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Tough Questions About God

"Why Do We Reason?" – God the Rational Being

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

Week #1 we explored the evidence for God in the _____ of the Universe.

Week #2 we explored the evidence for God in the _____ of the Universe.

Week #3 we explored the evidence for God in the _____ of the _____.

There are 3 significant areas in life where Science and Faith intersect and for which science has NO answer...those 3 areas are concerning the Origin of the Universe, the Origin of Life and the Origin of _____.

Why do we Reason?

1. The Naturalist or _____ Hypothesis

The Naturalist view of human life is _____ or _____.

- The _____ Theory

- The _____ Theory

What if Physicalism were true...the implications.

- We would have no _____

- We would have no _____
- We would have no _____

2. The _____ Hypothesis

The _____ view of human life is

_____ or Body + _____

Soul: Your “_____” ...housing

your _____, _____, &
_____. The Soul animates the body.

Spirit: The part of your eternal self designed for _____ . The Spirit transforms your soul.

Evidence for the Mind & Soul

a. Our Own _____

b. Medical _____

What can we infer about the Creator from observations about our own conscious mind and thought?

- ◆ Has a _____
- ◆ Is an _____
- ◆ Has a _____
- ◆ Has _____ and _____

The Cumulative Case for God thus far.

- 1. The Existence of the Universe is evidence that the Creator must be: Uncaused, Timeless and Powerful**

- 2. The Order of the Universe is evidence that the Creator must be: Intelligent, Creative and Involved**

3. **The Nature and Variety of life is evidence that the Creator must be: The Architect of the Informational base of Life.**

4. **The Conscious Mind & Soul is evidence that the Creator must be: Rational, Immaterial and an Emotional Being.**

This Being is still supported by the biblical account.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.... He said “Let there be light and there was light.” Gen. 1:1,3

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.” Psalm 19:1-3

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” Psalm 139:13,14

“And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?” Matthew 16:26

Tough Question Follow Up:

Christ Followers: Give thought to your thoughts...use Philippians 4:8 as a model.

Seekers: Apart from God who created us as conscious beings in His image what other explanation would you give to explain the miracle of conscious thought?