

TBT – Is there a God?

Acts 17:24-25

### **Is there a God?**

- Q - Why is it important to answer this question?
- Q - Why do you believe in God?
- Q - What are some arguments you've heard against the existence of God?

### **Law of Cause and Effect**

- Every material effect must have a cause
  - Every material thing in existence – us our universe – are effects that must have a cause.
  - Something happens which causes something else which causes something else, and so on
- If we trace events back thousands of years, we'll find one of two things – we'll either find the FIRST EVENT (the thing that made everything), or we'll find that this chain just has gone on for infinity.
  - Age of the earth – 4.54 billion years – infinity doesn't work
  - HAS to be a "first cause"
- Bible is clear – first cause is God
- Q – What caused God? Who created God?
  - John 4:24 – God is Spirit

### **By Chance or By Design**

- Q – Was our world created by chance, or by design? Why?
- Design
  - Earth – smaller no atmosphere (Mercury, moon), larger (Jupiter or Saturn); distance from the sun is perfect (92,960,000); Tilt of the earth's axis is perfect
  - 8.7 million species - 2012
    - The Human Eye – lens, cornea, iris, retina, optic nerve
    - ""To suppose that the eye, with so many parts working together...could have been formed by natural selection (evolution), seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree." --- Darwin
- Chance – no way

### **Evolution**

- Q – Does the theory of evolution prove there is no God? Why?
- Irreducible Complexity - Without one part, the whole thing is ruined – how could we survive step by step
- Takes us back to the first step – for evolution to happen, there had to be something before it : organisms, an environment for them to survive, their ability to reproduce, etc.
  - Were did this stuff come from?
- Evolution can't provide a full explanation of the origins of mankind

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### **Changed Lives**

- 2 Corinthians 5:16-18
  - new creation!
  - Q – What are some of God’s promises for us?
- Q – How have you seen God impact someone’s life?

### **If there is a God, what does that mean for us?**

- If the God of the Bible is real, then the things that the Bible then says about our relationship with God - heaven, hell, following Jesus – become very real.
- Do not let this talk go in one ear and out the other – this idea of the existence of God has a lot of weight to it!