



THE NARROW GATE

"Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life..." - Matt 7:14

A Monthly Newsletter about Truth, Life & Destiny

DOES GOD EXIST?

This has been the Million Dollar Question on everyone's mind for thousands of years. Right through history, men have struggled, fought, killed, manipulated & debated to prove to others and come up with the perfect answer. Some have strived to promote belief in a particular god, others to prove that God does not exist. But what is the truth? Does God Exist?

We have all struggled with this doubt at some point in our life, especially during those dark moments. It is vital for us to know for sure and be convicted of His existence - if He does exist. Because if God exists - it changes everything. But to answer this question, we need to back up a little. Who is God in the first place? If we do not understand Who it is we are searching for, we will never know whether He exists or not. Lets look at the most popular book in the world, that people use the world over to get to God - the Bible. The prophet Jeremiah gives us an insight as to who God is :

*"He **has made the earth by His power**, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion. When He utters His voice, There is a multitude of waters in the heavens. And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, He brings the wind out of His treasuries."*

- Jeremiah 10 :12-13

*"...For He is the **Maker of all things**..."*

- Jeremiah 10:16

Besides giving a detailed description of the water cycle more than 2100 years before its discovery by science, these passages are telling us who it is we are searching for - **the Creator and Maker of All Things**. If God really exists, He has to have made all things - the whole universe. There is no point in searching for a god that just helps in Love or War, or a god that only gives us Supernatural Knowledge or Wisdom, or a whole host of gods that fight each other. That would not be the "ideal god", and is most probably based on man-made fiction or historical heroes that have been idolized down the ages. The God that is really worth searching for is this - the Maker of All Things. The prophet Isaiah tells us more :

*"... 'I am the **First and I am the Last**; Besides Me there is no God.' " - Isaiah 44:6*

If God really exists, he has to be **the First Cause** - from whom all things proceed, and the **last end** - to whom and for whom are all things. Another claim made here is one of **Singularity**. If God really exists, there has to be just one such Supreme Being. A plurality of Supreme Beings, means the Being is not Supreme anymore. It means that no "god" will have a totality of Control and Dominion. If the universe has been *created* by someone - having multiple points of origin makes no sense and brings about confusion.

There is one other quality that we all need to look for if this “God” must matter to us : **Love**.

“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love”

- 1 John 4:8

The most important ability we see amongst us humans, distinguishing us from animals, is **Love**. If God exists and He has created us in this fashion, He must also know to **Love**. And if He is the First Cause, Maker of All Things, Singular Supreme Being - His Love has to be Supreme - high above anything we could ever imagine - Unconditional, Selfless and Perfect. If He Loves then He must also be able to **Communicate** with those who He Loves and have the ability to Love. But does such a Creator, Maker of All things, First and Last, Singular yet Loving, Communicating Supreme Being exist?

Examination of Evidence

Again if we turn to the Bible, in the New Testament, Paul in his letter to the Romans tells us :

“because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,” -Romans 1:19-20

Paul says, that what is known about God, is evident in us and the world around us. If his *invisible attributes* are clearly seen in the world let's look at the evidence. A famous law of science is the *Universal Law of Cause and Effect*. This law states that every cause has an effect and every effect becomes the cause of something else. This law suggests that the universe is always in motion and progressed from a chain of events.

But if something is in motion, something has to put it in motion. If so, what is the first cause, that caused Man and the Universe to exist? Now in the decades past, science has come up with a lot of theories - some of them incomplete, but no convincing proof and evidence. For example, one such theory is the Big Bang Theory which says that the universe began as a small, dense point which exploded and expanded from being smaller than a pinhead to as large as what we know the universe to be today. If this **Big Bang Explosion** caused the universe to come into existence, what caused the Big Bang in the first place ?

Whatever theories that science may come up with leads us to believe that there has been a point of origin of this world. What is that “point”? If we follow the chain of causes and effects back up to the origins of the universe, we must understand that there has to be a **first cause**. And this first cause has to be **uncaused**. A cause having no origin, no beginning and no end. A cause that cannot belong to the physical world as we know it but belonging to another dimension - that has always existed, never brought to birth, never began, never ends but always exists. This **Uncaused First Cause** is Who we call God.

