack thereof people believe what they believe, seems to be at the heart of the problem. Beliefs and opinions are a dime a dozen, but when people are asked "Why" they believe (or disbelieve) something, many times this results in silence, accompanied by a "Deer in the Headlights" expression depicting confusion or lack of confidence in themselves, many cannot explain what they believe, but there has to be something that convinced them one way or another! Why do you suppose that is? I recently heard a story that took place near the end of the "Cold War." A Missionary had asked some people in the former Soviet Union what they thought of Americans. Most felt that Americans were pretty much the same as most people except for one interesting observation. Many said that they felt that Americans in general, seemed to be extremely "gullible," so much so, that they appeared to believe everything taught, or told them, especially by their government! This is very interesting, and it explains a lot, especially concerning many American's lack of ability to justify or defend what they believe. They simply repeat what they are told, in most cases without question! In the past, students at every level of the American educational system, were instructed to seek justification and verification through questions and investigation, **not** to simply accept everything they were told. This is actually the "scientific concept in a nutshell!" In order for something to be accepted as scientific fact, it must be both observable and repeatable. Simply taking for granted, the word of someone who "sounds knowledgeable," does not cut it from a scientific standpoint. Consider some of the things you learned throughout your lifetime concerning the origin of life or how the universe came to be... how much of what you learned was observable... how much was repeatable? For example, name one example of a particular species of animal "evolving" into another species of animal. Give one example of something in a chaotic state transforming itself into perfect order without the influence of some form of intelligence involved.

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Do you that “Deer in the Headlights look in the mirror yet?” If you do... it may be because “you take way too much for granted,” and perhaps you never took the time to question or investigate things for yourself!

The truth is most people do indeed take things for granted, especially the younger segment of society such as grammar school, and high school students. When it comes to college level students, it is probably more due to intimidation. *Watch the movie, “God’s not dead” which shows what is indicative of what is happening in the majority of colleges, especially in the United States.* The exposure to the propaganda all of these student groups face daily is relentless, the educational system infiltrated for many years by teachers not wanting to teach, but rather to convert students to their “world view,” to their way of thinking, such as Socialism and Communism. Many of these “teachers” are the ones responsible for our children turning away from faith in God, not because of convincing scientific evidence or facts, but rather un-provable theories or historically failed philosophies. They are so hardened against belief in a creator that if presented with the evidence, they resort to intimidation and even violent tantrums to silence the dissenters of their beliefs. So going back to the beginning of this article, we are, on one hand taught that the whole universe came into being by pure chance; it came to be out of nothing, everything came to be as it is, in perfect order and harmony, by pure chance.

If this is what you believe, imagine for a moment you are walking in the Amazon jungle and you hear a faint noise in the distance. You head toward the sound and you come to a clearing. In the middle of the clearing, you see an electrical generator humming away with a water pump attached to it. The pump is pumping water from a stream flowing through the clearing to a beautiful water fountain... in the middle of nowhere! Would you for one moment think that the generator, the pump, and the fountain simply grew out of the jungle and came together, then started the action you were witnessing? I would venture to say that you would assume some intelligent person or persons put this all together. Is it possible that some space junk fell to earth and a bolt of lightning struck the debris creating the scene you were witnessing? Of course, not... first, someone made the generator, then someone made the pump, someone hooked all of them together at the right spot near the stream. Then they started the generator and pump thereby “creating” a beautiful working fountain! It took intelligence to put this all together! Everything having a special function had to be hooked together properly for it all to work... I won’t get into the gas supply for the generator, but I think you get my point. Compare this illustration to what we see forced on students in our educational system concerning the “Theory” of evolution, as opposed to the Creation Story. Which of the two makes more sense? I think the answer is obvious... all one has to do is look around at the complexity and perfect order of everything (even the simplest of things) in the world around us.

### **Romans 1:20 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His **(God’s)** invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they **(We)** are without excuse,

(Emphasis Mine)

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