

# WHY WE BELIEVE: In God **Ps. 103:8-18; Eph 3:18-19; Rom 8:33ff**

## *The Universe and the Love of God*

### 1. The S.E.T.I. Program is Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence.

- a. It uses radio telescopes to listen for any electronic transmission from deep space
- b. Random static or white noise does not indicate intelligence—But any sequential pattern or repeated signal indicates intelligence, language or information.

### 2. But while they are searching for any sign of intelligence from outer space... they are ignoring the fact that within every cell of their body is DNA...<sup>1</sup>

- a. The most complex information code ever discovered in the physical universe.
- b. If the information code of DNA was being transmitted to earth from deep space it would be seen as obvious evidence of intelligence that is Not of This World.
- c. But because it is in every living cell—then it is explained away as an accident of evolution!

### 3. Our search for answers to the questions & mysteries of life—all point to God.

We have a message that is not of this world—from the Creator of the world—given in His word: Bible

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## I. THE GREATNESS OF GOD

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### A. SEEN BY HIS CREATION

#### 1. The Universe exists—and it has incredible intelligent Design (**Psalm 19:1**)

- a) Athiests want you to believe NOTHING Created EVERYTHING  
and we are all here by accident
- b) But God says You Are Not An Accident—(**Genesis 1:1**)  
In the first verse of the Bible we see: Time, Energy, Space, Matter, Mind
  - It refutes **atheism**, because the universe was created by *God*.
  - It refutes **pantheism**, for God is *transcendent* to that which He created.
  - It refutes **polytheism**, for *one* God created all things.
  - It refutes **materialism**, for matter had a *beginning*.
  - It refutes **dualism**, because God was *alone* when He created.
  - It refutes **humanism**, because God, *not man*, is the ultimate reality.
  - It refutes **evolutionism**, because God *created* all things.<sup>2</sup>
  - It refutes **fatalism**, for it involves the *freedom* of God to choose to create

#### 2. The Universe itself is evidence for the existence of God (**Rom 1:20**)

### B. HIS CREATION OF A FINE-TUNED UNIVERSE

#### 1. Design Demands a Designer. (**Hebrews 3:4**)

- a) We see Intelligent Design in the Universe... Over 40 Cosmological Constants like:
  - The Force of Gravity • the Speed of Light. • the Mass of an Electron.

#### 2. If any 1 of over 40 cosmological constants were off by even 1 part in a billion →There Would No Galaxies, No Stars, No Planets, No People.

Everything in the Universe is balanced on a knife's edge just to support life! (**Is 45:18**)

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<sup>1</sup> Geisler and Turek, I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist p.137-138

<sup>2</sup> Henry Morris, The Genesis Record, p.38. Last point on fatalism from Jack Cottrell, citing R.F. Weidner

## C. HIS INTELLIGENT DESIGN OF LIFE

### 1. LAW OF BIO-GENESIS: Life can only originate from life!

- a) Evolutionists cannot explain the origin of life—Life cannot come from non-life...
- b) Life Can Only Come From Life—The living God is the creator of all life.

### 2. IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY of biological life:

- a) Darwin thought a cell was no more complicated than a piece of gelatin.
- b) We now know 1 living cell is more complex than New York City or the Space Shuttle

### 3. BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION—DNA is like a software program in every living cell —but more sophisticated than any software ever designed by man.

- a) It is not just a blueprint for life—but a library of blueprints...
- b) If the amount of DNA information in just in 1 cell was typed out on paper—it would fill 12 sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica, taking 48 feet of library shelves! (Just 1 Cell!)

## D. HIS SPECIAL DESIGN OF HUMAN LIFE

### 1. YOU ARE NOT AN ACCIDENT: You're Created in the Image of God (Gen. 1:27)

### 2. A CONSCIOUS MIND allows us to ponder and imagine (Psalm 8:3–5)

### 3. A MORAL CONSCIENCE within the heart of every person (Rom 2:15 NLT)

### 4. A SPIRITUAL NATURE given by God who is Spirit (Gen. 2:7 KJV)

- a) We are Flesh and Spirit – We have a body and a soul
- b) A Soul with Free-will to choose to love or not to love

**Jesus said:** *what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?* (Mk 8:36)

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## II. THE LOVE OF GOD

### A. HOW CAN WE COMPREHEND THE LOVE OF GOD?

#### 1. Love as a divine essence of the nature of God is totally unique to the Bible

- a) (1 Jn 4:8) The fact that the Bible says 'God is love' has been called *"the most daring statement that has ever been made in human language."* (Brunner)<sup>3</sup>

#### 2. Love is not the only divine attribute of God's nature—

- God is love (1 Jn 4:8, 16) • God is Light, (1 Jn 1:5) • God is Holy, (Rev. 15:4)  
• God is Spirit (Jn 4:24) • God is a Consuming Fire (Heb. 12:29).
- a) All of these pertain to the essence of God's Divine Nature.