But there's more! Let's turn our attention to the complexity and intricacy of the World around us. We all know, wherever there is a complex design there has to be a designer. It cannot come about by chance. For example, if there has been an explosion in a print shop, what are the chances that the it would result in a dictionary? No Chance. In the same way, the intricacy of design around us - is too great and too overwhelming to have been formed by chance. We do not need to look too far. Our own Human DNA is one such example. The Human DNA is like a complex computer program that's coded into our bodies. Only more complex than anyone has ever seen. There has never existed a computer program that wasn't designed. Any code, or program or message given through a language always has an intelligent mind behind it. The latest research into DNA, is changing everything scientists believed before. DNA actually stores information—the detailed instructions for assembling proteins in the form of a 4 character digital code. Although its size is only two millionths of a millimeter thick, it can store information worth 12 sets of *Encyclopedia Britannica*. The more complex the design, the more intelligent the designer. Entire volumes can be written about the complexity of design of the Universe around us. Super-Intelligence is the only explanation for this complexity. God is this **Super-Intelligent Designer**.

Thousands of years before Man discovered the complexity of DNA, David - King of Israel said :

*“For You formed my inward parts...for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made**; ...When I was made in secret, And **skillfully wrought** in the lowest parts of the earth.”*

- Psalms 139:13-15

Nature of God

The existence of God is but evident if we just look around us. However trying to comprehend His Nature is too complex for Man to understand completely. The evidence we have just examined shows that God exists and that He is the Maker of all things, the Uncaused First cause and Singular. But there is something else we have to look at : **Love**. If God has fashioned and formed us, He has to know how to **Love and Communicate**. And if He existed for all eternity, He should have known how to Love and Communicate before anything ever existed and without depending on anything He created. If so, whom did He Love before any spiritual or physical thing ever existed? Whom did He communicate with before the Creation of all things?

There is only one answer: With Himself. And this makes sense only if God exists as a Relationship - a Community that Loves. But does that mean there are more than one God? For reasons discussed earlier, God is singular. He is One.

Yet how can there be a Relationship or Community? Unless God is more than one Person in one Being. To understand this, let's try and understand what is the difference between Being and Person. For example, consider a man called "Raymond". What is his being? He is a Human Being. He is not an animal or a reptile. But who is he as a person? He is "Raymond". That is his unique personality. On a simple Human Level, every being is one person. And any two persons are necessarily two separate beings. But because, God is supreme, super-intelligent and the uncaused first cause, He is much more complex than we Humans can understand or comprehend. At this Divine Level, there is more than one person in one being. Any "god" that man would invent would not be like this. Gods that man invents is Unitarian - One Person in One Being or Multiple Beings themselves. Because as Humans, we cannot imagine someone who is multiple persons in one being.

There is however one book which claims to be the revelation of God, which reveals to us a God who is multi-personal in one being : the Bible. And it is here we get to know that God is Trinity - 3 Persons in one Being. In the New Testament, the Gospel of Matthew says,

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” - **Matthew 28:19***

In the very first Book of the Bible,

*In the beginning God (**Elohim**) created the heavens and the earth. - **Genesis 1:1***

Originally written in Hebrew, Genesis uses the plural word *Elohim* for God and then immediately uses that form of the verb "create" in Hebrew that is used for a singular person. Thereby saying they were plural yet one : 3 persons in one being. Only the God as expressed in the Bible makes sense. Because this God is not man-made. This God is supernatural. And the 3 persons that He is are : Father, Son & Spirit. Each title, specifying the role of each person. Yet all persons equal in power. All persons fully God. And All persons in One Being. Each has a will, can speak, can love, etc. All persons in absolute perfect harmony consisting of one substance and co-eternal. If any one of the three were removed, there would be no God.

That's not all, the Bible also shows us a God whose Love is Selfless and Perfect.

