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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

November 14, 2021

There is a God

(A review of Antony Flew's book of the same name.)

Albert Einstein said, "I am not an atheist," and "I want to know how God created this world." Max Planck, who introduced the quantum hypothesis, said, "there can never be any real opposition between religion and science; for the one is compliment of the other." Paul Dirac developed the third formulation of the quantum theory and he said, "God is a mathematician of a very high order and He used advanced mathematics in constructing the universe." In his autobiography Charles Darwin wrote, "I feel compelled to look to a First Cause having an intelligent mind to some degree analogous to that of man; and I deserve to be called a Theist." All of these quotes, and many more from famous scientists can be found in a book entitled, *There is a God: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind*, written by Antony Flew.

Antony Flew was one of the most well known and militant atheists in the twentieth century. In the preface to the above mentioned book we read, "It is not too much to say that within the last hundred years, no mainstream philosopher has developed the kind of systematic, comprehensive, original, and influential exposition of atheism that is to be found in Antony Flew's fifty years of anti-theological writings." Yet Flew says the evidence eventually led him to change his mind and accept the reality of the existence of God.

Antony Flew held many debates in defense of the atheist position and he lists among the two best attended the debate he had with Thomas Warren in 1976. Thomas Warren was a member of the church of Christ. This debate was held in Denton, Texas and each day saw attendance

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between 5,000 and 7,000 people. Flew wrote, “I was so impressed with the hospitality of my hosts, but the debate ended with both Warren and I sticking to our guns.” The hosts he was speaking of were members of the church of Christ. Perhaps their gracious hospitality to the world’s best known atheist at the time, and maybe the sharp and piercing arguments made by Thomas Warren during the debate had some influence on Flew eventually leaving his atheistic position, but it did not seem to have any immediate effect.

Antony Flew staunchly stood in defense of atheism for decades before changing his mind. What could cause such a well known public figure to do a complete reversal and tell the world he had changed his mind and become a theist (a believer in God)? The first big influence that caused him to change his mind was his study of the laws of nature. The laws of nature are mathematically precise and give evidence of purposeful, directed, intelligent creation. While Stephen Hawking says the universe exists because the laws of nature exist, Flew came to question where those laws originated. Further, he came to realize they gave strong evidence of purposeful intelligence. While Hawking’s hypothesis suggested a “quantum-fluctuation” caused the universe to come into existence from “nothing,” Flew asks where did the quanta originate, and how do you explain the source of the laws that govern quantum mechanics? Where there is intelligent, consistent, purposeful, mathematically precise law, there must be an intelligent, purposeful, and powerful Law Maker.

An examination of DNA was another one of the many factors involved in evidence and data collection that caused Flew to go from being the world’s best known and most militant atheist to a defender of the existence of God. Flew describes the evidence this way, “the genetic message in DNA is duplicated in replication and then copied from DNA to RNA in transcription. Following this there is translation whereby the message from RNA is conveyed to the amino acids, and finally the amino acids are assembled into proteins. The cell’s two fundamentally different structures of information management and chemical activity are coordinated by the universal genetic code.” The reality is that complex, ordered, purposeful, intelligent information, code, data is stored chemically in DNA. Where there is complex, ordered, purposeful, intelligent information there must be a source capable of producing such. Blind chance cannot. A supremely intelligent Creator can. There is a God.

~Kevin Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

Nov. 15 - Heb. 11:1-19
Nov. 16 - Heb. 11:20-40
Nov. 17 - Heb. 12
Nov. 18 - Heb. 13



Nov. 19 - Jas. 1
Nov. 20 - Jas. 2
Nov. 21 - Jas. 3

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

David Queen, Eddie Manor, Johnny Allen, Francis McBrayer, Jeff Chrysson, Diane Barger, \ D.J. Harrison, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Jack Piper, Mary Ellen Dull, Kim Matthews, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins. Don Jackson.

