

## **Question: What evidence do we have in the existence of God?**

A case for the existence of God can be made from several points of view external to the Bible, the word of God. For the next several weeks, I want to discuss a few of them with you. Since our column is titled “What Does The Bible Say?” scripture reference will be included. This will verify the logic for most of our readers.

Let’s begin with the Law of Causation, which states, “Every effect must have an adequate cause.” When you find an oil spot on your driveway, you look for a leak from your car’s engine or transmission. The fact that something has happened tells us that it had a cause. Take yourself, for example. You have parents. Where did your parents come from? “From their parents,” you reply. On and on we could go with this reasoning until we finally have to ask, “Who were the first parents?” (*Gen 1-2*)

The Theory of Evolution states that there were no “first parents,” but that all human life came from a lower form of animal life. Even if this was true — and it is not — it still does not address the issue of origin, i.e., from what source did life originate or begin? Every effect must have an adequate cause.

Those who give credence to Evolution face an obstacle they can never remove, not even by their combined intellects. The obstacle is the obvious conclusion that from nothing always comes nothing! Conversely, for something to exist now, something always had to exist. Who or what, then, has always existed? The Bible is clear on that subject (*cf. Job 38-39; He 11:3*).

A basic observation of science is that the Universe is “running down.” You might say, everything is wearing out (*1Jn 2:17*). This, too, indicates a point in time of origin. What existed at that point in time? Some scientists say that the Universe was once contained in a highly compacted microscopic ball that exploded and flung the Universe into existence. The probability of this is more remote than if an explosion in a print shop produced the Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary. Who can believe it? Who would want to? Many are like the philosophers of Athens who “*spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing*” (*Ac 17:21*). Paul declared to them that it was “*God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth*” (*17:24*).

The theories of science may sound fascinating, but they cannot answer the main question they raise — Who or what is the source of this highly compacted microscopic ball of matter and space? The fact is, the entire Universe is an effect, and for that effect there must be an adequate cause. The atheist cannot come up with a cause. It is only logical then, to believe what the Bible says, i.e., that God is the ultimate, adequate and only first cause. Remind your children and grandchildren of this fact as often as you can. See you next week.

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