

Patterns of Intelligence

CHAPTER 5

WHERE DID GOD COME FROM?

Atheism must explain where mankind came from. In other words, because atheism cannot claim that God created human beings, because they don't believe in God, they must therefore explain where mankind came from **without mentioning God**.

Modern scientists, many of whom are atheists, have chosen the "Big Bang" to explain where our Universe and earth came from and they have chosen the theory of evolution to explain where mankind came from (i.e. we came from the "first living cell") after the Big Bang.

While atheists must explain where mankind came from, those who believe in God must explain where God came from!! This turns out to be a much more difficult challenge!!

The prophet Brigham Young, **who was a contemporary of Darwin**, must have been asked about the origin of man with this type of question: "if Darwin was wrong, and if God created humans, then where did God come from?" This was his answer:

"Many have tried to penetrate to the First Cause of all things [i.e. the origin of God]; but it would be as easy for an ant to number the grains of sand on the earth. It is not for man, with his limited intelligence, to grasp eternity in his comprehension ... It would be as easy for a gnat to trace the history of man back to his origin as for man to fathom the First Cause of all things, lift the veil of eternity, and reveal the mysteries that have been sought after by philosophers from the beginning."

Brigham Young, second president of the LDS church

President Young was making it very clear that we mortals cannot even begin to comprehend the origin of God. Could an amoeba comprehend the religious doctrines in the Bible??

Thus, the evolution debate is a large dilemma: theists cannot explain where God came from (i.e. the probability of God existing is statistically impossible) and atheists cannot explain where humans came from (i.e. the probability of human DNA existing by chance is statistically impossible, as will be understood later in this book).

But while we are inside of this dilemma, we must not forget the testimonies of the prophets and the many other evidences that God does live!!

The boy prophet Joseph Smith clearly stated that he saw God the Father and His beloved son Jesus Christ. We cannot ignore his testimony.

It would serve no purpose to wonder where God came from, because we could not comprehend it even if we were told. As President Young said: "*It would be as easy for a gnat to trace the history of man back to his origin as for man to fathom the First Cause of all things...*"

We must simply believe the evidences that God lives and pattern our lives accordingly. More will be said about the nature of God in the next chapter.

One of the early apostles of the LDS church also stated that he saw the Savior and his three key apostles in a vision of the Garden of Gethsemane.

Orson F. Whitney (1855-1931), in part, stated this:

"Then came a marvelous manifestation, and admonition from a higher source, one impossible to ignore. It was a dream, or a vision in a dream, as I lay upon my bed in the little town of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. I seemed to be in the Garden of Gethsemane, a witness of the Savior's agony. I saw Him as plainly as ever I have seen anyone. [I was] Standing behind a tree in the foreground, I beheld Jesus, with Peter, James and John, as they came through a little wicket gate at my right. Leaving the three Apostles there, after telling them to kneel and pray, the Son of God passed over to the other side, where He also knelt and prayed. It was the same prayer with which all Bible readers are familiar: "Oh my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

As He prayed the tears streamed down His face, which was toward me. I was so moved at the sight that I also wept, out of pure sympathy. My whole heart went out to Him; I loved Him with all my soul, and longed to be with Him as I longed for nothing else."
http://www.living-prophet.info/LDS/046_Orson_F_Whitney.html

There is little doubt in my mind that many members of the LDS church, since the First Vision, have seen the Savior either in person or in a dream or in a vision. However, these are very sacred experiences and they are very rarely talked about in private, and are almost never talked about in public.

But even for those who have not seen the Savior, the evidence from astronomy, with regards to the countless number of galaxies, and their different shapes, etc. should be evidence enough that there is a God.

Then there is the evidence of millions of different types of DNA for millions of different species. Where did all of this highly sophisticated DNA come from?

But perhaps an even bigger evidence is the answer to the question: "where are all of the failures of evolution?"

In other words, if new DNA was the result of random mutations to the DNA of an existing species, the laws of statistics would indicate that for each new species, formed by random mutations to DNA, there would be many, many billions of "failed attempts" to create each and every new species - on average. Where are the dead bodies of these "failed attempts?"

For example, if you were going to randomly mutate (i.e. change) the text and numbers and symbols of a fourth grade mathematics book, in order to create a fifth grade mathematics book, and print each attempted fifth grade mathematics book, the earth would be covered, a thousand miles deep, with failed attempts to create a new fifth grade mathematics book, complete with new concepts not in the fourth grade book (this fact will be better understood later in this book).

And even after this there would still not be a good fifth grade mathematics book!!

If evolution were true, our entire planet would literally be covered, a thousand miles high, with the failed attempts of evolution to create a single new species, much less millions of new species.

As another example, suppose we had a CD of the Beatles. Now suppose we decided to take the "bits" of this CD and randomly modify these bits to create a single new song by the Beatles, which they never sang, which was one minute long. Remember, ALL of the bits on the CD must be available for change, not just in one new section.

How many times would we have to randomly mutate this CD before we got a new song AND we did not damage the original songs on the original CD?

Later in this book we will talk more about this, but for now understand that if we tried to do this a hundred-billion times, we could not do it. Thus, we would generate 100,000,000,000 CDs, all of which were worthless (due to either damaging original songs and/or trying to generate a single new song) in an attempt to create a new song they never sang.

Where would we put these hundred-billion worthless CDs? Likewise, where are the hundred billion failed attempts to create a new species of monkey or a new human species?? They don't exist.

Scientists very rarely find an animal with defective DNA. While defective DNA in humans is fairly common, the defects are never positive; they are always damaging (e.g. Down's Syndrome).

Never, has anything even close to a new and improved species been observed and there are no piles and piles of failed attempts by evolution to create any new species.

So even though we cannot possibly comprehend the origin of God, we can see the evidence for the existence of God (i.e. the Universe), but we cannot see the evidence for the existence of evolution (i.e. a thousand mile high pile of dead, mutated animals for each existing species).

The good news is that because our spirits are the children of God, literally, then given enough time (an eternity of time), we will be able to understand the origin of God, if we so qualify.

THE CAT AND THE TELEVISION

To better understand the quote by Brigham Young, let us consider a cat that jumps up on your computer table and looks at your computer screen.

As you move your cursor around the screen the cat may reach out and try to touch the cursor. What is going through the mind of the cat as it reaches for the cursor? Not much.

Does the cat understand all of the computer programming that went into writing the operating system or the program? Not a chance. The cat could not even play a simple game of checkers with a human (playing checkers is a lot more complicated than reaching for a moving object); much less write a computer program.

The gap in intelligence between a cat and a human is **much smaller** than the gap in intelligence between a human and God, but we can use the cat to teach a key principle.

Here is the key principle: Can a cat comprehend the gap in intelligence between a cat and a human? The answer, of course, is 'no'. A cat cannot comprehend how dumb it is compared to a human **precisely because it is at the bottom of a huge gap in intelligence!!**

The entity at the [bottom of the gap](#) cannot comprehend the size of the gap!!
Ponder that carefully!!

In fact, a cat probably "thinks" (if it could think) that it is as smart as a human because it cannot even begin to comprehend the intelligence of a human or understand why humans do the strange things they do, like play games on the computer (even parents have a hard time understanding why kids spend so much time playing games on the computer).

In addition, the cat cannot comprehend the [size of the gap](#) between its intelligence and the intelligence of a human. For example, a cat cannot appreciate the programming that went into writing the operating system of the computer. All the cat sees is a moving object.

Likewise, the only things humans can see is a Universe full of stars and galaxies.

So if a cat cannot comprehend the gap in intelligence between a cat and a human; [why would a human be surprised that he or she cannot comprehend the size of the gap in intelligence between a human and God?](#)

And why would a human be surprised at the quote of Brigham Young above?? If we cannot comprehend how God thinks, how could we comprehend how He came to exist!!

While we are in fact the literal children of God (i.e. our spirits are literally a child of God), we are still mental infants compared to God.

Because, according to Mormon doctrine, our spirits are literally the children of God, then some day, if we meet the requirements, we can become like God, because He is our literal Father.

Consider this quote from a booklet written for the youth of the church and officially published by the First Presidency of the church:

"In the premortal existence, Heavenly Father prepared [a plan to enable us to become like Him](#) and receive a fullness of joy. The scriptures refer to this plan as "the plan of salvation," "the great plan of happiness," "the plan of redemption," and the "plan of mercy."

True to the Faith, page 115

While a baby boy, for example, cannot comprehend that some day he will comprehend as much as his father, we are similarly the children of God and some day we can "[become like Him](#)."

While we cannot comprehend the gap in intelligence between humans and God (and this gap is much bigger than the gap between a cat and a human); the day

may come when we have slowly qualified to bridge the gap. This bridge can be crossed precisely because we are the literal children of God and He can make it happen!!

But for now understand that our current lack of intelligence is not a proof that God does not exist. It just means that we are children, compared to our Heavenly Father.

For whatever reason, many people don't like the idea that there is a Supreme Being who is vastly smarter than they are. They would rather believe and claim that humans are the most intelligent beings in the Universe. While this may put humans at the top of an imaginary intelligence chart in their minds, it is nothing but vain imaginations.

The "philosophies of men" (i.e. the arrogance of men) are the main reason the theory of evolution exists. If there is no God, as many scientists wish were true, then scientists are the most intelligent beings in the Universe. How convenient!!

But if humans were at the top of the intelligence chart, there would be no Universe; there would be no galaxies, there would be no stars, there would be no Sun; there would be no DNA, and so on. In other words, if there were no God there would be no humans for many reasons.

The theory of evolution is clearly a philosophy (i.e. a religion). But the philosophy of scientists today, who support and push the theory of evolution, is not to try to comprehend the origin of God, but rather to try to avoid God altogether by claiming that all things in the Universe happened by accident (i.e. evolution) and that scientists are the most intelligent beings in the Universe.

This sounds like a spoiled child crying for another piece of candy.

Ponder this carefully: according to the scientific establishment, everything in the Universe happened because of a scientist or an accident. God is conveniently left out of the equation. Talk about a self-serving theory!!

Because scientists want people to think they are at the top of the intelligence chart in the Universe, they invent a series of "philosophies" (which scientists call "theories," but are technically religions) which do not include God. That is one way to avoid your competition; you create a "theory" that excludes your competition!!

In short, because scientists want to be considered the smartest beings in the Universe, they have invented a wide variety of false and bogus theories and claims to pretend evolution is true.

The theory of evolution is one of those "theories," the "Big Bang" is another.

As the power of telescopes got bigger and better, and the gigantic size and scope of the Universe slowly began to be unraveled (and is still being unraveled), atheists needed a new theory to pretend the Universe was not created by God. The "Big Bang" is that "theory." Scientists almost universally support the "Big Bang" theory.

The Universe may have begun with a "Big Explosion," but if it did the "Big Explosion" was executed by God. Another issue is where did the object that "exploded" come from and how and why did it explode?? And how did it conveniently explode into countless galaxies, suns and planets??

Without God this object (which exploded) had to have been created by an accident!! But how could an object accidentally form that could explode into our current understanding of the Universe? The "Big Bang" theory (i.e. that an *accidental, unplanned* explosion created our Universe) is just more nonsense on the part of atheists.

Using terms like "infinite density" are total nonsense.

God could have designed a "Big Explosion," but I personally doubt that is how the Universe was created.

Just look at the billions of galaxies in the Universe and that should give you a clue that an accidental Big Bang is nonsense. There are **hundreds of billions** of "large galaxies" in the Universe!! And this number doesn't count the **trillions** of "dwarf galaxies!!" And as telescopes get bigger those numbers will rise!!

With the theory of evolution and the "Big Bang," there have been many massive deceptions which have taken the place of "evidence." These deceptions have not only kept atheism alive; but have made it thrive!!

But the success of evolution is not because of its scientific sophistication but because many people don't want to be "bound down" by a belief in God and the resulting "commandments" that come with a belief in God.

We saw this with the example of the success of Korihor. As soon as Korihor's followers realized they could believe there was no God, their moral standards were immediately lowered.

So let us talk about the true nature of our Father in Heaven. What is He really like?