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“... defending the faith once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3)

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK: Winding Down; Gearing Up

As we watch the summer of 2018 wind down and begin preparations for the upcoming fall season, it's a good time to reflect on the sovereignty of God and His blessings on us here in America. I sometimes think that western Christians, (Americans in particular), feel that God looks at us with a biased eye, because we have long claimed the morals and virtues of His Word as the basis for our culture and society. Let me assure you, fellow Christian, God owes us nothing.

America has been blessed mightily by our gracious God, perhaps because of the righteous in our land, but He has no contract or agreement with us. His covenant nation is Israel, and even a cursory reading of scripture should enlighten us to how swift His hand of justice can be toward those who walk apart from His statutes. At the same time, however, He reveals His great mercy to those who would repent of their sin and turn their hearts back to Him. He told Solomon that if His people, who were called by His name, would humble themselves and pray, while also seeking Him and turning from their wicked ways, that He would forgive their sin and heal their land (**2 Chronicles 7:14**). The apostle Paul rightly points out to us that whatever was written in God's Word in earlier times was written for our instruction too (**Romans 15:4**), so we should pay heed to that Old Testament passage. He also told us that scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and instructing (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**).

So what does that mean for America today? This summer has seen a continued upturn in the economy along with diplomatic attempts at making peace with our enemies. We've officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel by moving our embassy there. But perhaps the most important move was the nomination of conservative judge Brett Kavanaugh to the recent vacancy on the Supreme Court. Our laws as originally written give thanks to and honor God, who bestowed His blessings on our nation and its founders from it's beginning. In his first inaugural address, George Washington wisely said that, "The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained."

Let us pray that as summer turns into fall the righteous believers in our land will in fact humble ourselves and turn from our wicked ways. Let us seek God's face to forgive us and heal us too, just as He does for His chosen people Israel, not because we deserve it, but because we're called by His name. When God's people seek to please Him, the unbelievers among us will benefit as well (**Matthew 5:45**).

Rev. David Lewis

Defending Biblical Creation

Part I - Ultimate Proof

By Robert Luthardt, Sr.

In his highly informative book *“The Ultimate Proof of Creation,”* Dr. Jason Lisle reveals the details of that ultimate proof with several illustrations. He begins laying a foundation by comparing a debate about biblical creation to a debate about the existence of air. The denier of air may elicit profound sounding arguments supplying documented proofs but still needs air to argue his case. Air must **first** be in existence for the critic to survive long enough to even raise the issue. Worse, for the dissenter to make his case at all, he will of necessity, have to be **wrong** (no air, no life, no argument).

In the same vein, an evolutionist must use the God-given Laws of Nature and God’s Laws of Logic and Principles permeating Biblical Creation to be able to argue against those same laws. The Laws imbedded in creation contain universal, invariant principles which must be adhered to by Creationists **AND** Evolutionists in debate because these same Laws undergird the **“principles of intelligibility.”** Nothing can be true and not true at the same time. Either the car is in the garage or not; not both at once. This is the universal Law of Non-Contradiction.

The basis of uniformity in nature itself lies in the fact that God first created the Universe in intricacy and orderliness, then determined to keep it that way through His law-like power that flows out of His sovereign attributes (Heb. 1:1-3).

Just as breathing air does not first require a profession of belief in air for a critic to live and breathe, the use and study of the orderliness of creation and of God’s way of thinking does not require a profession of belief in the existence of God. Scripture instructs all seeking wisdom to “Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Rom: 12:2) and to “have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5) because Christ is the **LIVING** embodiment of truth (John: 14:6). So, to arrive at logical conclusions from acquired knowledge does not first require a profession of belief in the God of biblical creation. However, rational argumentation absolutely depends upon the reality of God’s orderliness in creation and His infinitely logical mind and thinking. Atheists and Evolutionists can know a lot of things but only because their worldview is **WRONG**. The orderly intricate universe did **NOT** begin in the chaos of an unmanaged, undesigned, chance explosion (The Big Bang).

Dr. Lisle points to several preconditions for his “ultimate proof” that only makes sense in a Biblical Creationist worldview. To reason logically there must pre-exist universal, invariant, abstract Laws of Logic. Also, to attempt any meaningful study of nature, there must be an inherent underlying orderliness; a regularity in nature, time and space – a God-designed and created uniformity.

