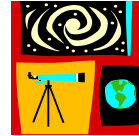


Preacher's Pen Points

If God exists...



Prominent evolutionist William Provine of Cornell University candidly conceded that if Darwinism is true, then there are five inescapable implications: 1) there's no evidence for God; 2) there's no life after death; 3) there's no absolute foundation for right and wrong; 4) there's no ultimate meaning for life, and 5) people don't really have free will". Provine rightly understands the force of Darwin's theory of evolution. If indeed, as many scientists have affirmed, life's origin and all its complex forms came into existence from the chance combination of raw chemicals through a gradual process of billions of years, then God is not needed.

However, Darwinism has fallen upon hard times. Many scientists now acknowledge that Darwin's proofs are plagued with insuperable difficulties and that more recent scientific data at the cellular level indicates that life could not have occurred by accident. The probabilities are too great; and many scientists have proposed the model of intelligent design to explain our existence. The implications of intelligent design can be easily inferred from Provine's own statements. If the world was created by an intelligent designer, then...

There is scientific evidence for God!

The scientific discoveries of the irreducible complexity of life point us to the truth of Genesis 1:1: "*In the beginning God created the heaven and earth*".

There is life after death!

Understanding that the world has a creator suggests that we possess a spirit instinct with the life of the eternal Creator Himself. There is indeed an exis-

tence beyond death as Jesus affirmed (Mt. 22:31ff).

There is an absolute foundation for right and wrong!

If God exists, then He defines what is and what is not acceptable conduct. The Scriptures affirm that right and wrong are defined by God's character and will (Rom. 3:23).

There is an ultimate meaning to life!

If there is an intelligent designer, then our lives have meaning in the context of God's creative purposes. We were, as the Scriptures affirm, created "*that we might seek God*" and "find Him" (Ac. 17:27).

People really have free will!

If God exists, then people are not chemical machines, not responsible for their behavior. Instead they are free spirits created by God with free moral agency and accountability to God the Judge of all men (Ac. 17:30-31).

What a difference our view of origins makes!

When these two world views and their implications are placed before us, we can see what utter vanity accompanies a world without God. It is a world without purpose, without morality, without destination, and whose inhabitants are nothing but chemical machines. But faith in God give us a sense of purpose, a moral standard to guide us, a goal to achieve, and an accountability for the life we live. I not only believe in God because the evidence points to His existence; I have to believe! None of us could bear a world where everyone accepted the belief that God did not exist. It would be a world of immorality, chaos, hopelessness, and despair. —Johnny Felker