

## There Is No God?

Jim Bishop

There is no God. All of the wonders around us are accidental. No Almighty hand made a thousand-million stars. They made themselves. No power keeps them on their steady course. The earth spins itself to keep the oceans from falling off toward the sun. Infants teach themselves to cry when they are hungry or hurt. A small flower invented itself so that we could extract digitalis for sick hearts.

The earth gave itself day and night, tilted itself so that we get seasons. Without the magnetic poles, man would be unable to navigate the trackless oceans of water and air, but they just grew there. Why does snow sit on mountaintops waiting for the warm spring sun to melt it at just the right time for the young crops in farms below to drink? A very lovely accident.

The human heart will beat for seventy to eighty years without faltering. How does it get sufficient rest between beats? A kidney will filter poison from the blood and leave good things alone. How does it know one from the other? How about the sugar thermostat in the pancreas? It maintains a level of sugar in the blood sufficient for energy. Without it, all of us would fall into a coma and die.

Who gave the human tongue flexibility, form words, and a brain to understand them but denied it to the animal kingdom? Who showed a womb how to take the love of two persons and keep splitting a tiny ovum until, in time, a baby would have the correct number of fingers, eyes, ears, and hair in the right places, and come into the world when it is strong enough to sustain life?

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[This "tongue-in-cheek" piece was written by American newspaper columnist and historian Jim Bishop!]

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- via Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

- ♦ "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. ..." Psalm 14:1; 53:1.
- ♦ "Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshipeth thee." Nehemiah 9:6.
- ♦ "Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works." "For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone." Psalm 86:8, 10.
- ♦ "The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life." Job 33:4.
- ♦ "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works ... " Psalm 139:14.

"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not." — C.S. Lewis

## News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:** *Sunday:* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. *Wednesday:* Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**FACE COVERINGS OPTIONAL:** In our assemblies. Please continue to practice routine personal hygiene procedures.

**BAPTISM:** Emily Petrock

**CONFESSION:** Rich Robinson.

**SECRET SISTER SELECTION:** Today following our morning worship.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Next Saturday, April 2nd, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**OUR SENIOR DAY:** Saturday, April 9th, 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Speakers: John Keith and Noah West. Lunch provided. See Willard or Rosie Burdine for what is needed for the luncheon or to give monetary donations.

**LADIES DAY:** April, 23rd at Steelton. See details on the bulletin board.

**OUR LADIES DAY:** Saturday, May 7th, 9-9:30 a.m. Registration & continental breakfast. 9:45 a.m. Program begins. Lunch provided. Topic: "Mirror, Mirror On the Wall, Do You See Christ In Me At All?" Speakers: Elaine McClung & Docie Moore.

**PANTRY:** Tomato soup.

**PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS:** Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson.

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:** • Michelle Helton (Pat Allison's daughter) .Michelle will have surgery, Tuesday, Mar. 29th. • Becky McKitrick (colon cancer), Becky will have surgery, Thursday, April 7th. • Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece), Stage 4 lung cancer.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** *Calcutta Health Care:* Sam Burdine (Willard's brother). *At Home:* Keith McClung, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Claudette Miller, Jim & Linda Hall, Cheryl Renfro Walker. *Weston, WV:* Rick Beck.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

Weirton Heights	Apr. 3-7	Brent Gallagher
CHESTER	Apr. 24-28	Eddie Cooper

## GOD IS WITH YOU

Joshua was taking over the leadership of the people of God, and knew that Moses "left some big shoes to fill." God gave him the assurance he needed to lead the people into the promised land. He told him to "be strong...do not be afraid...for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

The future is always daunting and scary. What will it hold? But, every child of God should know that if God is with us, no trouble is too great, no obstacle is insurmountable. Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). An old song says, "If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere." Enter life boldly! He will be with you all the way!

- Darwin Hunter, Sunset Church of Christ, Shreveport, LA (Bulletin Digest) -