

CHAPTER FIVE

The nature of God

God is supreme, creator of the universe and of man. He has the power, force and energy to set the universe in motion and to implement His plan for man. God, unlike man, is not a slave to time. God does not look forward to the future, has no present and has no past. To God, time is stable. However time is not stable for man. To man, the instant of the present is instantly the past. Man cannot go back in time and see himself in motionless time in the same manner as looking at a photograph. To man, time is like riding in a fast convertible driven by God. Man sees the future coming at him in anticipation and then looks to the side and sees the present for an instant and then looks back at the past getting farther and farther away. Man then looks at God who is grinning at him, and man is helpless to do anything about it. Only God has power over time and he can manipulate it to suit himself.

God is perfect in infinite judgment and wisdom. Unlike man who is a slave to the body, God is not a slave to anything, not to the universe of time, space and matter. Man inhabits a body; a body created by God, and as a part of the universe will some day vanish with the universe.

God has infinite creative genius. To be able to create the universe and all its wonders with only a minimum of building blocks is truly amazing. To go beyond the creation of the universe and put spiritual man into a physical body is even more amazing. Man's ego and the spirit are imprisoned in this body. A body made of molecular

structures. If called by God, man will be freed of the body, no longer a captive, and man's reward will make him a god with a pure heart full of goodness and righteousness.

God is the consummate engineer. Engineering is described as the laws of nature, and common sense put mathematically. God has to be an engineer to have put all this together. Only an engineer would have the logic and creative genius to build the universe and design and fabricate all the plants and animals. God calculated bone stresses under loads, did chemical calculations for digestive systems, kinematics for muscle movement, pipeline hydraulics for blood flow and electric circuits for nervous systems and used architecture for bird nests. All these things require engineering.

Man was created in His image. God then must have all the feelings that man has. He appreciates humor, can cry, and can feel pain, hurt feelings, anger and even guilt. He could probably be mean and cruel but because of who He is, He is not.

There were two big bangs that occurred during the history of the universe. The first big bang was the creation of the universe and the second big bang began with one man, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. When he began preaching the new covenant, the word exploded and spread to all of the people on the planet Earth.

The true God of the Bible is the triune God consisting of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. All three are one and all three are focused on man and his behavior. The God of the heaven came to Earth and took a man's body that he could talk to and touch man, the animal. He came to demonstrate how man could cheat death, and that death was not absolute, but only a transition into another form of life. One that was everlasting. He only taught for three years, less time than it takes to get a college degree,

and at the end of his teachings He was murdered by his own people, and on the third day he rose from the dead and showed us the way.

While on Earth Jesus taught and performed miracles to prove who he was. Most of his miracles demonstrated that he had the power to change atomic structure. At the time of Christ, people did not know what atomic structure was, and could only marvel at what they saw. But now we know the extent of the miracles. When he changed water to wine, he created alcohol from the water. To do this God added a carbon atom to the water. An atom that does not exist in water, therefore it was an atomic change. When he cleansed the leper he changed the leper's skin into a different molecular structure during healing. He took a dead person that had been dead for days, a body that was swollen and had rigor mortis and he changed the molecular structure in the body and brought the person back to life. It is this power that created the universe.

God of the heavens created man the animal knowing that the animal's first needs are survival. Man the physical animal knows that when the body dies it is all over and that he lives in a harsh environment not caused by the elements, but by man's behavior. Man is man's number one enemy and causes more pain and misery to other men than diseases, accidents, elements or just plain bad luck. Man the animal is constantly attacking each other whether in war, child abuse, stealing, bar room fights or just being mean.

The God of the heavens came down to combat this in the form of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that conforms man the animal to the image of Christ, through the man's conscience. When man causes pain to another it is conscience or the Holy Spirit

that causes man to feel bad for his evil deeds. It is the Holy Spirit that helps man to do good things and to help his fellow man in need.

The Bible is the written word of the living God. Just as the Constitution is the foundation of the United States government, the Bible is the foundation of Christianity. From cover to cover the Bible teaches the relationship between God and man and between man and man. There are no other writings or books such as the Talmud, Koran, or the Book of Mormon that Christians need to read to provide salvation. The Bible is supreme and final.

The Bible is not a science book and as a history book it is limited to God's chosen people from Adam to Christ. Science is a study of God's creation called the universe and all that is included in the physical, including man's behavior. There can be no conflict between science and the Bible because they are both inspired by God. Conflict occurs because of interpretation, and interpretation is as varied as there are people. For example, there are over 500 Christian denominations in the world. They are all different and they all read the same book. The challenge isn't for science and Christianity to prove each other wrong but to prove each other right.

When God created the universe he set the events in motion. The entire world is a free spirit in the sense that man is free to do what he wants, along with the weather, the animals and the Earth. So when a person is born into riches, or is creative or has certain talents this can be called luck or fate.

God does not interfere with catastrophic incidents on a daily basis. If God did intervene it would be called a miracle. On the other hand, luck or fate is what happens

when you win the lottery. It is not a spirit or a god to be worshipped. It is just what happens.

Suppose there is a war and you are in the infantry. You and two hundred other men have been ordered to charge up a hill and take a certain position guarded by enemy riflemen. When you begin running up the hill, fate begins to rattle the dice for a throw on your behalf. As you charge ahead, a rifleman looks down at the two hundred targets that are shooting and shouting as they charge his position and he selects one target out of the two hundred. At this time fate begins to roll the dice and as the rifleman aims his rifle at your chest and pulls the trigger the dice rolls snake eyes. God did not order this, it just happened.