

I Believe in God**Psalm 19:1-3**

Longer passages are not quoted in the study sheet, but they can be read in the accompanying transcript.

Is there a God? Did He _____ me? Am I accountable to Him? Many people question the existence of God, but there are good _____ to believe. Because the Scriptures come from God, they _____ God's wisdom and His character. If God is true, then His Words are true and they give us confidence. I'm thankful for the confidence I gain through a _____ of the Word of God because it provides a solid and true foundation in a world of uncertainty and fabrications. I want the truth, and I know the true God has given it to us through His Word!

Someone may ask the question, "Why do you believe in God?" That's an important question and it deserves an _____. First Peter 3:15 says, "but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a _____ to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence." I'm asking you to deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow Christ. I'm asking you to believe God created you, and that you're accountable to Him. I'm asking you to believe Jesus died upon a cross for your _____, was buried, and rose again on the third day. I realize what I'm asking of you is far more critical than asking you to buy a certain brand of soap or a certain type of car. I'm asking you to give yourself completely to Jesus.

Many reject God and Christ, offering many _____ why they no longer want to affiliate with any god or any church. If God exists, you're risking your _____ by rejecting Him. By rejecting God, you'll lose the opportunity to enjoy His _____ in this life and the one to come.

Our reading today is Psalm 19:1-3.

We should accept only those ideas supported by adequate _____. The evidence for God comes to us not only from His revealed Word, which we'll talk about later, but also from what we can _____ in the universe, in nature, and in ourselves. Hebrews 3:4 says, "For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is _____."

Our universe reveals _____ and design with laws and stability. The reason Americans could land on the moon in 1969 was because of the stability and predictability of our universe. Our earth is _____ and designed to be sustainable. God promised Noah, "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not _____" (Genesis 8:22). This promise from God has held _____, even to this day, even though thousands of years have passed since the time of Noah. We can _____ our calendars and seasons by the predictability of our solar system. To suggest that this happens by accident is absurd. Only an all-powerful, all-knowing supernatural Person could make this universe with its order, design, and laws, and keep it in working order.

Someone objects, "If God made this universe, _____ made God?" There had to be something in the beginning. The chances of nothing becoming something is _____. There had to be a first _____. The scientific second law of Thermodynamics demands a beginning; God is that

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unmoved mover that _____ everything. God is self-existent and has _____ existed. Psalm 90:2 explains, “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” Only an all-powerful, all knowing supernatural Person could make and _____ this universe.

Our universe also reveals what _____ of Creator we have. Romans 1:20 says, “For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been _____.” When we _____ what God has created, we can clearly see His power and divine nature. David spoke about God’s role in making his body, “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well” (Psalm 139:13-14). The complexity of the human body with trillions of cells, a brain, the eyes, the ears, the nose, the tongue, the skeleton, the heart, the lungs, the skin, the hands, and the feet, the nervous system, the hormone system, the digestive system, the circulatory system, and the muscles all _____ wisdom and design. You are not cheap _____. God made you in His image.

I have a smart phone. It connects me to the world through the phone and through the internet. I have apps with entire libraries, apps that tell me the news and weather, apps with helpful utilities, apps with movies, and apps with games. It’s a marvelous _____ and contains ten times the memory of my first laptop computer. Does anybody in the world think that a smart phone made _____ or is the product of an accident? Why, of course not!

Yet, I can say with confidence that just one living cell in your body (which has trillions of cells) is more complicated, more detailed than anything in a smart phone. According to “Genome Facts,” in Nova Online, the amount of information in one DNA molecule would fill _____ books of encyclopedia size. It would take a person typing 60 words per minute, eight hours a day, around 50 years to type the human genome. If all the DNA in your body’s 100 trillion cells was put end to end, it would reach to the sun (90 million miles away) and back over 600 times. You are fearfully and wonderfully made by an all-knowing, all-powerful God. This DNA code determines what we are as living creatures. It is specific and complex. It couldn’t just _____; God caused you. Created you. God is our intelligent Designer.

Add to this your ability to _____. Acts 17:28 says, “‘In him we live and move and have our _____’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’” As the offspring of God, we have a _____ that thinks, a conscience that judges, a heart that loves, and a soul that hopes. How did our thinking mind, our consciousness come about? Did we get it from non-living matter? While there are theories, there simply are no scientific _____ describing the origin of life or consciousness.

Is it accidental that we can ask a question or _____ or have morals? Even people who do not know God have a _____ of right and wrong, because of God. **Read Romans 2:14-15.** Who gave you a conscience that continually judges your thoughts and behavior?

No rock or mineral could have given you a conscience. The presence of _____ implies more than just a conscience; it implies a moral governor, someone who is moral and made moral laws.