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” - **John 3:16***

As is seen in human governments, any rebellion against the government must be punished according to the ability and powers allotted to the government . God being the Maker of all Things, is the Government of the Universe. Any rebellion against Him must be punished according to His Supreme Power and Supreme Ability. This rebellion

is called Sin. And we have all done it. But instead of us, bearing this punishment, only in the Bible do we get to hear about a God who comes down to Man, becomes Man, bears the punishment due for our sin by dying like a Human and then raising from the Dead, so that we have Hope if we Believe and Depend on Him. Gods that are man-made, need us to strive to make it up to them. But the God of the Bible knows we cannot make it up to him. We are just not that perfect as He is.

So in conclusion, my dear brother/sister, if you have been seeking to know if God Exists. The good news is that He does. The evidence is all around us. And as the Bible says, "... *we are without excuse..*" - (**Romans 1:20**). He is the Master Designer of all Things, the Uncaused First Cause, Singular, Selflessly Loving, Communicating Supreme Being. The evidence is too great to ignore.

Turn to Him today and begin your relationship with Him today. In the heart of every Man is the need, desire and hunger to worship and honor Him. He does not need it nor is He forcing you to do it. Since His Love is perfect, He has given us a Free Will. If you willingly choose not to Worship Him and come into His presence - He will honor your decision. But the consequences would be a Life that is separated from the Maker of All things - from Perfect Love, Light and Peace and an eternal separation after death.

But if you choose God - to worship Him, to seek Him and to depend on Him - you are choosing Perfect Love, Light and Peace and an eternal communion with God after death. If you choose to accept Him - the Super-Intelligent Designer and Author of Love itself - as the Lord of your Life, rest assured, He being the Maker of All Things - you are in safe hands.

THE GOOD NEWS

Take a good look around you. If there is one thing you will realise, it's this : Our World is Falling Apart. The number of problems in our world are increasing every day. Armed conflicts are on the rise. Countries that have known to be peaceful are faced with brutal terror attacks. Strange diseases are being discovered. Technology has increased, wealth has quadrupled, but the problems of lifestyle disorders, stress, sleeplessness and depression prevail. Hatred and Discrimination is visible out in the open now. The so-called Sexual Revolution has not reduced the increasing number of silent Rapes, child sexual abuses, broken marriages, confused identities and unnatural sexual appetites. Man had reached the moon way back in the 20th century, but famine, hunger and malnutrition still abound. Why is this happening?

We are all trying to live, enjoy life, have fun and escape the reality of destruction all around us. Numerous organizations and movements have tried to deal with the problem. But there doesn't seem to be a perfect solution that man has managed to come up with.

The Root Problem : Sin

If we look at the science and history of the reason behind problems man is facing, there is one undeniable answer we would come up with : man himself. In one word, the driving force behind a lot of issues discussed above is Sin. What is Sin? Many would say killing, getting drunk on alcohol or ruining your life with drugs is sin. Some would say, cheating on your wife or raping is sin. These all are examples of Sin. But what defines Sin?

The most perfect answer is found in the Bible, the book of Isaiah says,

"All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;"
- Isaiah 53:6

That would about summarize the attitude of Man today. We have tried to be independent of God. And this is what is Sin. Trying to do our will instead of God's Will. This is Sin. However this assumes that there is a God. Actually let's look around us. The beauty and complexity of Nature: the trees, the flowers, the animals - this cannot just be the result of a chemical accident. Let's look at ourselves. Each one of us is special, unique, beautiful. Whether you are dark or fair, tall or short, fat or thin - you are special because God has created you. You are not a chemical accident. And you matter too much to be one.

Perfect Love and Perfect Justice

If this God exists, He has to be **perfect**. And there's two qualities we would usually associate with God: **Love** and **Justice**. If He is perfect, both His Love and His Justice are perfect. Perfect Justice says that injustice has to be rooted out. Like, if there is a good politician. Why would we call him good? Not just because of the infrastructure he would develop, but because he would try to root out corruption. In the same way, the Perfectly Just God would strive to remove injustice, that is, Sin. But can Sin be perfectly destroyed? No. Because each one of us has been created by God with a Free Will. Without Free Will we would be like controlled robots. This Perfect God, honors our decision and will not force us to be good. There is no love in force. Creating us in such a way that we will never sin - is manipulation and would make us mechanical creatures. So Free Will is vital and an important part of a Relationship of Love.

