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To many people, religion and reason operate in two entirely different spheres. Some people think they are antagonistic, but nothing could be farther from the truth regarding the true religion. In the Bible, God invites us:

“Come now, and let us reason together...” Isaiah 1:18.

In our study last night on how to be sure, we noted that in order to have certainty concerning this present life, and also the future life, in order to be sure that our life here can be a success, and also our life in the next world be successful, we need to be certain that there is a General Manager running this universe who combines in Himself perfect wisdom, infinite power, and wonderful love.

I told you last night that I was sure of those things. Therefore, I know that everything in this universe is working together for my good. Everything is working to give me success, here and hereafter. This makes me happy. And I'm so glad, my dear friends, to share the evidence with all who will listen, for the evidence is clear and certain. Everyone who is willing to examine the evidence, listen to the witnesses, and weigh the proof can come to the same certainty.

And think what it must mean to a heart that has been full of doubt and uncertainty and perplexity, to come to the place where it knows for certain that the One who runs this universe is running it for him, I mean for the individual, for you, my friend. The One who runs this universe is interested in you.

Now, as I said last night, none of these things can be taken for granted. It isn't a matter of listening to some myth or legend that has been handed down through the ages. We want evidence. Certainly, if we accept the testimony of men in courts of law, we ought to be able to listen to the witnesses on this wonderful subject. We ought to be able to weigh the evidence, listen to the proof.

This evening, I would like to study with you a bit, some of the evidence that shows us that what I said last night is true: that there is a General Manager running this universe who is full of wisdom, mighty in power, and wonderful in love.

And I propose that tonight we proceed with a very simple approach to this whole matter. And that is this: that we judge the Maker by what He has made; that we evaluate the Designer by studying His design.

Unless we are prepared to accept the assumption that this universe made itself, which is hard for a reasonable mind to fully accept, we must believe that it was

made by Someone. And I repeat, by studying what is made, we learn something of the Maker.

For example, here is my watch. Now, I have never met the man that designed this watch, but I know somebody designed it.

You say, "Well, how do you know?"

Well, you all agree with me that someone designed this watch, don't you? Nobody here has the slightest question about that. You know that there is no possible way that the various things that enter into this watch could somehow shape themselves, and then somehow fall together into this pattern, and keep time. It is impossible for any mind to even imagine such a thing. Do you agree with me?

Now, there are thousands upon thousands of watches in the world, and every one of those watches tells us that back of the design is the designer; back of the thing made is the maker. And, as I say, I've never met the man that designed this watch. I've never met any of the men that made it.

But there's one thing I'm sure about every one of them: They could count. Do you agree with me? Yes, you'll all agree with that. They all could count. Why? Because this watch counts. This watch has no life. It has no intelligence. So if it counts, it was made by somebody who could count by thinking. There is a design here.

Now, in the same way, but in an infinitely greater way, this universe tells us that back of the infinite design all around us is a Designer. We will learn something about Him. Surely He can count. Oh, yes.

When we think of the wonderful arrangement, for instance of the starry heavens; when we go out in the night and look at those celestial objects, the planets and the stars; when we remember that astronomers have been studying these objects for ages and are continually bringing new evidence of the greatness of our universe, greatness in size; then when we think of the power that it must take to keep all those worlds and moons and suns in their proper position in space; when we think of the infinite mind that must be back of the plan to keep those objects each in its proper position and its proper relationship to all the others, why, friends, we're like little ants looking at something far beyond all that we can comprehend.

But we can at least, friends, understand this: This universe must be under the general management of Somebody who can count and arrange things, and has power to keep each object in its proper place and in its proper relationship to all others. This is the kind of General Manager that I need to control things if all things are to work together for my good. Do you see? And I behold the evidence of such a One as I look in the starry heavens.

Let's turn from the infinitely great to the infinitely small. Let's think of the atoms. When scientists first started to talk about atoms sometime ago, an atom was supposed to be the smallest thing in nature. Well, now they have it broken down into electrons and protons and neutrons, and some other things. But let's take the atom,

so small that there are millions and billions and trillions and quadrillions and quintillion and sextillions and septillions, yes, an octillion of them in your body. That's how small they are. And yet, my dear friends, into the atom the Creator has packed a charge of power that man only recently has begun to work with, and unlock.

You remember a few years ago the atom bomb showed us the power that was locked up in the atom. I'm thankful that now some of that power is being harnessed and used constructively. The point is, there's a tremendous power wrapped up in those tiny atoms.

So whether we look at the infinitely great or the infinitely small, we see design, we see wisdom, we see power.

