

1. There Is a God.

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. *Ps. 14, 1.*

The existence of God becomes clear to every thoughtful man through contemplation of the universe. Speaking of the heathen nations, St. Paul says in his Epistle to the Romans: "That which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God has showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead." David says in the 19th Psalm: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." All ancient nations agreed in this, that there is a God, a Supreme Being, whom they felt in duty bound to seek, to honor, and to worship.

To deny the existence of God is no mark of superior intelligence. To deny that there is a Creator is not solving a mystery, but creating one. It is doing violence not only to God's Book, but also to man's reason. Scripture says: "The *fool* hath said in his heart, There is no God." As the fear of God is the beginning of all wisdom, so disregard of God is the beginning of all folly. A noted French astronomer, Lalande, is said to have pointed his telescope to the heavens and, not seeing God, to have asserted, "There is no God!" That was foolish. His reasoning was just as nonsensical as that of the little boy who wanted to find out where the sweet song of the singing bird was hidden. He killed the bird, but did not find the song. To learn about the existence of God, one must use the right method. Which is this method? Scripture says: The invisible things of God are clearly seen in the works of creation. These works of creation speak a language so plain that all can understand it and ought to feel constrained to confess: There must have been a Maker of the universe. "For every house is built by some one; but He that built all things is God."

Prayer.

O God, I lift mine eyes up to Thee, from whom alone my help cometh; my help cometh from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth. To Thee I entrust myself, body and soul, to be Thine own with all I have and possess. To Thee alone I look, in Thee I trust, my hope rests with Thee; there is no help with man. Amen.

Then let us adore Him
And give Him His right,
All glory and power,
And wisdom and might;

All honor and blessing,
With angels above,
And thanks never ceasing,
And infinite love.

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