"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament showeth his handiwork" (Psm. 19:1). There are but two alternatives relative to the origin of the universe: natural creation (that all the amazing, imponderable, multitudinous phenomena were the product of an infinite number of accidents and blind chance), or supernatural creation ("In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," Gen. 1:1). The only specific thing the Bible says about atheism is found in less than one-half of a verse, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psm. 14:1; repeated in Psm. 53:1). And, there is never any discussion in God’s Word that He may not exist! The evidence that "God is" is overwhelming; the Word simply states this fact, without argument or debate. How can anyone question His existence in light of all that is manifest in the physical universe (as well as in the Sacred Scriptures)?

To question that "there is a God in heaven" (Dan. 2:28) is to be deceived intellectually and spiritually. A self-important college student said to his eldest brother: "What would you think if I told you that in ten minutes I could produce arguments that would utterly annihilate the Bible?" The brother replied: "About the same thing I would think if a gnat crawled up the side of Mount Everest and said, 'Watch me pulverize this thing with my left hind foot.'"

Never is a reasonable, intelligent answer given by the atheist relative to the origin and purpose of this vast, intricate, orderly universe. Intelligent human beings are simply asked blindly to accept the assumption that nothingness got busy and produced matter and that, denying "intelligence, will and personality in creation,...a blind, fortuitous concourse of atoms...created themselves, shaped themselves, and finally produced our minds and souls, without reason, without purpose, without destiny." Very regretfully, many are so prejudiced against the idea that an infinite, all-powerful, all-intelligent Being is behind the universe that they summarily, irrationally rule out even the possibility that He exists. They are unwillingly (Continued on Page 2)
RAY PETERS RESTORED!
On Wednesday August 17, 2005, brother Ray Peters was restored. Ray responded to the invitation, making things right, and restoring fellowship with the church here at Cartersville (Georgia). Many of you knew that at one time we were the sponsoring congregation for Ray’s work in Latvia. We rejoice with Ray in his decision to return to the Lord. (Phil. 1:20, 21)

Astronomy is unique among the sciences. In scope it includes the entire universe, including much of the earth itself. It is the most limited of sciences in the sense that it can perform no experiments—it can only observe. Astronomy is possibly the most intriguing of all the sciences...

What does astronomy have to do with the Christian? Does a Christian see anything different through a telescope than does the non-Christian? In a way, yes...David [in Psalm 19:1-3] saw God’s glory in the heavens: They spoke to him in a language understandable to all. However, most astronomy textbooks do not deviate any scope of the glory of God. Clearly most astronomers have missed something—they see something different in the sky than David did...even though most astronomers have been blind to the glory of God in the heavens, they have enabled us to see it better.

Dear reader, what do you hear when you listen to the speech, the language of the heavens?

For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity (Rom. 1:20).

Paul saw that the marvelous precise, the indescribable beauty, and the immeasurable vastness of the sky, the sunlight, the solar system, the stars, and galaxies could not create themselves; he saw the Uncaused Cause, the Prime Mover, the infinitely powerful, wise, Mind. He Who is so abundantly evident that those who reject Him shall stand before Him at the last day “without excuse.” On the other hand, the evidence is not so forceful that mankind is so overwhelmed as not to have the choice of rejecting the evidence if they wish to see: (1) Their false teaching is the direct cause of trouble. (2) Our opposition to their error is our immediate reward. (3) The inevitable result of their error will be division. (4) Eternal separation will be the final reward to all unrepentant false teachers (II Jno. 9-11; Gal. 1:8-9; Rev. 22:18-19). What should the church do when it learns that false teaching is being done? In a proper Christian attitude, the church should seek to prevail upon such teachers to cease their false teaching (Mat. 22:14-16; 15:1-20; I Pet. 2:21; Phil. 2:5; Gal. 4:5, Rom. 16:17-18). False teachers could quickly stop false doctrine by ceasing to teach error. This would cause all faithful Christians to rejoice.

If this is not done, preachers, elders and the entire church have only one course open, and that is to destroy the Truth and oppose false teaching. Most false teachers adopt a martyrdom stance. Having originated their erroneous teaching, they then insist that it be accepted. When faithful brethren oppose them, they see the claim of innovators and leaders of all kinds of divisive doctrines that it was not their teaching that caused division. It is their incredible contention that it was the opposition to their error that was responsible for the division! Discerning persons should be able to see: (1) Their false teaching is the direct cause of trouble. (2) Our opposition to their error is our immediate reward. (3) The inevitable result of their error will be division. (4) Eternal separation will be the final reward to all unrepentant false teachers (II Jno. 9-11; Gal. 1:8-9; Rev. 22:18-19). What should the church do when it learns that false teaching is being done? In a proper Christian attitude, the church should seek to prevail upon such teachers to cease their false teaching (Mat. 22:14-16; 15:1-20; I Pet. 2:21; Phil. 2:5; Gal. 4:5, Rom. 16:17-18). False teachers could quickly stop false doctrine by ceasing to teach error. This would cause all faithful Christians to rejoice.

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