It may seem odd that absolute morality is also required for any rational worldview

and establishing morality is a difficult problem for evolutionists and atheists. While atheists and evolutionists can be as moral as anyone else (indeed most do follow basic concepts of right and wrong) there just is no logical basis for **ANY** moral imperatives in an unplanned, unguided, undersigned universe. How can there be laws without a Lawgiver? Right and wrong are biblical concepts derived from the mind of the supreme, sovereign Lawgiver who gave His commandments through His prophets and by the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. God even wrote those Ten Commandments with His own finger (Ex. 31:18).

In the evolutionary worldview, right and wrong are nothing more than electro-chemical reactions in the brain and have no firm foundation. Universal absolute morality as found in God's Word is indispensable in a civilized society. Even atheists benefit when they utilize biblically-based concepts by setting aside their chosen worldview of "survival of the fittest." Indeed, why should beings descended from "millions of years" of mindless, uncontrolled, undesigned chemical processes need or want or hold to an absolute universal code of behavior. Secularists of all stripes tell Christians they have no right to legislate a moral code but when they change this they are insisting upon their own man-made moral code. If there is no absolute moral code, then everyone does that which is right in his own eyes and nothing is fundamentally wrong for there is no objective absolute universal law and no Lawgiver. Relativity in societal morality can vary dangerously as it did in socialist countries such as 20th century Russia, Germany, China, Cuba, North Korea, etc., and it still exists today (it is also taught in many university classrooms in America).

Intelligent reasoning requires universal, invariant, abstract Laws of Logic but atheists have no concrete uniformity of origin upon which to derive any laws at all. The Christian worldview begins in absolutes and Christians, made in the image of God, readily adapt to them (Gen: 1:27; 5:1; 1 Cor, 11:7). Laws such as Non-Contradiction stem from God's self-consistent nature and His unswerving faithfulness (2 Tim. 2:13). He is truth itself (John 14:6; Col. 2:3) and He upholds the universe "by the word of His power" (Heb. 1:1-3)

Laws of Logic are God's standard for our own thinking. Since God is an unchanging, sovereign, immaterial entity (spirit – not mortal), His thoughts are also immaterial, based upon universal invariant, abstract transcendent entities. They consist of nothing material, are not suspended in space (as matter is) and not subject to time and are therefore transcendent, applying everywhere at all times. Their absolute validity is due to their uniformity with God's way of thinking and His unchanging nature (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8; Jam. 1:17). Without Him, rational reasoning would be as chaotic and as impossible as evolution's Big Bang explosion. The Biblical Creator is the sole source of all invisible entities including the universal, invariant, abstract, and transcendental Laws of Logic (Col. 1:16; 1 Tim. 1:17). When unbelievers use them, they must set aside their own worldview. Evolutionists and atheists counter that they do not believe the Bible but can reason logically which only proves "that which may be known of God is manifest in them" (Rom. 1:19) and they borrow God's attribute of nationality. The **ultimate proof** is that all creation requires the existence of God including His immaterial abstract Laws. God's way of thinking is the foundation of reason sanity. Unbelievers must use God's logic (**and His Air**) but cannot account for them in their ungoverned, undersigned, mindless universe that "became orderly" after its birth in

an explosion “billions and billions of years ago.”

Some contend that the Laws of Logic are mere conventions or just chemical reactions in the brain or are only descriptions of how the physical universe behaves. Dr. Jason Lisle dismantles each of these objections in detail in his book. These and other objections he exposes as defective and unscientific.

Another illustration offered by Dr. Lisle for the **Ultimate Proof** is in God’s created order – the **uniformity of nature**. Some evolutionists insist that science depends upon their pre-suppositional concept of “molecules to man” evolution (the notion that life self-generated from primordial ooze). Dr. Lisle, a scientist associated with other scientists at Dr. Ken Hamm’s “Answers in Genesis,” challenges that this claim is the “easiest to refute.” He and his associates prove that everything in existence requires the biblical creation framework.

Honest scientists state that to do science at all, the universe had to be created by an intelligent entity who sustains it in conformance with logical and mathematical laws to have its constancy in time and space – its observable uniformity. With the ongoing regularity in the created order, scientists are able to make successful predictions (except weather forecasting?). Yet even chaotic systems are predictable in principle if parameters are known. Without regularity, science could not exist; “He upholdeth all things by the word of His power...” (Heb. 1:1-3). The insurmountable problem for evolutionism and its chaotic explosive beginning (The Big Bang) is that the observable regularity in the universe only makes sense in the Judeo-Christian, Biblical Creationist worldview. So indeed, “In the beginning **God created** the heaven and the earth” and upholds, every second of every day, His created order – and wonderfully will take care of us forever (Rev. 21: 1-10).

