

A small sampling of the evidence alluded to in the lesson providing rational cause for believing that a Divine Being—one possessing “eternal power and divine nature” (Rom 1:20)—is the Author and Creator of this universe.

#### Universe itself

- Earth rotates 1,000 mph at equator...if 100 mph, days and nights be ten times as long...burn or freeze!
- Sun - 12,000 degrees F...if earth not just right distance, sun right temperature...burn or freeze!
- Earth's axis - 23 degrees, giving seasons...if not so tilted, vapors of the ocean would turn the continents into ice!
- Moon controls tides...if only 50,000 miles away tides would submerge the earth twice daily!
- Earth atmosphere...if thinner, meteors now burning up in space would shoot to the ground, setting fires over the earth!

#### Human body

- Eye - distance focus...light focus...curved lens for distance image...swings side to side, up and down... self-cleaning fluid...holes in nose...eyebrows for moisture...eyelashes for bits of trash.....two of them!
- Duplicated millions of times (in other humans)!
- Hundreds of such organs!

#### Animal life

- Honey bee - proboscis instead of a mouth to gain honey from flower...gets stopped up, brushes on knees... digestive faculty to convert powder from flower into wax to store honey...sting to protect
- Spider - two bags of glue...orifices thru which they are forced form thread of just right form, consistency, and texture

#### Life

According to one source (Shute, *Flaws in the Theory of Evolution*, p. 23) **for one protein molecule (a cell made of many molecules) to form under arbitrarily simplified conditions by pure chance is one in 10 to the 160th power!**

This kind of evidence can be multiplied a thousand fold! If interested, there are plenty of good resources available to help in this kind of research.

Again, but a small sampling of the prophecies that serve to confirm that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah of Old Testament prophecy, and in confirming that truth, also confirming the divine nature of those prophecies, and of the gospel in its entirety.

Over 300 concerning Christ...?...!

Many he would have no control over.

Examples: (These the eight used by Stoner—see below)

- **Where born** - Mic. 5:2...Mt. 2:5,6 (Micah, c. 700 B.C.)
- **Forerunner** - Mal 3:1, 4:5,6... Mt. 11:10-11; Lk 1:17 (Malachi, c. 425 B.C.)
- **Enter Jer. as a king riding on a donkey** - Zech 9:9...Mt 21:4,5 (Zechariah, c. 500 B.C.)
- **Betrayed by a friend** - Ps 41:9...Jn 13:18 (David, c. 1000 B.C.)
- **Betrayed for thirty pieces of silver** - Zech 11:12...Mt 27:9
- **This betrayal money returned, refused, thrown down in the house of the Lord, and later used to buy a potter's field** - Zech 11:13; Mt 27:10.
- **Silent before accusers** - Isa 53:7. (Isaiah, c. 700 B.C.)
- **Crucified** - Ps 22:16...Jn 20:25

**What is the mathematical probability that one man the world over would fulfill all eight prophecies from the day they were made down to the present time?** The quotes that follow are taken from *Science Speaks* by Peter Stoner.

If these estimates [estimates on the probability of each of the individual eight prophecies considered, srf] are considered fair, one man in how many men, the world over, will fulfill all eight prophecies? This question can be answered by applying our principles of probability. In other words, by multiplying all of our estimates together, or 1 in 2.8 x 10<sup>5</sup> x 10<sup>3</sup> x 10<sup>2</sup> x 10<sup>3</sup> x 10<sup>3</sup> x 10<sup>5</sup> x 10<sup>3</sup> x 10<sup>4</sup>. This gives 1 in 2.8 x 10<sup>28</sup>, where 28 means that we have 28 ciphers following the 2.8. Let us simplify and reduce the number by calling it **1 in 1028**. **Written out this number is 1 in 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.**

Again, there are many resources that can help in researching further the incredible nature of Old Testament prophecy.

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Here are some resources you may find helpful. Obviously, use discretion relative to what you read. You will find things you do not agree with. But, if you will sift through the data, you can find some useful information ...

<http://www.apologeticspress.org/>

There are good articles written by man who believe the Bible is the Word of God. Some are PhDs, so they can discuss the scientific aspects with knowledge, yet they write for the common reader. Also, they publish a paper, "Reason and Revelation," that has these kind of particles in it. It is only \$12 for a year's subscription. Well worth it. If you go to their "store" (link and left column at their website) and click on "books," you will find good resources on a variety of topics. I think most of these writers are members of churches of Christ, though they are associated with the sponsoring church practice, general benevolence, and social work. But, that does not keep them from writing excellent articles in the field of evidences.

<http://www.answersingenesis.org/>

Ken Ham, is also a believer in the Bible as the Word of God. He is very knowledgeable. I do not know what denominational group is associated with, but you can still find some good information on evidences at this website. Click on "Get Answers" in the menu bar and go to Article archive.

Here are some others.

<http://bible.org/seriespage/integrative-approaches-defending-christian-faith>

[http://www.wiseoldgoat.com/index\\_creation.html](http://www.wiseoldgoat.com/index_creation.html)

<http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/main.html>

<http://www.icr.org/> (go to "Resources" in the left column)

<http://www.rae.org>

[http://www.parentcompany.com/handy\\_dandy/hdertoc.htm](http://www.parentcompany.com/handy_dandy/hdertoc.htm)

Then, if you wish some good books that are online...

[McIlvaine, Evid of Christianity](#)

[Barnes, Evid of Christianity](#)

[Natural Theology - Google Book Search](#)

[Paley, W. 1809. Natural Theology: or, Evidences of the Existence and Attributes of the Deity. 12th edition London: Printed for J. Faulder.](#)

[Bulfinch, Evid of Christianity](#)

[Hopkins, Evid of Christianity](#)

[Evidence of Christianity | Christian Classics Ethereal Library](#)

[A treatise on the law of evidence. \(Open Library\)](#)

[Classic Works of Apologetics Online](#)

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