



The president of the New York Scientific Society once gave eight reasons why he believed there was a God. The first was this: Take ten identical coins and mark them one to ten. Place them in your pocket.

Now take one out. There is one chance in ten that you will get number one. Now replace it and the chances that number two will follow number one are not one in ten, but one in a hundred.

With each new coin taken out, the risk will be multiplied by ten, so that the chance of all ten following in sequence is one chance in 10,000,000,000 (Ten Billion).

That is why George Gallup, the American statistician says: "I could prove God statistically. Take the human body alone, the chance that all the functions of the individual would just happen by chance is a statistical monstrosity." Surely no thoughtful person would wish to base his or her eternal future on a "statistical monstrosity. Perhaps that is why the Bible says in Psalm 14:1 "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God.

It would seem that the problems of unbelief in God are greater than the problems of belief.

In Mark 8:36 the Lord Himself asks, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

So, in Christ's estimate, a person's soul is something incomparably more valuable than the whole world.

Why did not God make humans incapable of disobeying His will and therefore incapable of sinning?

We are a creature with the power of intelligent choice, so the question really is: Why didn't God make a creature with the power of intelligent choice and yet without the power of intelligent choice at one and the same time?

If I had the power of hypnotism, I would be able to put my own children into an hypnotic state, thus robbing them of the power of intelligent choice, and then say, "Sit on those chairs till I return."-"Get up and eat"-

"Stop eating"-"Kiss me good night" and unfeeling arms would go around my neck and unresponsive lips would be pressed to mine. I would have prompt and perfect obedience to my every command, but would I find satisfaction in it? No!

I want children with free wills who are capable of disobeying me, but who willingly choose to carry out my instructions, which are the outcome of my love for them and are given for their own good. I cannot conceive of God, who put these desires in my heart and yours, being satisfied with anything less Himself.

God does not want puppets who jump in a given direction according to the wire that is pulled, nor does He want robots in the form of "humans" who mechanically and absolutely obey His will as do the planets that whirl through space. God can find satisfaction in nothing less than the spontaneous love of our hearts and our free will decisions to walk in paths that please and honour Him. But it is obvious that this same power of free action enables us to defy and dishonour Him if we so choose.

We are a truly a magnificent creature, far above the animal creation around us. There is no "missing link." But a great gulf is fixed between the highest beast and us, for God has given us the awesome power of being able to say an effective "NO" to God as well as an effective "YES."

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