

8. You and other Christ transformed human beings

"One thing I do know, once I was blind but now I see." - John 9:25

» Excerpts from Globe and Mail article, December 24, 2011

"God is far from dead in the global south"



"8 Ways God Reveals Himself to Atheists (and Non-Atheists)"

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Speaker: Pastor Keith Smith speaking

Series: The Maker's Timeline (Part 5 of 5)

1. The Creation of the UNIVERSE

"The heavens declare the glory of God" - Psalm 19:1

and

"Complexity, order, design, beauty"

"THE HUMAN CELL IS A DIGITAL COMPUTER" – DAWKINS

"so men are without excuse" –Romans 1:21b

"...EVENT THAT IS MORE MIRACULOUS THAN THE MIRACLE THAT SEEKS TO DISCREDIT CAN BE USED AS A EXPLANATION TO DENY THAT A MIRACLE ACTUALLY OCCURRED." - DAVID HUMES

2. Life on Planet Earth

Evolution does not attempt to explain how life got on earth. It just theorizes how it evolved since it got here.

"NATURALISTIC EVOLUTIONISM REQUIRES THAT PHYSICAL LAWS AND ATOMS ORGANIZE THEMSELVES INTO INCREASINGLY COMPLEX AND BENEFICIAL, ORDERED ARRANGEMENTS. THUS, OVER EONS OF TIME, BILLIONS OF THINGS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE DEVELOPED UPWARD, BECOMING MORE ORDERLY AND COMPLEX.

HOWEVER, THIS BASIC LAW OF SCIENCE (2ND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS) REVEALS THE EXACT OPPOSITE. IN THE LONG RUN, COMPLEX, ORDERED ARRANGEMENTS ACTUALLY TEND BECOME SIMPLER AND MORE DISORDERLY WITH TIME..."

– WWW.CHRISTIANANSWERS.NET

"In the beginning God created . . . living creatures" –Genesis 1:1, 20, 24

3. Human uniqueness

- Spirituality
- Morality
- Creativity

» *Attempts to confine "God's image" to "the God gene"*

"So God created man in His image... likeness... male and female."

– *Genesis 1:27*

4. Universal acknowledgement of spirituality

- Faith and science are "irreconcilable" – Christopher Hitchens
- "everything is reducible to matter" – Stenger
- "religions are the cause of many of the world's major problems" – New Atheists

"DAWKINS SEEMS TO THINK THAT SCIENTIFIC DESCRIPTION IS AN ANTI-RELIGIOUS ARGUMENT. DESCRIBING HOW SOMETHING HAPPENS SCIENTIFICALLY, SOMEHOW EXPLAINS IT AWAY. IT DOESN'T . THE QUESTIONS OF PURPOSE, INTENTIONALITY, THE QUESTION WHY, STILL REMAINS THERE ON THE TABLE."
– **ALISTER MCGRATH**

Story of Dr. Francis Collins, head of the Human Genome project, author of "The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief"

5. Scripture's prophecies fulfilled

Jesus – birthplace, betrayal, trial, death, resurrection
(60 major Old Testament prophecies)

- Being struck by lightning in a year = 1 in 700,000
- Becoming a U.S. President = 1 in 10,000,000
- A meteorite landing on your house = 1 in 180,000,000,000,000
- Jesus fulfilling 8 prophecies = 1 in 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000

» *Peter Stener and Robert Neumann in "Science Speaks"*

» *Story of scientist, Hugh Ross (Reasons to Believe - www.reasons.org)*

6. Jesus' life, death and resurrection

He claimed

- Authority to forgive sins
 - To have always existed
 - Intention to return to judge at the end of time
 - To be God
- » *Quote from former atheist, C. S. Lewis, in Mere Christianity, "Liar, Lunatic or Lord?"*
- » *Story told by former atheist, Lee Strobel, about Canadian former Billy Graham associate, Charles Templeton*

7. Awareness of life after death

"He set eternity in the hearts of men" – Ecclesiastes 3:11

"WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN IMMORTALITY BECAUSE WE HAVE PROVED IT, BUT WE FOREVER TRY TO PROVE IT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT." - **JAMES MARTINEAU**

» *Story in "Eternity in Their Hearts" book, by missionary Don Richardson*

Reasons for becoming an atheist

1. *You can live for self without accountability to God*

"THE REAL OBJECTION OF ATHEISTS IS NOT INTELLECTUAL, BUT MORAL."

– **Dr. Dinesh D'Souza (author of "What So Great About Christianity")**

2. *You can delude yourself*

"THE GOD YOU CREATE IN YOUR BOOK IS A DELUSION. CHRISTIANS DON'T BELIEVE IN THE GOD YOU CREATE EITHER."

– **Oxford professor John Lennox, in debate with Richard Dawkins**

3. *It is a way to process hurt and injustice in life that you feel God let happen*