That moral governor is _____ who hates sin and loves righteousness. **Read Hebrews 4:12-13.**

Because He made you, He has the right to hold you accountable for your attitudes, your words, and your actions. Romans 14:12 says, “So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.” While your body will one day pass away, your soul or spirit will survive. If God is real, and He is, then what He says about heaven and hell are true. Only a God who sees and knows more than we can see and know could speak of judgment and eternity. We can believe what God says about things we cannot see because He speaks so clearly in the Bible about the things that we can clearly see.

Sometimes people object to God’s existence, saying, “Faith in God isn’t scientific; it’s a _____ in the dark.” Many think if you believe in _____, you can’t believe in God. They suggest _____ in God is unreasonable. Really? Have you considered that many credible scientists and logicians have _____ faith in God? For instance, the book of Romans in the New Testament was used for centuries as a primary _____ in the study of logic. According to Louw and Nida, in their Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, there are 122 separate vocabulary words in the semantic section dealing with thinking and reasoning. The Lord and His people knew how to _____ in the first century; and they know how to think today.

Who are some of the scientists and intellectuals who believe in God? Nicholas Copernicus was the Polish astronomer who put forward the first mathematically based system of _____ going around the sun. Sir Francis Bacon was a philosopher who is known for establishing the scientific _____ of inquiry based on experimentation and inductive reasoning. Johannes Kepler was a brilliant mathematician and astronomer. He did early work on _____, and established the laws of planetary motion about the sun. Blaise Pascal was a mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and theologian. He published a treatise on the subject of geometry and established the foundation of probability theory. Pascal invented a mechanical calculator, and established the principles of vacuums and the pressure of air. Isaac Newton was an undisputed genius in optics, mechanics, and mathematics. He is most famous for discovering _____. He wrote in his book, Principia, “The most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets could _____ proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being.”

We could also mention Faraday, Boyle, Pasteur, and Mendel. We can even include Albert Einstein as a _____ in a Supreme Being. It was the _____ of what exists that led Einstein to study science. He remarked to a young physicist, “I want to know how _____ created this world; I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know His thoughts; the rest are details.” Though Einstein, a Jew who rejected a personal God but was not an atheist complained, “In view of such harmony in the cosmos which I, with my limited human mind, am able to recognize, there are yet people who say there is no God. But what really makes me _____ is that they quote me (that is, Einstein) for the support of such views.”

Charles Darwin, the father of evolution, did not _____ the existence of God. He said it was illogical to believe the universe created itself. “The impossibility of conceiving that this grand and wondrous universe, with our conscious selves, arose through _____, seems to me the chief argument for the existence of God...I am aware that if we admit a first cause, the mind still craves to

know whence it came, and how it arose.”

Darwin saw intelligence and design in the incredible complexity of the _____. He admitted in *The Origin of Species*, “To suppose the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have formed by _____ selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree.” When I read *The Origin of Species* years ago, I was struck with Darwin’s many statements questioning what he was _____. He spoke often about all the things that he was guessing and did not know for _____. To this day, the theory of evolution remains a theory and has never been _____ concretely. No one has ever seen one kind of animal become another kind of animal, and the fossil record doesn’t reveal this kind of transition. Even Darwin admits at the end of *The Origin of Species* that there is a Creator responsible for the _____ of life.

Science can sometimes tell us _____ happened, but it cannot always tell us who, why, or how. It can theorize and guess, based on what it knows; but science cannot _____ and verify the creation or beginning. It cannot tell you the _____ of life. It cannot tell you how one-celled animals became multi-cellular, how cold-blooded animals became warm-blooded, or how spineless creatures developed a vertebrae, or how fish could breathe underwater, and how birds developed the ability to fly.

Science cannot tell you how you _____ a conscious, moral being. Faith in God makes _____ in this world. It’s far more believable to accept God as my Creator than it is to accept that my conscious, moral life arose accidentally out of non-living matter. People in every culture in every place in every age have believed that there is a _____ Being who created them and gave them life. He made you, and one day you will give an _____ to Him for your life.

If there is no God, you’re simply a _____ of chance and accident. You don’t know _____ you came from; you don’t know _____ you’re here; and you don’t know if there’s any life after death. If there is no God, there’s no one who can tell you why you are alive, why you are conscious, and why you and I can communicate with each other. When your conscience says you have _____, you have no answer to your guilt. If there is no God, you have no one to _____ you. If there is no God, when your loved ones die, you have no confidence of ever _____ them again. When you face a crisis, you have no God to _____ to. You have no one to _____ for your blessings. If there is no God, you’re _____ without a purpose, a hope, or a future.

But there is a God! He created you and sustains you with air, water, food, and many blessings. He sent His Son, Jesus, to teach the truth and bear the cross for you so that you could be forgiven and have a good conscience. God loves you and wants to bless you now and in the life to come. He is real and you can believe in Him!

To be right with God, believe and confess Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Change your heart and life in repentance, truly making Him “Lord.” Be baptized into Christ to be united with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection. When you’re baptized, God washes away your sins in the blood of Jesus, gives you newness of life, makes you His child, and adds you to His church. Why not obey the Lord today?