#### 3. HOW CAN WE KNOW HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US?

- a) In OT Hebrew word: (Hesed) faithful loving kindness & everlasting mercy  
(Psalm 100:5 ESV) > (Joel 2:13 ESV)

- b) In NT it is Greek word: (agape) self-sacrificing love. (Ephesians 3:14-19)  
(v.18) *"That you... may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge*

**God wants us to know how much He loves us—but how can we?**

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<sup>3</sup> Jack Cottrell, God Most High, p.352

## **B. GOD TELLS US THE SCALE OF HOW MUCH HE LOVES US...**

### **A Divine Love So Vast it can only be described in astronomical terms!**

#### **(1) AS VAST AS THE HEAVENS**

- **(Ps 36:5 ESV)** ‘Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens’
  - **NLT:** “Your unfailing love, O LORD, is as vast as the heavens”
- **The heavens are so vast that we have to measure them in light years.**
  - a) Since Light is the fastest thing in the physical universe...
  - b) and the universe is so vast, we have to measure the distances in space by how far light can travel in a year which is 5.8 Trillion Miles in year.
  - c) the observable universe is about 93 billion light-years across!
  - d) And It contains trillions of galaxies with as many as 100 billion stars in each galaxy.
- **How Vast are the Heavens? —> God’s Love is Greater!**

#### **(2) AS HIGH AS THE HEAVENS ABOVE THE EARTH**

- **(Psalm 103:11)** “For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.
- **(Psalm 108:4 NIV)** “For great is your love, higher than the heavens;
- **How High is the heavens above the earth?**
  - (1) The edge of space is often defined as about 62 miles above Earth.
  - (2) The Moon is about 238,900 miles away.
  - (3) The Sun is about 93 million miles away.
  - (4) The nearest star beyond the Sun is about 25 trillion miles (4 light-years) away.
  - (5) The observable universe extends 46.5 billion light-years in every direction.
- **As High as the heavens are above the earth —> God’s Love is Greater!**

#### **(3) AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST**

- **“as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)**
- **How far is the east from the west?**
  - How Fast Is the Edge of the Observable Universe Expanding Away From Us?
  - At a distance of 3 million light-years the Universe is expanding at—156,600 mph
  - At a distance of 300 million light-years out – it is expanding at 15.7 million mph
  - At a distance of 3 billion light years - 157 million mph!
  - The outer edge is expanding at 3x the speed of light and accelerating!
  - Even if you measure the width of the universe—it has only expanded even more!
- **How far is the east from the west? —>God’s Love is Greater!**

#### **(4) AS LONG AS EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING**

- **“But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him (Psalm 103:17 ESV)**
- **How Long is from everlasting to everlasting?**
  - Not a Billion Years, or a Trillion, or a Trillions upon Trillions of Years...
  - It is From Eternity Past—to Eternity Future
  - Eternity is not simply a very long time; it is time without limit.

a) **Only God is from everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 90:2)**

- and so is His Divine Love! “But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him (Psalm 103:17 ESV)

**(5) GOD’S LOVE FOR YOU TRANSCENDS SPACE AND TIME**

a) **From Before You Were Born (Psalm 139:13–16)**

b) **From Before Time Began (Ephesians 1:4–5)**

c) **God Knew You and Loved You Before You Were Born!**

**(6) THE LOVE OF GOD UNLOCKS THE MYSTERY OF CREATION:**

a) Love is of God for God is Love! This Unlocks the Mysteries of life!

b) Why Did God Create Life?

c) Why Did God Create Humanity Unique Among All Creation?

d) Since God is Love — He Desired to Share His Love **(1 John 4:7-8)**

**(7) THE LOVE OF GOD UNLOCKS THE MYSTERY OF FREE-WILL:**

a) Why did God give us free-will? Especially with all the problems it would cause?

b) But Unless Love is a Free Response—it is not love.

Without Free-will there is no love—because Love requires a free choice.

c) But that choice is a double-edged sword.

The choice to love has another choice—the choice NOT to love.

d) If God only valued LAW—He could’ve made us with/ no more choice than machines

God Chose to Create us in His Own Image—with Free-will.

**(8) THE LOVE OF GOD UNLOCKS THE MYSTERY OF REDEMPTION:**

a) Because of Free-Will We Have All Sinned—and the Penalty for Sin is Death.

b) But the Love of God Explains the Mystery of Redemption **(1 John 4:9-10)**

c) Planet Earth is the Privileged Planet—it is also the Visited Planet

d) The Creator of Time and Space Entered Time and Space, fully Divine and fully human to pay our debt in full on the cross. **(Romans 5:8–9; 8:35-39)**

**(9) THE LOVE OF GOD UNLOCKS THE MYSTERY OF ETERNAL LIFE:**

a) The Gospel is Good News Because of God’s Love! **(Rom 6:23)**

b) There is Life After Death Because God Created You in His Image—  
with a Spirit that lives forever. **(John 14:1-3)**

**CONCLUSION:**

**1. The answers to all of our questions—are found in God**

- **God’s love is More Vast than the known universe**
- **God’s love is Higher than the heavens are above the earth**
- **God’s love reaches down as deep as the lowest sinner**
- **God’s love transcends space and time**
- **God’s love surpasses all knowledge**
- **And unlocks the mysteries of life (Jeremiah 32:17)**

**Will you trust God and His Plan of Salvation? Believe, Repent, Confess,  
Be Baptized, live faithful**

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