All through nature we see evidence of the use of this wisdom and power to supply the needs of the various creatures—birds, animals, plant life, and, of course, man. We're all dependent upon a wise arrangement that we did not make and that we cannot fully control. We may cooperate with it and find health and happiness and success, or we may disregard the laws by which we are surrounded and reap the sad results.

But my point is that all through nature, we come in contact with evidence that the One who made this universe made it for our good, our health, and our happiness. Take, for instance, the matter of food. We go to the table, eat every day, think very little of it, but my dear friends, it's quite an intricate pattern that's found in those different foods.

Take these muscles of which we're built. They're made of individual building blocks called amino acids. There's over a score of them. And whether we eat beans or bread, milk or eggs, meat or potatoes, we're getting some of those amino acids, a different combination in each one of those foods. And in the process of digestion in the stomach and small intestines those proteins, as we call them, are broken down into these amino acids, carried in the bloodstream, carried out to the various organs and structures of the body, and there rebuilt into the particular type of protein that you and I need.

It's a wonderful process. It shows a great design in making those foods, each after its different pattern in the field, on the tree, and then arranging in the human body an apparatus to break down those intricate food molecules into simpler substances, and then in the various organs of the body, rebuilding them into whatever the body needs.

I say that is marvelous. Nobody can study that with an open mind without being impressed with the fact that here indeed is a wonderful evidence of wisdom harnessed by love to supply our needs.

But now watch! The One who is thus arranging things was not satisfied merely to supply our actual needs. He wanted to make it as enjoyable as possible. And so besides putting in the foods the various elements that the body has to have, he put flavors that we enjoy as we eat. He put various colors and color

arrangements that we enjoy as we look at the food. Think of the red of the watermelon, the various colors of the peach, the plum, the grape, the apple. If I go on, somebody will get hungry, won't you? Yes.

And tell me, friends, what does all that mean? As studying my watch, I know that the man who planned it can at least count, when I look at all these beautiful things that God made in foods, I know that He is interested not only in supplying my minimum needs but in making the whole process as enjoyable as possible. Isn't that wonderful, friends?

You know, from day to day, we go to a gas station and say, "Fill it up." And pretty soon, the tank is filled with gas, and the need of the automobile is supplied. But ah, friends, the One who made us could have made the satisfying of our food needs just like that. But oh, He wasn't satisfied with that. He said, "I will make it as interesting, as enjoyable as possible." Isn't that wonderful, friends?

I've spoken of the taste, the flavors, and the colors. But oh, think beyond that, of all that goes into the preparation of that food, the growing of it. Go out in the springtime into the orchard. Watch the bees as they are visiting the apple blossoms, the peach blossoms, and the other fruit trees. What's going on?

Well, if you would ask the bee, he would say, I'm gathering honey and gathering pollen to take back to the hive. And all that is true. But in the process, the fruit blossoms are being fertilized. And is that necessary? Oh, yes. And so, in one operation, the Creator has arranged the fertilizing of those blossoms so that fruit may be developed, and at the same time caring for the life of those little insects that do their work. In other words, they're getting their wages as they work. All through nature we have evidence after evidence, example after example, of this arrangement, so that each form of life ministers to every other form of life.

In the deserts of the Southwest we have the beautiful yucca blossom. Sometimes it's called a candle of the Lord, those beautiful blooms out there on the desert. But do you know, friends, what makes possible those yucca blossoms? A tiny little white moth that flies into those blossoms to fertilize them. Without the fertilization there would be no seeds to produce future generations of yucca plants.

But here's the interesting thing. That little white moth is the only insect that does that job. Without that particular, individual moth, the yuccas would die out in a generation. But why does the moth go in there? The moth goes in there to lay her eggs. And as the eggs hatch, the little larva feed on the undeveloped seeds of that yucca. And so part of the seeds of the yucca are used to feed the moth that fertilizes the plant so that more mature seeds can be developed to provide for future yuccas. So you see, each one is dependent on the other.

It would be interesting, friends, to raise this question: What did the yucca do before the moth came along in the ages past? Or to state it the other way, what did the moth do before the yucca came along? Well, of course, the answer must be to a simple-minded, reasoning mind, both of them must have been together as long as either has been here.

This leads us, of course, right back to creation. My dear friends, there're hundreds and thousands of examples of this kind.

Take another example, go out here in the woods or on these mountains, and there you'll find the lichen clinging to the rock. Do you know what it is? Why, it's a combination of two different kinds of life. One is an algae and the other is a fungus.

The purpose of the algae is to break down the rock into food material. It actually eats the rock. You and I wouldn't care to eat rock, but algae say, "That's my dish." It likes it. But here is the thing. The fungus is dependent upon that alga to break down the rock and process it into food material that the fungus can use. But the alga is so fragile that without the protection and the structure of the fungus, it could not long last there.

