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cosmology noun 1a: a branch of **metaphysics**
(a division of **philosophy** that is concerned with the
fundamental nature of reality and being) that deals
with the nature of the universe; b: **a theory** or
doctrine describing the natural order of the
universe

2: a branch of astronomy that deals with the
origin, structure, and space-time relationships
of the universe also : **a theory** dealing with
these matters, Merriam-Webster

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From "A Systematic Theology for the 21st Century" Vol 3

What man knows about God without Scripture is often called "naturalistic theism."

In Scripture man knows of God's existence, God said so, no proofs required.

Otherwise genius theologians have left their Biblical mooring and ventured into rationalistic thinking and philosophical pondering to make "naturalistic theism" some sort of traditional proof of the existence of God.

A wise theologian assembling a valid systematic theology must be ever vigilant and circumspect to stay secured in his Biblical moorings and answer "naturalistic theism" only by analyzing, "What does the Bible say about mans natural and intrinsic knowledge of God?"

That analysis will always be all sufficient for a Biblical systematic theology.

In that other works of systematic theology have invested great effort in a rationalistic approach to naturalistic theism, their arguments are herein introduced, found baseless and philosophical and then a valid naturalistic theism is found more adequately answered in Scripture.

It is caprice, i.e. a sudden unaccountable change of behavior, that any theologian would spend effort analyzing an ontological argument for the existence of God.

But that they did, Hodge, pg. 204-207, Chafer, pg. 158-168, and unfortunately even Baptist theologians, Strong, pg. 85-89, and Thiessen, pg. 55-63.

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Ontology is the branch of philosophy, or metaphysics, which deals with the nature of being and the existence of reality.

When Moses was nervous about the existence of God, God said to Moses, "I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shall thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you" (Exod 3:14).

God spends no time, effort, or word in proving the existence of His being or the existence of reality, and it is, thus, capricious for a theologian to pursue the vain philosophies of man down the vein of ontology.

It is equally vain to incorporate a teleological philosophy lecture in a systematic theology.

Supposing that "an ultimate purpose and design" proves the existence of God is trite.

God does not use their verbose volumes but presents His teleological argument in four redundant questions:

"He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that chastiseth the heathen, shall he not be correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall he not know?" (Psalm 94:9-10).

This, God's profound acknowledgment of their whole teleological argument, is not given to the seeking saint or inquisitive theologian, it is given to the brutish and the fool!

The verses preceding says *"Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?"* (vr. 7-8).

For the systematic theologian to set aside his task of systematizing truth, and pursue a proof of the existence of God to a group of unregenerate vain philosophers is worse than vain, it is unadulterated foolishness.

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The whole point of this teleological proof text (i.e. Psalm 94:7-11) is "The LORD knoweth the thought of man, that they are vanity" (vr. 11). Ergo the theologian has no business wandering in the corridors of vain philosophy, nor attempting the proof of God's existence.

If God himself does not dabble in the proof, neither will the wise theologian. One need not spend a good chapter developing such trite philosophy when God has already expressed it in a succinct thirty six words. Just give the infidel, agnostic or atheist God's words; they are quick and powerful, while philosophy is vain and conceited.

Ps. 94:7-11 *Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise? He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know? The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.*

This teleological proof text (Psalm 94:7-11) rests in this context; *"Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law; That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked"* (Psalm 94:12-13).

God's law, our pure source text for theology, *"is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"* (2Tim 3:16-17), and the brutish philosophers have only the itching ear, the wanting eye, ergo they need God's chastisement and the teaching of knowledge (cf Psalm 94:9-10).

The parallels are not coincidental and the theologian should stay in his own camp, using **Scripture as his sole authority**.

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Hodge, Strong, and Chafer also appeal to an **anthropological** argument and a **cosmological** argument in their effort to provide the vain, brutish philosopher a proof of the existence of God.

