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Faith is Logic and Deduction

- *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11:1-3*
- When we can't see it ...
- When we hope for what we don't have...
- We use logic, deduction and reasoning.
- We look at all the facts and draw the most logical conclusion.

This is the Starting Point

- Coming to God and believing that He is.
- Where is the evidence upon which to make a deduction?
- It is threefold:
- The Material Creation – It exists ... God tells us what deductions must be made.
- The Perfection of the Bible – prophecy, accuracy, evidence.
- Jesus the Son of God – Mighty Works, Wonders and signs

It Begins with the Creation

- *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.*
- *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Heb. 11:1-3*
- **The Creation Demands a Creator!**
- **At some point the question comes ...**

It Is Universal and Consistent

- Every Creation Requires a Creator.
- Science
- Technology
- Cooking
- Writing
- Inventing
- Manufacturing
- Everything in every store... we don't doubt or question ... it was made by man.

Faith Comes by Hearing

- So we are ready to hear. Rom 10:17
- The Evidence is the Word of God.
- What does God's Word say? Heb 11:1-3
- Faith – Substance of things hoped for
- Faith – The Evidence of things not Seen
- By Faith we understand the worlds were framed by the Word of God
- What is seen not made of visible things.

The Only Logical Deduction

- The creation has a Creator.
 - Everything else does
 - But it is so massive, powerful and complex ...
 - Who could do it?
- *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.*
Gen 1:1-2
- *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.* Jn 1:3-4

What God Affirmed in His Word

- *12 I have made the earth, And created man on it. I — My hands — stretched out the heavens, And all their host I have commanded. ... 18 For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the Lord, and there is no other. 19 I have not spoken in secret, In a dark place of the earth; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, 'Seek Me in vain'; I, the Lord, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Isa. 45:12-19*

How the Holy Spirit “*Proved*” It.

- *the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, 16 who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness Acts 14:15-18.*
- It didn't need to be proved – it only needed to be affirmed... the evidence is overwhelming.

How It was Addressed in Athens

● *God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, Acts 17:24-28*

Is The Creation alone enough?

- God said it was twice:
- *because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 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, Rom. 1:19-21*
- Whatever reason or excuse anyone puts forth, God has warned here ... I will show it to be folly.
- *The fool has said in his heart, There is no God, Ps 53:1*
- This is not an insult... It will be shown on the last day to be a fact.

Is The Creation alone Enough?

- God said it was a second time:
- *The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. Ps. 19:1-4*
- This is not an exaggeration. All who are reasoning logically and with an open mind will be drawn to this.

How does our Heart Resonate

- We can't see into anyone else's heart.
- Only in our own heart can we assess it.
- The creation is here and we know it is not eternal.
- At some point in the past it came into being.
- Something made it!
- As we look at all the alternatives man has put forth, none are logical or reasonable but this one.
- The Big Bang and Evolution are not reasonable if looked at with an open and honest mind.
- It requires a leap of faith too large for me to jump

Amazingly Made

- *I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. Ps 139:14*
- I know I am not the result of an explosion.
- I know that I am too complicated and amazing for that answer.
- Not only because of my amazing body, but my amazing soul with emotions, thoughts plans, memories and goal.

This is My Father's World(127)



- This is my Father's world
- And to my listening ears
- All nature sings and round me rings...
- This is my Father's world
- The birds their carols raise
- The morning light the lily white
- declare their Maker's praise
- In the rustling grass I hear Him pass
- He speaks to me everywhere

How Great Thou Art (5)



- O Lord my God!
- When I in awesome wonder
- Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
- I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
- Thy power throughout the universe displayed

- Do we sing in spirit and truth?

There is A God(9)

- There is beyond the azure blue
- A God concealed from mortal sight
- He tinted skies with heavenly hue
- And framed the worlds with His great might
- There is a God, He is alive,
- In him we live And we survive

- Do we teach and admonish one another?

Lord, I Believe

- When we behold the wonders of creation,
- The flow'rs that bloom,
- the raindrops as they fall,
- The spacious skies and life's perpetuation
- We can not doubt that God controlled it all
- Are we making Melody in our hearts?

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Is This only a Crutch?

- It is logical, reasonable, and fits all the facts that we know.
- Alone, there might be some room for doubt.
- With the Bible and the evidence of Jesus, it becomes fact.

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Acts 17:24-25

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- *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, **for he who comes to God must believe that He is**, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Heb. 11:6*
- *Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 **But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.** Acts 10:34-36*

The Choice is Ours ...

- I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

- Ps 139:14