All Christians should have Dr. Lisle’s book.

Keep looking up

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Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace – (Part 1)

By Nancy Long

Isaiah 26:3 – *“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.”*

Phil. 4:7 – *“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

Augustine, over 1500 years ago, in his confessions, said: *“Thou hast made us for Thyself, and the heart of man is restless until it finds its rest in Thee.”* Blaise Pascal, French scientist and mathematician, agreed when he commented, *“There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created being, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus.”* I cannot think of any words that are truer than these! We are created beings made for, and to be used for, the perfect and eternal plan and purpose of the one and only omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, and sovereign God! Until we are able to firmly grasp and comprehend this basic and fundamental truth, we will forever be restless souls.

Humankind the world over has grappled, throughout time, with the pursuit of peace and inner contentment. Webster defines peace as a state of being without disturbance, tranquility, free from strife, serenity, an internal calm. Even Christians, those of us who profess to be followers of Christ, those who have been *“justified by faith and now have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Romans 5:1), often find it difficult to act in accordance with our beliefs that God’s ways are indeed higher than our ways, and His thoughts way above ours (Isaiah 55:9). We oftentimes lack that promised, perfect peace. Why is this??

Most likely, if a survey was to be taken from a cross section of people across the globe asking the question, “What do you seek most out of life?” I’m confident that if not the number one answer, then very near to the top would be, an intense desire for peace of mind and heart. No one would argue this would be a worthy goal, but how to achieve it is the 64 million dollar question!

Some might suppose that money, fame, power, or success would bring internal satisfaction and contentment, but looking around at those who have attained any or all of these, we could easily refute and prove this idea to be false. Perhaps the pursuit of money, and the long hard climb to the top, in some strange way, provides a kind of pride in accomplishment; but inner peace, I don’t think so; else why is more always desired?

What about power, fame, and success? Will they satisfy the deepest part of our beings? Possibly the thrill of pursuit, the setting and achieving of goals, affords some sort of short term satisfaction or pleasure, but long term fulfillment, I think, is somehow eluded.

What then, can bring about or achieve the peace of mind, and quietness of soul, for which we all so desperately yearn?

Complete fulfillment comes only from God, and from nowhere else!! What we seek to internally satisfy comes from outside this physical realm of which we're all so familiar. Nothing, I say again, **nothing**, in this world, is able to quench the hungering spirit within!!

God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to this earth to live a perfect life, and to ultimately shed His precious blood to pay the penalty of the sins of His elect people, making it possible to again have peace with God (Rom. 5:1). What had once been a broken relationship between the Creator and His creation, because of the finished work on the cross, had now been restored.

As believers, we have been mercifully released from our sin debt, been delivered from hell, and have been granted the assurance we will live for ever and ever with the Lord in heaven. Also included in this treasured gift of salvation is the promise of perfect peace and rest as we live our lives today, in the here and now (John 14:27). This kind of "peace in the midst of a storm" contentment only comes from the Prince of Peace. *"Come unto Me, all ye who labor, and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"* (Matt.11:28). I will give you peace that passes, (or transcends) all human understanding as your mind is stayed on Me. That, my friends, is a promise!!!

I pray we all sense afresh the **perfect peace of God** in our lives, recognizing that contentment of spirit is only gained from focusing on the Savior, and recognizing **His** presence!



From Our Mail Bag

Today's so-called music is loud, monotonous (repetitious) discordant "racket." What happened to the once melodious, pretty, romantic music of the forties, fifties, and even some in the sixties and seventies. Today there is no more real music. The last few decades have departed from real romance, manners, morality and, in general, decency. Even in the so-called "houses of worship" (churches) there is no longer the grand, old beautiful uplifting hymns with doctrine, but instead, this so-called contemporary, loud, monotonous "racket"; and in some cases, some woman "screeching" through a microphone. No more are there ladies dressed in ladylike, modest dresses, and gentlemen in jacket, shirt, and tie showing respect and reverence in His House.

This is truly Laodicea!

Submitted by: Pat Knight

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Our mission through the broadcast of In Defense of Truth and the publication of The Defender newsletter is to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). Our vision today is just as strong as it was back in 1963 when Dr. John Dekker began this outreach. We pray that you will continue to stand with us as we hold true to God's holy Word.

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Outdoor Movie Night (August 17th)	8:30 PM