Indeed analyzing the constitution of man may reveal some characteristics of God, for man is, after all, made in His image; and analyzing the constitution of the universe will reveal the glory of God and can reveal his handiwork, exactly as Psalm 19 points out;

however, again, the theologian that uses these entities to make a proof for the existence of God is not wise, and is not following a Biblical systematic theology.

Just as Psalm 94 points the wise theologian to the perfect law of the LORD for his source of truth, so to does Psalm 19.

It opens with a profound **cosmological argument**, but it has for its theme:

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Psalm 19:7-11

To determine what natural man knows about God naturally the theologian should set aside all his philosophy books and look only into the perfect, sure, right, and pure sole source of theology, God's plenary, verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant Word.

Naturalistic Theism, what man knows about God naturally, what man intrinsically understands about God, is spelled out in God's Word.

God's Word was previously categorically declared, even by these theologians, to be the sole authority of all faith and practice, ergo it is the supreme source for our naturalistic theism. It says...

Romans 1:16-20 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

It says his Light lighteth every man that cometh into the world...

John 1:1-5,8,9 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. ... He (John) was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

It says God tries the reins of every man...

Jeremiah 17:10, 20:12 *I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.... But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.*

And again...

Revelation 2:23 *And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.*

And, God continues his letter to the Romans to contend that man knows God...

Romans 1:21-23 *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

One needs no further philosophy of man to understand a naturalistic theology. God has adequately revealed mans 'natural' knowledge of God, and even that is not natural, it is supernatural.

From "A Systematic Theology for the 21st Century" Vol 1

Pilot asked Jesus "What is Truth?" In my statistics class I taught that truth is discovered by four primary means, **only one has proven reliable.**

Philosophy says "I think therefore I am." In their field onethinks, reasons, deduces and believes, expecting he has therein discovered truth.

Then, in the turn of the last century scientists formalized **the scientific method**, and used it in founding natural laws operating in our universe. In this method a hypothesis is tested, refined, and observed into a theory, which is tested, refined, and observed into a natural law. Leading theologians pounced on this, and considered theology as "the queen of the sciences." They filled their systematic theology books with theories that they documented into laws expecting that they had discovered the truths about God.

But science is only an able tool to lead and surmise the truth about natural laws, not supernatural laws.

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Philosophy is an essential and useful tool but it cannot decipher infallible truth. Science has proven irreplaceable at determining some natural laws, but it cannot begin to categorize the supernatural, and it is by no means infallible.

In his lifetime the Father of Systematic Theologies, Charles Hodge, saw the scientific method become the mainstay of all systematic study. He incorporated it into his systematic theology, not perceiving this horrid shortfall.

Perhaps a **statistical analysis** of studies and surveys can determine infallible truth.

"Figures don't lie, but liars figure." The surveys and studies, the analysis and presentation of averages and standard deviations, could surely lead to truth. It operates on the premise "The Majority is Always Right."

Know that philosophy and science do the same misleading. For philosophy rationally comprehending something makes it a personal truth. One need only mention **Christian Science founder Mary Baker Glover Eddy's idea** that this world is "only in the mind" to alert the dangers of philosophy.

Now we have come to where science has elevated the spontaneous generation of life to a teachable truth, and "scientists" even teach as truth the insane idea that "survival of the fittest" had changed beagle dogs into Clydesdale horses, and lizards into bald eagles. Thus science-so-called cannot discern truth. Ergo these forms of discriminating truth have their notable flaws

The forth method of discerning truth is the **"Thus saith the LORD"** method.

This is not the religious method. Indeed a religion's source of their truth is generally some ugly combination of the previous three mentions.

Even in Dr. Chafer's Systematic Theology this "Thus saith the LORD" method too often takes a back seat to religion and survey.

That base line for a Christian's truth must proceed with a **"Thus saith the LORD" as its sole source**. All other methods are fraught with blunder.

What are the ~~MAIN PROOFS~~ of CONCEPTS ABOUT the Existence of God?

