

If There Is No God . . .

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We who are members of the Roanridge church of Christ firmly believe that there is a God (namely, the God revealed to us in the Bible):

- (1) Because of the existence, immensity, complexity and order of the universe (Romans 1:21); everything we observe in it shouts, “creation — creator,” “design — designer,” “order — orderer.”
- (2) Because of man's universal desire to acknowledge and worship and please a supreme being (man's universal God-consciousness — Acts 17:22-31).
- (3) Because of man's sense of ought (what he ought and ought not to do; man has a sense of morals and a conscience — Romans 2:14-15).
- (4) Because of all the beautiful and sublime things in nature and the creatures of nature and man's corresponding ability to recognize, admire and appreciate these (Psalm 19:1).
- (5) Because of the very complex mind of man which sets him apart from all of the other earthly creatures (Psalm 139:14; 8:4-8). All of these argue for the existence of God without any mention of the evidences for the inspiration of the Bible and the evidences for the deity of Jesus of Nazareth.

But if there is no God:

1. Then there is no adequate cause of or explanation for the universe and all that is in it. Does anyone seriously believe that a tremendous explosion of a tiny ball (weighing, we are told, from 25 to 40 pounds — and where then did that come from?) was the origin of all that now is? How did order come out of chaos, and did you know that “cosmos” (man's name for the universe) means “order”?
2. Then man is here without purpose, the accidental and purposeless result of blind chance over eons of time, or, as Carl Sagan put it, “You are nothing more than a part of a universe that never had you in mind in the first place.”
3. Then man is an animal that descended from lower animals, and is of no more value than they. To crush a human being would be the same as swatting a fly.
4. Then there is no standard for human conduct, no right and wrong, no good and bad, no moral and immoral, nothing that man ought to do or ought not to do. If, without God, there is a standard, what is it?

Evolution talks about “the survival of the fittest” and how that “might makes right.” Who would want to live in a world where the only standard would be that determined by those so powerful that they could impose their will upon others?
5. Then the Bible is misleading, deceptive, false. It would be nothing more than a collection of writings by ancient and deluded peoples and not to be taken seriously at all.
6. Then there is to be no existence for man beyond this life, no resurrection of the dead, no judgment of all men, no heaven and no hell.

Are you willing to accept and live with such consequences? We of the Roanridge church of Christ are certainly not. We welcome you to our Bible classes and worship assemblies, and we would be happy to discuss with you any questions that this article may bring to mind.

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