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Dear brethren:

Decades ago, I was browsing through an encyclopedia and came across an entry on Buddhism. The article mentioned that Buddhism is a religion with no god; it is a godless religion. It is devoid of any concept of a supreme being, or even a god with human frailties and faults as with the ancient Greek and Roman gods. Not unexpectedly, you can occasionally hear the sentiment expressed that Buddhism is more of a philosophy than a religion. Biblically speaking, however, it definitely is a religion. Anything that comes between you and the true and living God is, in reality, a false god. Even greed is defined by the Holy Spirit as amounting to idolatry (Colossians 3:5).

There is an acquaintance of mine who is a barber. Although I have known him for many years, he has never cut my hair. He is just a little too far away. Our paths crossed recently in a tea house. We spent some time chatting and the conversation quickly turned to religion. He is a Buddhist. His religion, having no god, is enormously deficient in answering some of life's most fundamental and profound questions. There is, indeed, a God. We are left without excuse if we deny this fact.

*18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 1 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. -Romans 1:18-20*

Succinctly stated, design necessitates a designer. Though simply expressed, it is a compelling and an inescapable argument. We see intelligent design in the complexity of the creation on every level. This complexity could not result from random chance, but is the result of the omniscience and omnipotence of the transcendent God who is separate from, and beyond the limitations of, the material universe. Though theories in science often conflict with the forgoing, the facts of science concur. There had to be a creation event inasmuch as that matter could not have always existed, nor randomly evolved upward into a more complex state. The following is a scientific law, not a theory.

The second law of thermodynamics states that "in all energy exchanges if no energy enters or leaves the system, the potential energy of the state will always

be less than that of the initial state." The necessary inference is that the physical universe had a beginning. In any closed system-and the universe is, by definition, a closed system-potential energy is lost into a form of entropy from which it can never be recovered. The universe is running down. Therefore, it could not have always existed from eternity. In contradistinction, the eternal God is not subject to this law, for He is not physical matter, but spirit. The transcendent God, as Creator, is the external source for the energy input into the closed system that we know as the universe. In the beginning, God "created," or worked, which by definition in physics is the transfer or conversion of energy.

"The Second Law also states that there is a natural tendency of any isolated system to degenerate into a more disordered state, according to Boston University." Mere matter cannot randomly produce intelligent design. Matter decays, degenerates, breaks down, and goes from order to chaos. As my friend and I chatted, we discussed this necessity of there being a Creator. Time is finite. The universe had a beginning, and will have an end. Then comes the Judgment. Only through revelation from this Creator can we come to know the one and only true God, know what He expects of us, and know how to properly prepare to be with Him in eternity. Revelation from the Creator is to be found in what we commonly call the Bible, the only book that God has given to man. The Bible is the word of God, the mind of God in human language. Open this Book to know the will of God.

Your servant in Christ,

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