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## **EVOLUTION OR CREATION?**

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In 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:20, Paul uses the phrase *"the oppositions of science falsely so called"* as he writes to Timothy. This is a good way to describe the theory of Evolution. Not only is Evolution not science, it is not even a good theory. In reality it is the *"utter foolishness of man"* reasoning apart from the revelation of God. Within the universe that we live, there is a *"great evidence of design and planing."* This means there had to be a *"great designer"* who brought the universe and all things therein into existence. That *"great designer is Almighty God!"* In Hebrews 3:4 we read *"For every house is built by some man; but He that built all things is God."* Furthermore, Psalms 19:1 says, *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork."* This makes far more sense than to believe that this universe and all things therein, including man, are the result of mere chance.

### **Prayer**

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One of the greatest blessings that we as Christians enjoy is that of *"PRAYER"*. It is through prayer that we are able to speak to our Heavenly Father telling Him those things that are on our minds. In Romans 10:1, Paul said *"My hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved."* And so prayer is the *'expression of our heart's desire unto God.'* In Philippians 4:6-7, Paul also said the following: *"Be careful (anxious) for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."* There is no better place to *"cast all your care"* than unto God *"for He careth for you."* (1 Pet. 5:7)

Listen to some of the statements made in the Bible about prayer and you will be greatly encouraged by them to pray more diligently than ever before. After all, when we pray to God, are we not praying to the *"greatest power in the universe with whom nothing is impossible?"* (Eph. 3:20-21; Lk. 1:37)

*"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto our prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."* (1 Pet. 3:12)

*"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."* (James 5:16)

*"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need."* (Heb. 4:15-16)

Grace L. Naessens once wrote the following poem:

*I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't have time to pray.*

*Problems just tumbled upon me,  
And heavier came each task,  
"Why doesn't God help?" I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask."*

*I wanted to see joy and beauty  
But the day toiled on, gray and bleak,  
I wondered why God didn't show me.  
He said, "But you didn't seek."*

*I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys at the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child, you didn't knock."*

*I woke up early this morning,  
And paused before entering the day.  
I had so much to accomplish;  
That I had to take time to pray.*

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It is no wonder that the Bible encourages the Christian to "*Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks...*" (1 Thes. 5:17-18) I pray that we as children of God will never take this wonderful blessing for granted!