

“The Fool Hath Said ...”

... in his heart, There is no God” (Ps. 14:1). The assertion here is corroborated by other Scriptures as well.

A man is a fool because he rejects evidence of a Higher Being. God allowed nations in past times to walk in their own ways and yet *“he left not himself without witness” (Acts 14:17).* He did good to the pagans. He filled their hearts with food and gladness and left signs of His existence for all discerning to see. *“The heavens declare the glory of God”* wrote David, who continued *“and the firmament sheweth His handiwork” (Ps. 19:1).* Paul wrote that *“the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity” (Rom. 1:20).*

There is design in our universe. Like a gigantic, magnificent clock with the greatest precision, it continues to function. Our sun, with all its planets and all their moons in our solar system move with utmost precision. Scientists plan visits by space crafts to the outer reaches of our solar system and make contact there with amazing accuracy. Even comets follow a foreseeable path and their passing by our own planet can be predicted with amazing accuracy, although that encounter may be decades away. Order and design are evident for all unprejudiced eyes to see. Yet many do not see. Like the fools they are, they say, *“There is no god!”*

Jews of Jesus’ day asked for a sign. He said, *“When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the heaven is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the heaven is red and lowering. Ye know how to discern the face of the heaven; but ye cannot discern the signs of the times” (Mt. 16:2f).* What an amazing parallel to the scientific quests and ventures today! Billions of dollars are spent by our government either on our own efforts or in coordination with other nations to “explore” space. Two “rovers” move laboriously on the face of Mars. Another craft is thrust into orbit around Venus ... searching, searching, searching. One thing the scientists search for is, is there life on other planets? Their efforts seek to ascertain whether there is water for if there is no water, there can be no life. And, if there is evidence of water, is there evidence of life? And what would be such evidence? DESIGN! Remember a few years ago when one of our solar neighbors was thought to have canals? If there were canals, then creatures must be there as well! They were wrong about canals but their perception was correct. Had there been canals, it

would have been the handiwork of an intelligent being. Like Jews of old, they can "*read the face of the heavens*" but the testimony of design in our universe, thus of an Intelligent Being, escapes them!

He is a fool who says there is no God because he cuts off lifeline to his hope. "*In Him we live and move and have our being ...*" (Acts 17:28). Would a diver to the depths of the ocean floor cut off his lifeline to the vessel above him? Only to his own peril and destruction! Would an astronaut on a space walk sever all his connections with his spacecraft? Hardly. For these to sever their connections would be to sever their lifeline! No man can live without God. Our life is in His hands. Our past is known by Him. He upholds the world of which we are part and everything we are, have or ever hope to have is in His hands. We can deny Him. We can mock Him. We can live in utter rebellion to His will for us, but when we do we are like the sea diver or astronaut who severs his lines to life.

Truly, "*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.*"

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