

Seeking The Purpose of Man in The Universe

A QUESTION

What is the purpose of evil in a created universe designed intelligently by an all knowing, all present, all powerful and all good Creator GOD? ¹

A PURPOSE

“The purpose of the universe is not to be morally or physically perfect, but to provide a place where spiritual creatures can choose to love or reject GOD - to live with Him forever in a new, perfect universe, or reject Him and live apart from Him for eternity. It would not be possible to make this choice in a universe in which all moral choices are restricted to only good ones.” – Richard Deem ²

A DESIGNER

In a finite and ordered physical universe, “There must be a First Mover that is above all the rest; and this Being we call GOD... And since there are some necessary things that have a cause of their necessity; a Cause that must be prior to them [all is] GOD, Who is The First [Cause] of all... [Therefore,] GOD can have no cause of His being, since He is The First Being...” – Saint Thomas Aquinas ³

A DESIGN

“I want to know how GOD created this world. I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know His thoughts, the rest are details... GOD does not play dice.” – Albert Einstein ⁴

AN ANSWER

What is the first purpose of man? The first purpose of man “...is to glorify GOD and to enjoy Him forever.” – Westminster Shorter Catechism ⁵

A CHOICE OF GRACE

“...Let us be vigilant in our minds and put on the breastplate of *Faith* and of *Love* and let us take the helmet of The *Hope* of Life.” – Saint Paul ⁶

¹ Aramaic Bible in Plain English. EXODUS 34:6, “The Lord, then, passed before... [Moses] and The Lord declared, ‘The Lord is Merciful, Gracious, Generous of Spirit -- His Grace and Zeal are bountiful.’” I TIMOTHY 1:17, “But to The King of the universe, to Him Who is indestructible and unseen, Who is The One GOD, be honor and glory to the eternity of eternities.”

² “Did Albert Einstein Believe in a Personal GOD?” Richard Deem. Evidence For GOD. 5/17/2011. <http://www.godandscience.org/apologetics/einstein.html>.

³ “3. The Existence of GOD; 6. Necessity of GOD’s Existence; 7. The Everlasting Existence of GOD.” St. Thomas Aquinas. Light of Faith – The Compendium of Theology, p 9-13. Sophia Institute Press, Manchester, NH. 1993.

⁴ “Famous Scientists Who Believed in GOD – 13. Albert Einstein (1879-1955).” Richard Deem. Evidence For GOD. 12/08/2011. <http://www.godandscience.org/apologetics/sciencefaith.html>.

⁵ “Q1 – What is the chief end of man?” The Westminster Shorter Catechism – with The Scriptural Proofs. The Westminster Assembly of 1647. General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. 1978. http://www.creeds.net/Westminster/shorter_catechism.html.

⁶ Aramaic Bible in Plain English. I THESSALONIANS 5:8.