F. The sixth proof of the Existence of God is The TELEOLOGICAL PROOF

G. The seventh proof of the Existence of God is The MORAL ARGUMENT

H. The eighth proof of the Existence of God is The LIFE FROM LIFE ARGUMENT

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F. The sixth proof of the Existence of God is The TELEOLOGICAL PROOF

The Teleological argument declares that:

- a watch not only exists but that it had a designer.
- it was planned for a specific purpose. A watch was not designed for mosquitoes to live in, or for fish to swim in. It was designed by a keen mind for the purpose of accurately telling the time.

An examination of the world and the things in it, both large and small, shows that each is designed by an intelligent mind for a specific purpose in life. The colors of the birds and the means of defence for animals are not accidents. They are the result of the planning of a superior mind, the mind of an Originator whom we call God.

Ps.94:7-11 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise? He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know? The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

teleological, adjective: exhibiting or relating to design or purpose especially in nature, Merriam-Webster

G. The seventh proof of the Existence of God is The MORAL ARGUMENT

This is the argument from the nature of mankind.

Man has an intellectual and moral nature that animals do not have, showing that the Creator must not be merely an inanimate force but a living, intelligent, moral being.

The modern teaching, being presented to all the college students in the state universities, is that if there really is a God, He is an impersonal force.

The god of modern science is sort of a neuter energy force field with no morals.

This brand new, scientific god, of course, has been moulded and made in the image of fallen man.

As somebody said, "God created man in His own image, and man returned the compliment." Which is a rather sarcastic way of saying that ever since Adam fell, men have been inventing gods, and making up gods, and going to the dime store and going down the counter bargain-shopping for gods of their choice.

The choice of a modern educated fool with a Ph.D., or medical degree, is an inanimate neuter force that does not have any moral standards. Guess why? Because the leaders of humanity today have no morals themselves.

G. The seventh proof of the Existence of God is The MORAL ARGUMENT Cont

However, in the Bible we read in Genesis 1:26, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Again, in Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him" that is, He patterned man after God. God says in Psalm 94:9, "He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?" God has given to man ears, eyes, knowledge, intelligence, and will power, for these are the things that He, Himself, God possesses. Man, who was once in the image of God in righteousness and holiness, is a miniature, fallen counterpart of God; man fell, but he still retains in his fallen state the vestigial remnant of the Godhead. Man was made in God's image, not the image of an orangutan, or a possum, or anybody else in Darwin's family tree that swung by the tail. (We'll talk about this more when we get into our lessons on Anthropology, one of the branches of theology which deals with the creation of man.)

- 2) Come Now Isa 1118 - 3rd of Scarlet matter
- 3) Come After ... Become 2nd of Blue Fellow me
- 4) Come Out - Be ye separate
- 5) Come Up Hither Rev 4

Now, conscience teaches man right and wrong, good and bad, for his Creator is a moral being who is holy and loves righteousness but abhors evil.

That is why the God of truth, the God of creation, the God of this universe has been "run off the boards" by modern man.

Modern man does not abhor evil and does not love righteousness. "Modern man," per say (especially the educated, religious, scientific type of man) is a man who believes that righteousness and evil are relative terms which you can switch back and forth.

As a matter of fact, they are often switched back and forth in matters like those discussed by men like Hugh Hefner in Playboy, Esquire, Genesis, Play-girl, and the rest of the girlie magazines what they are doing is calling evil "good" and calling good "evil."

To such a race of degenerates the God of the Bible can hardly be accepted, or even retain His respectable position.

After all, when a man hates righteousness and loves sin, he cannot have any fellowship with the God of truth and righteousness.

H. The eighth proof of the Existence of God is The LIFE FROM LIFE ARGUMENT

Then, we have the Life argument. That is, life comes from life, except if you are an evolutionist. If you are an evolutionist, life must come from death. If you are a Darwinian anthropoid, you must believe that life originated in the pre-Cambrian fossils, although no fossils have been found, and then gradually worked up into complex forms in the Cambrian strata, and up to the Mesozoic and Cenozoic periods; that is, life had to come from something that was inanimate and dead.

To be a good Darwinian, you have to believe that cooling lava slung off the sun with temperatures above 6000 degrees Fahrenheit could turn into the chemical elements that would bring forth life from inorganic matter.

THAT takes faith to believe that! Some-thing slung out of a mass that runs 6,000 degrees, cools into a molten lava, becomes minerals, and then these rocks produce life, do they?

Do you realize that right now man is desperately searching Venus, Jupiter, and every place he can find, to try to prove that Darwin was right?

Governments spend billions of dollars to try to overthrow Genesis 1. Isn't that something?

Our government has no qualms about spending billions of dollars to try to find life on some other planet to prove that life is not unique to this planet.

But life comes from life, and the original life must have come from a being possessing eternal life. That is, there had to be some life existing before physical life was created: if you are a straight thinker! Now, where can such life be found? It can only be found in God who possesses eternal life. David had that figured out 3,000 yrs ago. (Psa.36:9)
“For with thee is the fountain of life.”

* the apple tree, for example, gets its life from the parent tree

* the lamb gets life from the mother sheep.

But where did they get their life from? You have to go back to the original creation.

This answers the problem of what came first, the chicken or the egg; the answer is obvious. The chicken.

Life can only come from life. Jesus said in John 11:25, **“I am the resurrection, and the life.”**

In John 14:6, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”**

John 10:28, **“And I give unto them eternal life.”**

In Jn 5:40, He said to the educated people of His day, **“And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.”**

1 John 5:12, **“He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”**

All life proceeds from God.

H. The eighth proof of the Existence of God is The LIFE FROM LIFE ARGUMENT Cont

The theory of spontaneous generation has been proved to be false and completely unacceptable to authoritative science.

There is not a really educated man (although he may wave some degree in your face) anywhere in the world anymore who believes in spontaneous generation (although you may find a few college teachers who do).

- * Life must have a beginning.
- * The only logical answer, if you're logical at all, is that the beginning of life was with God.

This is what we call the life argument.

I. The ninth proof of the Existence of God is The ARGUMENT FROM CONGRUITY

(being in agreement or harmony)

The theory of atheism solves no problem; it only multiplies unsolved mysteries. Science has never solved one major problem that mankind had on any continent anywhere in the world.

- * All that science does is discover new problems and partially solve old problems that bring up new problems that remain unsolved.

* A man said, "What about the victory over smallpox?" Try diabetes.

* A fellow said, "What about the victory over pellagra?" How about multiple sclerosis? Don't kid us. Go kid the folks that spend all their time getting diplomas and who think they're smart. Go kid them. They're gullible.

Science has never solved one major problem man ever had. The problem of disease has never been solved.

The problem of starvation has never been solved. There will be eight million people going to bed hungry tonight, and many of them will be dead before tomorrow morning. If you don't believe it, travel to India and Africa and broaden your education.

The problem of death has never been solved. The problem of poverty has never been solved (Matt. 26:11).

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Ah, but the acceptance of the existence of God as Creator of the world is like a magic key that fits all the facts of scripture, all the facts of science, all the facts of revelation, all the facts of knowledge, and all the facts of conscience and nature.

This irrefutable doctrine is held tenaciously by multitudes of souls who are willing to both live and die in the consolation of the assurance that God is. Even the devils "believe [in God] and tremble".

CONCLUSION

In our first study on the existence of God we may conclude that atheism is only a giant doubt. Its unbelief can only lead to darkness, and despair, and disaster for the one accepting it. It can only lead to anarchy, paganism, or international socialism with the torture and imprisonment of millions of people who do not knuckle down to a state as god.

There is not a real atheist anywhere in Russia or China. The god of atheism in Russia is International Communism. The god of every atheist and agnostic in America is International Socialism. There is no such thing as a man without a god.

The term **"atheism"** is like the term **"annihilation."**

It is really an insensible term which has no meaning at all. If a man does not accept one god he accepts another; and when you find people correcting the Bible, they are setting up their brains and education as their god.

Acceptance of Genesis 1:1 **"In the beginning God"** leads a sincere seeker into the path of a fuller revelation of God Himself as a Trinity, as the Creator, and above all, as Saviour and Redeemer.

Hebrews 11:6 says, **"... he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."**

Then, the intelligent man will come to God in simple faith based on the revelation of God in scripture and nature, believing and trusting that God is, and that a god who would not reveal himself is the wrong god. If there is any God up there at all, He is obligated to reveal Himself to His creation.

This fact delivers a deathly blow to agnostic science when we consider that men communicate to each other by words. The thing that sets man apart from animal, as a separate species of creation, is the fact that man communicates by the use of words and sentences.

Animals have only cries for help, cries for hunger, cries of pleasure, warnings to get away, or invitations to come near, but they cannot communicate by words.

Therefore, if there is any God up there at all (and, of course, we say that with no doubt in our own mind), theologically, it is impossible to believe that He would not reveal Himself to His creation by words.

CONCLUSION Cont.

We Christians sing, **"Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life."** If there is a Creator at all, He is obligated to reveal Himself to His creation. Any god who would create what you find down here, and then let this world take its course of six thousand years of torture, abortion, bloodshed, murder, extortion, perversion, death, disease, poverty, heartache, starvation, bereavement, war, and imprisonment, while withdrawing himself, withholding himself, and not taking part in it, should be traded for a Model-T Ford so you could make some money.

Now, it is very important for the theological student to grasp this because theism and deism both teach in a god, but a god who is not actively interested in and participating in his creation.

- If sin is a problem down here, the God of creation would have to deal with it or he would be the wrong god.
- If death is a problem down here, a god who wouldn't actively participate in the death of his creation is not a compassionate god.

Therefore, any god, whether man believes in God or not, who is not interested in the sin, sorrow, and death of the beings he created is-I say it reverently-a **"phoney."**

The God of the Bible meets all the requirements. He comes down **"God manifest in the flesh"** (1Tim.3:16) and becomes a man.

Christ calls Himself the **"Son of man,"** and **"a man of sorrows ... acquainted with grief"**

He was a man who was **"wounded for our transgressions ... bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."**

I say this only to point out to the student or teacher of the word of God that the God of the Bible is the only god who can meet the requirements of human nature. Any other god is a bitter disappointment and a charlatan. Any other god is a **"con-man."**

The God of revelation is the only god who can satisfy the longing of the human heart, for the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the only god in any religion that is actively interested in coming down and sharing the suffering and sorrow of His creatures, dying in the place of His creatures, and offering to His creatures eternal life as a free gift.

This puts all other gods on the bargain counter with used Edsels and worn-out yo-yos. They are hoaxes. They are tragic substitutes for the real thing because they cannot satisfy the yearning of the human heart.

CONCLUSION Cont.

God is not subject to the microscopic scrutiny of man. God is the subject of revelation.

John 1:18 says, **"No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."**

1 John 4:12 says, **"No man hath seen God at any time."**

The Lord said to Moses in Exodus 33:20, **"Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me."**

Now, Moses talked to God and had a revelation of Him, but he did not see the Lord's face directly. Jesus, who is a real man in the Bible, was God's Son, coming down from heaven to reveal God the Father to sinners.

So, when He spoke to Philip in John 14:7-11, Jesus said that He is the revelation of God. He said, **"He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."**

Illustration: Athiest rants and raves on a soapbox about their being no God ... and after intimidating everyone, asks if there is anyone who DARE come up and challenge him. After a couple moments, a young Christian girl pushed her way through the crowd and asked to speak. She stood on a soapbox and sang,

There have been names that I have loved to hear, but never has there been a name so dear ... to this heart of mine, as that name divine ... the precious, precious name of Jesus. Jesus is the sweetest name I know. And he's just the same, as His lovely name. And that's the reason why I love Him so, for Jesus is the sweetest name I know.

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