Jack Piper has been having a great deal of pain in his back and leg lately which has affected his ability to stand and walk. He had an MRI of his spine last week, and since then has had an MRI on his hip but nothing was found following the tests. They have recommended he have physical therapy to see if that will help but will need to have them come to his house since he cannot walk and cannot drive. The doctor he has mentioned having "needle work" for his pain possibly on an appointment he has on November 22nd. Hopefully they may learn what is causing him so much pain. Please keep him in your prayers.

Tony Minor is doing well in his recovery. He was able to attend a Wednesday night Bible Study recently and has had his out-patient surgery and is said to be doing well.

Nikki's PET came back good, but she will still need chemo. Should start that in the next few weeks. God has been so gracious to us, and we are truly thankful for all of the love and support!! Please continue to pray for Nikki.

Nancy Minor's sister, **Lori**, had sinus surgery on November 11th and her **sister-in-law** has cancer and will have surgery on November 16th. Please keep both in your prayers.

Beverly Allred, a co-worker of R.J. has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

Carl Cooper cousin's wife, **Diane**, was diagnosed with lung cancer, and while in the hospital had a heart attack. Several weeks ago. She was taken to the Forsyth Hospital this past Tuesday and was admitted to the ICU. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sandy Smith Update: Sandy has been moved back to Winston-Salem. She continues to need prayers, cards, and visits Monday - Friday, one person at a time for 20 minutes. An appointment with a social worker is required for a visit. The number is 336-724-2821. Sandra's address is Room 220, The Citadel at Winston-Salem, 1900 West 1st Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27104 Please keep her in your prayers.

Joe Byrd requests prayers for their neighbor, **Terrie & Melanie Williams**. They were involved in a car wreck and Melanie is in the hospital. Their address is 314 Ray Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C., 27107.

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

December 3-5 - Youth Rally

Speaker: Eric Lyons

Theme: "Scripture, Science and Common Sense: Three votes for God"

Adults are encouraged to attend!

FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE

This week, let's pray for

Pennville Church of Christ

Pennville Church of Christ in Summerville, Georgia, has used House to House for a county-wide mailing ahead of a gospel meeting sponsored by five local congregations.

Pennville worked with these other congregations to reach more than 15,000 homes, they had a conversion based on their mailings!

This new convert is currently learning to reach her friends and family. The Pennville congregation has about 110 members.

Robby Eversole is the preacher for the Pennville congregation. He began preaching in 1987 and has been preaching for Pennville since 1998. Their elders are Nolan Crisp, Brad Hayes, and Ron Patty.



CONGRATULATIONS!

*To Olivia and Allen Cooper who are the proud parents of a baby girl born on Nov. 4th, 2021, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. Her name is **Valerie Rose**. Also, congratulations to all the Grandparents and Great Grandparents.*

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

NOVEMBER, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: BRAD HOOTS

COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER: MARK ROY

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

Nov. 7 - Bill Carothers
Nov. 14 - Randy Warner
Nov. 21 - Shawn Thomason
Nov. 28 - Allen Cooper

SONG LEADER

Charley Belch
Clayton Workman
Wayne Allen
Nathan Roy

PRAYER

Tim Allen
Andy Santiago
Carl Cooper
D.C. Mock

OPENING PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER:

SUNDAY A.M.

Nov. 7 - David Moore
Nov. 14 - Allen Knight
Nov. 21 - R.J. Landry
Nov. 28 - Bradley Byrd

SUNDAY P.M.

Nov. 7 - Clayton Workman
Nov. 14 - David Shoaf
Nov. 21 - Wayne Allen
Nov. 28 - Liam Allen

WEDNESDAY

Nov. 3 - Adam Warner
Nov. 10 - Mike Lundgren
Nov. 17 - Tim Allen
Nov. 24 - Nathan Roy

SECURITY AND GREETING: JOE BYRD AND BRIAN BYRD

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER:

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Nov. 24 - Roger Allen

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner