

The Fingerprints of God

Order Demands Intelligence

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The third compelling evidence confronting the objective observer inquiring into the origin of physical reality, is the fact **that there does exist the definitive attribute of order in the material world, the ground** for that conclusion being that **order is the premier and indisputable certitude of intelligence**, e.g., that wherever order is found, intelligence is the cause—period! This judgment is the unanimous and consistent verdict of the human experience. If it is true, (and it is), that material reality cannot account for itself, e.g. that lifeless mindless matter and energy cannot create themselves, one is thus compelled to submit to the thesis that mind, i.e., intelligence (and thus life), is the antecedent of the physical world, and is the sufficient cause for the existence of material reality.

In the physical world, order is the pre-determined and predictable function of a person or thing. While material reality (both microscopic and macroscopic) is replete with innumerable instances of matter and energy functioning in a predetermined and predictable manner (these functions are also known as “laws of nature”) the cosmos in general, the solar system in particular, are a superlative examples of matter functioning in a predetermined

and predictable manner, which is demonstrative evidence of design and thus a designer, order, and thus intelligence—mind and thus life.

The solar system, the heliocentric planetary system (nine planets, if one counts Pluto; ten planets if one counts the newly discovered orb) in its essence, is a vast chronograph, e.g., a clock—a machine! **(NO!! the argument that ‘design implies intelligence’ was not refuted by Darwin! See “Addendum” to follow.)** While the planets are presented to the popular imagination as worlds to be explored, conquered, and eventually inhabited by the head primate—man, the intellectual significance of the planets for human contemplation is mathematical, not geological. The planets in their metaphysical essence are nothing but mathematical points, and not “worlds” to be inhabited. (The earth and the earth alone, has always been and will always be, the abode of man, in the cold and dark cosmic void!) The planets are an analog to the hands of a vast celestial clock, their significance, as far as human knowledge is concerned, is for mathematical computation, and not geological or chemical exploration. **Keplers’** discovery of the three laws of celestial mechanics, viz. planetary motion, established

with certitude both the predetermined and predictable function, and thus the innate design and inherent nature of the celestial orbs.

Three criteria of evidence converge to prove conclusively that a Trans-material Being of some kind exists: all life comes from life, mind is the singular, causal agent responsible for the existence of material reality, and order is the consequence of intelligence.

These three examples of circumstantial evidence prove that the originator of material reality is an intelligent, omnipotent, living entity. Or, as commonly known, “God”. BUT..... How significant is this conclusion? **How meritorious is it to know, once and for all, that God a God, some kind of God, actually exists? Stated candidly, the knowledge of the mere existence of a transmaterial being is categorically worthless—as an end within itself!** It is meaningless, utterly void of any relevance whatsoever for humanity to know that a supra-natural being actually does exist somewhere in the cosmos. That knowledge is as important to humanity as is the discernment that the nearest star to the earth is Alpha Centauri. It is not enough to know that God exists, that He is a living being, immensely powerful and supremely intelligent. **The only**

knowledge of God worth knowing is not that God IS but what KIND of God—He is, specifically, what kind of PERSON— He is. It is insufficient to know that this God is the author of life, but it supremely important to know WHY he authored life. It is irrelevant that he is ‘almighty’. One must know “Is He altruistic”? It is meaningless to know that this Being is supremely intelligent.

The only knowledge of merit is singular: is He supremely beneficent? A universe full of circumstantial evidence cannot answer even one of these questions!! Only God himself, communicating overtly— empirically (—no hide— and— seek), can answer these questions. **The inquiry regarding the existence of God thus resolves into but one ultimate question: has this entity, in fact, directly**

presented Himself to the absurdity known as “humanity” and answered these questions about Himself? © 2005 From The Existence of God: a Rational Inquiry by Ben Bilyeu, P.O. Box 1452, Cookeville, TN. 38503 bilyeu@usit.net