

SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD?

Imagine this scene. You have just purchased a new Cadillac limousine, and you are showing it to a group of your friends. You explain to them how the metal was molded into fenders, bumpers, tailpipes, etc. You point out the slick chrome trim, along with the wheels made of a combination of rubber and steel bells.

You open the door and show your friends the beautifully sculptured interior of carpet, Corinthian leather, and teak-paneled doors. There is a digital clock, windows that go up and down at the touch of a button, emergency blinkers, rear-window defroster, and a host of other conveniences. One of your friends remarks to you what a beautiful car you have. You reply that you are indeed proud of the new car, since it cost you approximately \$75,000!

Then, one of your friends turns to you and asks, "Who made this car?" Without so much as a moment's hesitation, you reply, "No one made the car; it just happened." Can you imagine such a scenario? Your friends would have you committed for a mental disorder were you to suggest such a thing. And rightly so. It is obvious to all sane people that the beautiful piece of engineering we call the Cadillac did not "just happen."

Yet this Universe you live in is infinitely more complex than a Cadillac limousine. And yet you are asked every day to believe that it "just happened" by accident. The Universe is composed of over 2,500,000 galaxies. There are over 25 sextillion stars known to exist (and that's as far as our most powerful telescopes can see at the present time.) Our own galaxy, the Milky Way, is over 100,000 light years in diameter. Light travels 5.87×10^{12} miles in one year. In 100,000 years it would travel 5.87×10^{17} miles. Our nearest neighbor, the Andromeda Galaxy, is over 750,000 light years away. That's 4.4×10^{18} miles!

The Sun, which heats our galaxy system, is poised in space at 93,000,000 miles from the Earth, If it were just 10% closer, it literally would burn everything to a crisp, if it were just 10% farther away, eventually temperatures would drop so drastically, that life as we know it would perish. The Moon, which is poised in space at 240,000 miles from the Earth, would cause 35-50 feet tides over the Earth twice a day if it were moved just one-fifth closer.

The Earth travels around the Sun at a speed of 70,000 miles an hour, or 19 miles per second. The solar

system itself is traveling through space at a speed of over 600,000 miles per hour, in a path so large it takes an estimated 220 million years just to complete one orbit. If the Earth traveled at only 35,000 miles per hour, our seasons would be doubled, and the intense summer heat would bake the Earth, while the intense winter cold would freeze it. The Earth's troposphere contains exactly 21 % oxygen. If it were just a little smaller, say 10-15%, man and beast would die due to lack of breathable air.

All of these things are infinitely more complex than a Cadillac limousine, yet we are asked daily to believe that organic evolution is true, and these things just happened by chance. If we cannot believe that the limousine "just happened" by accident, by what kind of logic do we then say that our great Universe "just happened"?

If you would like to examine the evidences for God's existence, we invite you to attend a three-day seminar titled *The Truth About Origins*, being held at **7:00 p.m., April 30 at the Gateway* Center in Collinsville, Illinois in the Mississippian Convention Room and on May 1 and May 2 at the Collinsville church of Christ.*** The seminar will deal with such issues as scientific evidences for God's existence, a scientific examination of the theory of evolution, the Bible's inspiration, and many others.

There is no charge whatsoever for the seminar; all sessions are free. No collections of any kind will be made. In addition, there will be free handout materials on the topics covered, as well as question and answer sessions after most lecture periods. Everyone is invited.

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