

Why I Believe: God is Manifested in Nature 2-10-13

A simple study of the Bible reveals the great importance of Faith (believing in God). Hebrews 11:1-6 both defines the word faith and what faith is all about. There we are told that God's desire is that we believe in Him AND we seek Him with diligence.

The word also speaks to the enemy of faith. In 2 Peter 3:3-4 Peter says "...Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.'"

Today there are many such scoffers who robe themselves in the world of knowledge. In the last century we have seen the rise of studies such as evolution that proclaims our ungodly origin; prehistory creating our unbiblical past; theology reforming our less than divine God, or psychology establishing our animalistic mind.

In I Corinthians 1:18-21 Paul spoke to the church in Corinth of the great divide between the knowledge the world has and the faith that a Christian has. The two are often irreconcilable; to become a Christian, one may have to count their worldly knowledge as meaningless. Because of this, not many worldly scholars will be able to obey the Gospel (I Corinthians 1:26). Let's consider that since the Garden, Satan has lured away many with "knowledge". He offered Even the "pride of life" by offering her the desire to be made "wise"

Why do we still believe? Because there is apparent evidence that there is a God. It is found not just in the Bible, but in the creation itself. Paul said in Romans 1:18-23 that the evidence of the Creator is abundant in nature. Simply stated, God is manifested in nature.

There are a number of ways which we find the Creator in the creation. This is my favorite. It is in a simple theorem that has been known for over 2,000 years. It has been called the Golden Sequence and the Divine Proportion, acknowledging that it is something extraordinary. It is also called Phi:

$$\varphi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} = 1.6180339887\dots$$
 Sometimes it is referred to as the Fibonacci sequence, a series of numbers with the next number the sum of the two previous numbers.

What is so remarkable about this ratio is that it is found in abundance in nature at every level. Fibonacci discovered it is the rate of rabbit reproduction. Later it was found to be the pattern of the refraction of light. In the last 30 years it was found to be the frequency of the resonance of carbon atoms as well as the ratio of certain aspects of the human genome. Sunflower seeds, pineapple designs, leaf stems, and even the milky way galaxy all fall into a pattern that is translated into this number ratio. There is absolutely no explanation for this occurrence in so many facets of the universe.

It is as though there was a great artist who signed a canvas to proclaim that from the smallest part of His creation to the largest, He was the sole author.

When Paul spoke at Mars Hill in Acts 17:24-28, he attempted to persuade the "learned" men of his day that there was one Creator God who desired men seek Him. Paul's summary is ours too: God expects that if He has left ample evidence of His works, there is no excuse as to why we do not believe in Him. Do you believe? What will you do about it?