And so, algae and fungus, side by side, working together, each ministers to the other, and in turn, of course, ministers to other forms of life as the rock material is broken down and becomes eventually part of the soil and on into plants. And thus providing sustenance for man and beast. Isn't it wonderful, friends?

And what does all that show? That shows great wisdom that has made a plan. It shows power to carry it through. And it shows love that arranges it all in a way to minister to every form of life.

We were speaking of beauty as an evidence of love. Nothing, I think, is a greater example of this in nature than the sunrise and the sunset. So often we look out and see the heavens aglow with color in the early light of dawn or in the twilight of the evening. Why is it? As far as I know, friends, it performs no scientific purpose. It's all there to make somebody happy.

I wonder who it's meant to make happy. I don't think the mules or cows get any particular inspiration out of it. It is apparently planned, aimed at you and me, planned for us. It's another one of the wonderful evidences that the One who made this universe, the General Manager, made it for our enjoyment, made it for our happiness.

Then we think of the bird songs. Here's another thing that perhaps we could get along without. In other words, if it had never happened, we would never know the difference. But oh, doesn't it thrill you to hear this wonderful song of the meadowlark, or the little canyon wren, or any one of a hundred other warblers or thrushes or cardinals or some other kind of bird? What's it all for? Well, the birds doubtless have what we might call their reasons. But I want to tell you something, friends. Back of it all is an infinite mind that planned those songsters to make us happy.

And now watch something else. These beautiful flowers, whether we have them in garden or field or woods or meadows; these lovely birds with their songs, all of these and many other things in nature they invite us out, they entice us out where the sunshine and the fresh air and the exercise will minister to our life. Think of the strategy of the General Manager.

By the way, are you working with Him in this? Are you letting these wonderful things call you from time to time, out where the birds sing and the flowers grow, and thus get the multiple benefits to liver and lungs, to heart and brain, to mind and muscle, that contact with nature brings?

I say it's a wonderful plan, and the plan shows a Planner, the design shows a Designer, the things made show a Maker. And they show that He's very wise, He's very powerful, and He's thinking of us. He loves us.

Take another object in nature, one of the simplest, universal—just water. Think of water from the standpoint of beauty. Don't you love it in a river, perhaps, quietly running along in a somewhat level stretch, or jumping from rock to rock, falling in the cataract, now foaming down the waterfall, or perhaps in the restless waves of the boundless ocean? Water, isn't it beautiful?

Think of it also in its various forms. What is more beautiful than the drops of dew on a rose, or a sweet-pea, or a green leaf? And then think of water frozen in the frost crystals, or in the snowflakes. And do you know those snow crystals, each one of those six-sided figures is a separate design? The lace makers of Switzerland get new patterns each year for their laces by examining, under the magnifying glass, new snowflakes that have fallen. They never run out of designs. Each one is different.

Ah friends, talk about the designs showing a Designer. All these evidences pile up to tell us that there is a General Manager in this universe who has wisdom and care down to the tiniest things, that all of it is a part of a great design.

And friends, the more we study it and the more we enjoy it, the more we see it's all for us. As the scripture says:

“For all things are for your sakes...” 2 Corinthians 4:15.

“But ah,” someone is saying, “Yes, I hear all you're saying, but I hear some other things too. I hear the wails and groans and moans of a sick and sad world. How does all this fit into what you are talking about?”

My dear friends, there is an explanation for that. And as we proceed with these lessons, you'll hear some witnesses that will explain some of these things. But listen, don't let the wails and moans and the groans so fill your mind that you fail to hear the song of the meadowlark, and see the beauty of the sunrise, and taste the delicious flavors of these many foods, and in other ways receive the evidence that there is, back of all the universe, a mind that knows how to plan, has the power to carry through the plan, and is doing it in love.

I know there are thorns and thistles that hurt. I know that there are things all through nature that don't seem to have any message of love or wisdom. There's an explanation. We'll study that more fully in our next lesson. But tonight, remember the overwhelming weight of evidence as one looks all through nature, is that there *is* a design, there *is* a pattern, and that the pattern shows that the One who manages this universe is wise above our wisdom, mighty in power above our puny strength,

and wonderful in love, for He arranges literally a million, million things just to make us happy.

In our next lesson, we're going to take some other witnesses from an entirely different field, and we're going to let them testify.

Tonight, friends, may I suggest that this coming week, we watch every day, for evidence in nature that shows the wisdom and the power and the love of the One who made this universe. Shall we do this? Thus we shall become better acquainted with Him. By studying His works, we shall become better acquainted with the Creator. And thus coming to know Him, we shall be better able to cooperate with Him as He seeks to make our life a grand success.

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