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Business Meeting Today at 2:30 p.m.

Thank you!
Alexis Brown
Today's speaker

“Foundation Lessons” Class
Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. at the church building
Will Resume Soon

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6 Melinda McCollum 11 Marie Burruss 15 Marcos Perales
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Applied Logic

Excerpts from Jim Bishop article
by Bruce Evans

Jim Bishop, who authored over twenty books, wrote an interesting article that first appeared in the Miami Herald in 1966. The title of the article, “There Is No God?”. Herein is a condensed version of said article that recently made the rounds on the Internet.

“There is no God. All the wonders around us are accidental. No almighty hand made a thousand-billion stars. They made themselves. No power keeps them on their steady course. The earth spins itself to keep the oceans from falling off toward the sun. Infants teach themselves how to cry when they are hungry or hurt. A small flower invented itself so that we could ex- tract digitalis for sick hearts.

The earth gave itself day and night, tilted itself so that we get seasons. Without the magnetic poles man would be unable to navigate the trackless oceans of water and air, but they just grew there. How about the sugar thermostat in the pancreas? It maintains a level of sugar in the blood sufficient for energy. Without it, all of us would fall into a coma and die.

Why does snow sit on mountaintops waiting for the warm spring sun to melt it at just the right time for the young crops in farms below to drink? A very lovely accident.

The human heart will beat for seventy or eighty years without faltering. How does it get sufficient rest between beats? A kidney will filter poison from the blood and leave good things alone. How does it know one from the other? Who gave the human tongue flexibility to form words, and a brain to understand them, but denied it to all other animals?

Who showed a womb how to take the love of two persons, and keep splitting a tiny ovum until, in time, a baby would have the proper number of fingers, eyes and ears and hair in the right places, and come into the world when it is strong enough to sustain life?

There is no God?” While Jim Bishop does not come out and say it, he is appealing for people to use common logic. Be a critical thinker. *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”* (Genesis 1:1) A statement of fact, inasmuch as something cannot create itself out of nothing. Spontaneous generation is what is touted by those who hold that creation happened as an “accident”. The fact we exist, shouts out loud and clear that God exists. *“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”* (Hebrews 11:1 see also verse 3, 6).

Atheism Requires Miracles

By Kyle Butt, M.Div.

People who are atheists do not believe in God. They believe that the natural world is all that exists. They say that everything that exists must “obey” the laws of nature. They insist that nothing, at any time, has ever violated a natural law. This way of thinking, however, runs into some very serious problems.

The first problem atheists have is that no natural law can account for how the Universe got here. Most atheists say that billions of years ago a tiny ball of matter exploded in the Big Bang. But when you ask them where that tiny ball of matter came from, they cannot give you a natural explanation. In fact, all the laws of nature prove a tiny ball of matter cannot come into existence by itself, neither can it come from nothing. Something that was not operating according to natural laws would have been required to originate the tiny ball of matter in the first place.

Second, those atheists who believe in the Big Bang say that it caused all the order that we see in nature. Again, when we look at how explosions “naturally” act, they do not cause order and complexity. They cause disorder and a mess. If you put a stick of dynamite in a box with computer parts, the laws at work in nature will never allow the explosion to assemble a working computer. It would literally take a miracle to get a huge explosion like the Big Bang to bring about the order we see in our Universe.

Third, people who do not believe in God think that life came from non-living chemicals millions of years ago. When we study nature, however, we see that such an idea is not possible according to the natural laws at work. In the natural world, life comes only from

life of its own kind. Once again, it would take a miracle for life to evolve.

As you can see, even though atheists claim that nature is all there is, they rely on “supernatural” explanations all the time. Miracles have occurred, but not the ones atheists need to defend their ideas. The facts that God exists, and that He has performed miracles, explain the Universe in a much better way than atheism.

The Space Between

By Mark Adams

Though I’ve gotten better over the years, I can be a tough person to travel with. I don’t like stopping or slowing down. If I’m traveling 70mph and have to stop for a 15-minute break, then that means in the time I spent stopping, I could have been a little over 17 miles closer to my destination. Plus, if the stop involves a drink, it may well mean I’ll have to stop again later, which means more time “lost” that keeps me from getting wherever I’m going. I’m definitely influenced by our fast-paced culture.

Recently, I’ve been reading C.S. Lewis’ *Surprised By Joy*, which is a sort of spiritual autobiography of his life. He has caused me to rethink my travel strategies. His assessment of modern transportation is that it annihilates space, “One of the most glorious gifts we have been given.”

He went on to say, “...a modern boy travels a hundred miles with less sense of liberation and pilgrimage and adventure than his grandfather got from traveling ten. ...If a man hates space ... why not creep into his coffin at once? There is little enough space there.”

It has always been God’s intent for us to enjoy his creation. Overwhelmed with the beauty of God’s handiwork, David exclaims in Psalm 8:9, *“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”* So, this week, why not go for a walk? If your routine is to walk, why not slow down and pay attention a little more?

Wherever we are going, remember that this life is a journey that God intends us to experience with Him. We will reach our heavenly destination in God’s time, so for now, enjoy the space between.