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...Bible! In fact, one great example of the difference between godly worship and ungodly worship is found in the great contest between Elijah and the false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18)! Elijah challenged the false prophets to take a bull for a sacrifice, cut it in pieces, lay fire on the altar, and let the gods light the fire! The prophets agreed to the contest, but no god lit the fire of their sacrifice! These false worshipers called on their gods from morning till noon, and received no answer. They cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them (v. 28)! And still no god answered them.

By contrast, Elijah repaired the altar of Jehovah, placed twelve stones on the altar as a representation of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, and made a large trench around the altar, put the wood in order, cut the bull as a sacrifice in pieces, and laid the wood on the altar. When he then called upon the Name of the Lord, a mighty fire fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, the wood and even the stones and the dust! Everything was done according to the order which God had commanded! (The only exception to this arrangement was the fact that Elijah poured four water pots over the sacrifice three times to prove that his offering was not a man-made hoax!)

The Sun, Moon & Stars

Now look out into the universe and behold the wonders of God's creation! *“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork”* (Ps. 19:1). Every day is a 24-hour period — the time it takes for the earth to rotate on its axis once. Every year is 365 1/4 days — the time it takes for the earth to revolve around the sun once. The laws of nature reflect the order and design inherent in the universe in which we live. Only a fool would view all of this beauty, design and organization and then declare “There is no God!”

The Human Body

The human body is a tremendous marvel in every way of great wisdom and design! Have our wisest scientists, architects, or inventors come up with a **covering** that is *anything* like **human skin**? Our skin is flexible, repairable, breathable, and protective of outer elements! The best man can come up with is an expensive gortex, and it's nothing like human skin.

How about a brand new, perfectly engineered **arm or leg**? Many people have lost limbs in accidents or war! Surely man in his infinite wisdom(?) could design another one. After all, they have a perfectly designed one to imitate! But no, the greatest minds among us can only make a weak imitation as a replacement.

The various **“systems” in the human body** are also a marvel to behold. Men spend much of a lifetime studying these things to become doctors of medicine and to help mankind improve their lives, some even *specializing* in one or more areas. Each human body has (1) cardiovascular, (2) digestive, (3) immune (lymphatic), (4) muscular, (5) skeletal, (6) nervous (7) renal (urinary) and (8) respiratory systems — just to name a few! I know of no one man who has mastered his knowledge and understanding of all the “systems” in the human body, do you? And I know of nobody, anywhere, who can create one of these systems, much less intertwine them all together in one human form!

“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth” (Psalms 139:13–15).

Dear reader, have you obeyed your Creator and put your affairs in decent order?!

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