Getting back to the issue of destroying Sin, the only logical way, is destroying the sinner. If the sinner is destroyed, he cannot sin anymore. For example, if a murderer is destroyed, he cannot murder anymore. The problem is how many sinners is God going to destroy? As Isaiah 53:6 quoted above says, “**All we have gone astray..**”. We have all sinned - which means we all are marked out for destruction. But if God will destroy all of us, how can we say that God's love is perfect?

How can God's Perfect Justice and Perfect Love prevail together. That is why God gives us the concept of Sacrifice. In the Bible, God gave a solution: Bring me a Lamb or Goat without blemish or disease. The blame of your sin would be transferred on the Lamb. The Killing and shedding of the Blood of that Lamb would be God's Perfect Justice on that Sacrificial Victim instead of you. So the Shedding of Blood of the Lamb would cover and be a propitiation for your sins. But for this solution to be perfect and worldwide, it could not just be an animal but it had to be a man - a man without sin. But where do we get a man without sin?

The Solution Found

More than 2000 years ago, there was a man that walked the earth. He was a man without sin. He was without sin, because He was God come down as man. His name was Jesus Christ. This Jesus, became like the “Lamb of Sacrifice” for all of us. On Him was placed the blame of all our sins, and the punishment of destruction that was due to us, was put upon Him. He was killed by the gruesome Roman execution method of Crucifixion, after first brutally beating Him up first. That's why around 700 years before Jesus ever came the same prophet Isaiah prophesied,

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”

- Isaiah 53:5

“...He was led as a lamb to the slaughter..” - Isaiah 53 : 7

Also, God through the prophet Zechariah, centuries before the Romans invented Crucifixion (which involved piercing nails through the hands and feet), said :

“then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

- Zechariah 12:10

Whoever believes in this Jesus Christ, receives Peace and New Life. Peace that the world cannot offer. Peace that no Meditation, Money or Business can give. Peace that the World gives is emotional. If you have money today there is peace, if not the peace is gone. But the Peace that God gives us is like a Rock. It cannot be shaken. Because, now the separation between God and You has been removed. You are at Peace with your Maker. That's not all. On the third day He rose again from the dead. This is a true event, with more than 500 eyewitnesses. Many of those who persecuted Jesus, like Paul, also saw Him alive and believed in Him. Their Lives changed overnight. And the most important of all pieces of evidence is the empty tomb of Jesus - although it was heavily guarded by Roman centurions.

For more than 2000 years, many have put their trust and faith in Jesus and have been healed, delivered and changed. Blind have been able to see again. Lame could walk again. Brokenhearted have been made whole again. Those mourning have begun dancing again. For long years, we have lived in darkness, now the Light has come. One day, all of us will experience death and we will stand before the throne of Almighty God. Our whole life will be played out before us. Every thought, every deed will be exposed. On that day, will we be Guilty or Innocent? We will all be Guilty. But if you have repented of your sin, put your faith in Jesus and lived your life dependent on Him, you will be Saved - Innocent. Because He has already borne the punishment in place of you. He has already shed the Blood as a propitiation for your sins.

Also, one day, the world as we know it will end - a fact that even scientists agree with. On that day, Jesus will come again as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Everyone will see and know that He is God. The Only God. On that day, the body of every person who has believed in Him, will be raised to life - just like Jesus himself was raised to Life. This is the Good News. Death is not the end. There is Hope.

Man has made many gods - gods of stone, gods of war and love, gods of the stars, gods of ourselves, gods of our careers, gods of our money. But these gods make no sense. Devotion to them may only makes us feel good - but leaves us empty. The reason man wants to follow lies like this, is because man wants a god that he can control. That does what he wants to do. But there is only one God - the Everlasting Father - who directs our paths, who shows us the way to walk in. There is no other God. There is only one God - Jesus Christ. Accept Him as your Lord and Savior, Worship Him alone and Receive New Life. Amen

“that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”

- 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

- John 3:16

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