

Home Group Questions

the week of 9/10/2017

Various Scriptures

LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR MIND! PART 3

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his mini-series which focuses on sharpening our minds for action in a world that is attacking the existence of God and the gospel message of Jesus.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read Romans 1:16-32. Discuss this passage as Paul addresses the implications of living by faith and the consequences of not living by faith. Discuss the reality of the wrath of God and how it is so much easier to talk about the love of God as opposed to the wrath of God? When is the full realization of the wrath of God going to be displayed? What is the offense of this unbelieving world that is highlighted in verse 18? Share some ways in which this world is suppressing the truth of God. What are other observations from this passage that pertain to our approach to God's creation.

2. Review the content that Pastor Mel shared which provides an overview of some of the things that he shares with skeptics/unbelievers so that you clearly understand it as well:

1) The existence of matter and life point to God? (The cosmological argument):

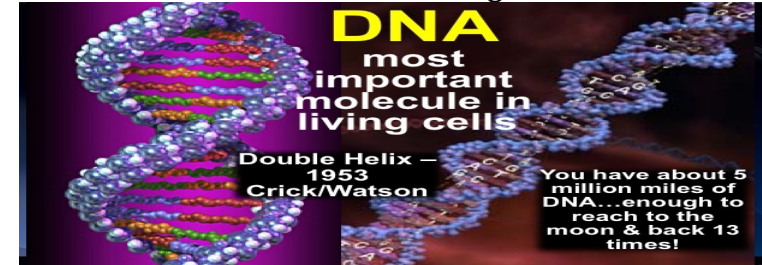
The universe could not exist on its own so there must have been a first cause (uncaused cause) that brought it into being.

2) The amazing complexity (and design) found in nature points to God? (The teleological argument)

Complexity & design leads on to the conclusion that a great "Intelligent Designer" (God) exists.



3) The existence and nature of DNA points to the existence of God? DNA contains awesome amounts of information. Complex information demands an intelligent source.



4) The lack of transitional fossils in the fossil record points to a creator God.

- All main kinds of living creatures were in the very early Cambrian Period (referred to as the "Cambrian Explosion of Life"):
- 1) Animals with backbones (example...fish).
- 2) Animals without backbones (examples....shellfish, starfish).
- "The 'Cambrian explosion' destroys the idea that all living things evolved from simple ancestors."

5) The presence of complex organs point to the existence of an amazingly ingenious God.



6) The wisdom and logic of believing in God is very compelling. Discuss Pascal's wager below:



MOVING FORWARD... Pray to strengthen your faith with the evidence that points to His existence.