

Bright Eyes



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PROVING GOD

by the Reverend Robert Bianchi

Recently, we were watching a program on TV (The History Channel) entitled *Proving God*.

It was centered on how the scientific community and the religious community are seemingly coming closer together in each of their quests to answer questions of the unknown.

Obviously, we are not there yet, where the two factions have come to an agreement on the existence and proof of God. However, it seems many within the scientific community are using more of an open minded approach in seeing that the spiritual aspect and the scientific aspects of creation, may be working hand in hand. We certainly cannot expect a consensus to be around the corner, but it is promising.

In everyone's investigation, religious as well as scientific, a lot of reference is made and based upon the Bible. I can understand this, as the Bible seems to be one of the oldest surviving manuscripts that has lived down through the ages. Though many times, its' truths come into question as well as its' interpretations of events and people.

After watching the program for 2 hours, the use of the Bible as the common denominator for the two philosophies became, for me, a little suspect somewhat narrow minded. In this state of narrow mindedness, could it be the one hindrance to allowing us to fully understand the divine and the physical?

What I mean by the narrow minded-ness is that in using the Bible as a reference point, it seems we are not searching for Proof of God as an eternal spiritual



force. What happens is that we are searching for a Christian-based God only. We are seeking to prove that a God exists based upon Christian writing and stories, rather than a universal, unattached Spiritual Energy that has no particular "team," so to speak, with which to align.

- Did creation not exist prior to the biblical writings and stories?
- Who was around to record God's action when the world and universe was created in 7 days?
- Who witnessed the events in the Garden of Eden that was the basis for our humanity?

It just seems to me that the Bible is being overused as a basis of proof of God since the Bible had a beginning and most certainly will have an end. You be the judge.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Life doesn't give you the people you want; it gives you the people you need: to help you, to hurt you, to love you, to leave you, to make you the person you were meant to be."

THE SIDEBAR

Short 'n Sweet

A Sunday school teacher was speaking to a group of five year olds about Jesus, Mary and Joseph. After the lesson, the kids were to draw a picture depicting their favorite part of the story.

The teacher shared the pictures with the whole class. She got pictures of the baby Jesus in the manger with animals. She got pictures of the three wise men and the stable.

Then she got to a picture from little Jimmy, showing an airplane with four people on it. She called Jimmy up to explain his picture. She told Jimmy, she could see Mary, and Joseph and the baby Jesus, obviously in "flight" to Egypt. But she didn't understand why there was another man on the plane.

Jimmy quickly explained, "That's Pontius, the pilot."



Finding one her students making faces at others on the playground, Mrs. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, the Sunday school teacher said, "Bobby, when I was a child, I was told that if I made ugly faces, it would freeze that way forever."

Bobby looked up and replied, "Well, Mrs. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned."



RUMBLINGS from the President

by Butch Tull,
Board President

Hi everyone!

Connie and I just returned from riding the Black Hills of South Dakota and as always, it was an amazing experience. We put just over 3000 miles on our bikes in nine days. If you have never been, the experience is somewhat hard to explain. Here are some words that can explain it better than me.



Slow me down, Lord. Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with the eternal reach of time. Give me, amid the confusion of my day, the calmness of everlasting hills. Inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values, that I may grow towards the stars of my greater destiny.

I urge you all to go find that one thing or place that brings this to you. You don't have to physically go there-just put yourself there through meditation. Peace is the greatest blessing. When you have peace, everything else just falls into place.

God Bless,

Butch

Change your Thoughts, Change your Results

(excerpted from Terri Norvell's Blog)

Changing our thoughts can happen in the blink of an eye. It does, however, take desire and commitment to make a change. Often, your desired outcome doesn't quite line up with your reality. In other words, the results you are getting aren't the results you desire.

Change your thoughts, change your results. When you make that conscious effort to change your thoughts, an amazing thing happens-they start to change! Your conscious mind can analyze, and reason and make decisions all day long. Yet, it is responsible for only 4% of your processing and has a weakness-follow

through. Now, your subconscious mind is doing 96% of your mental processing. It can monitor a thousand different things at once. It is programmed with all the patterns that run your life. Your subconscious mind records everything you focus on and plays it over and over like a well-worn tape in a recorder.

Yes, we are creatures of habit and habitual thinking. Good for you if you like the results. If not, it may be time to put a clean, new tape in the machine. Reprogram your thinking pattern in your subconscious mind and watch how fast your thoughts and outcomes change.

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