

WHY WORSHIP GOD AT ALL?

Several articles have considered what God requires of one to be a true worshipper. Put simply, as did Jesus, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24). That is, one must bring his spirit (intellect, will, and emotions) into harmony with the truth (of God’s word). One who does so is a true worshipper.

“OK, fine,” some retort, “who cares? Why should I worry about worshipping God at all?” The response to this belligerent attitude was never stated with greater clarity than Paul’s declaration to Athenian philosophers 2,000 years ago. “...For in Him we live and move and have our being...” (Acts 17:28).

Yes, we are well aware that this answer alone will not satisfy the God denying atheist who thinks that all life is explained by naturalistic amoeba-to-man evolution. According to this thinking, life on earth originated by spontaneous generation—non-living matter spontaneous-ly coming to life. This is the root of the evolutionist’s tree. It also exposes the fallacy of the theory—a colossal fairy story repeated so often that otherwise intelligent people embrace it. As this writer’s Biology 101 text book states it, “...Life begets life, and that life arises in no other way. Spontaneous generation is...a completely exploded explanation. No life arising from non-living precursors has ever been demonstrated” (Milne & Milne, *The Biotic World and Man*, p. 36).

Who has not observed these facts—even without a doctorate in biology? Life arises only from life! Thus, if a time ever existed when life did not exist, no life could now be. But life does exist. Therefore, a living precursor has always been—a living being eternal in nature.

Does this begin to sound to you like a living creator, a source for the life that now exists on this earth? Yes, it does. And what would you call such a being?

The Bible wastes no words answering this question. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1ff). Notice in the extended reading of Genesis 1 that what scientists needed thousands of years to discover on their own was clearly stated from the beginning—life, both flora and fauna, originated from a living God and reproduces only after its own kind (Genesis 1:11, 12, 20, 21, 24, 25).

And, how about man? Yes, mankind too, male and female (Genesis 1:26-27). “...In Him we live and move and have our being....” There-fore, in spirit and truth, honor the God of your being. —Jerry F. Bassett