

# SMALL WORLD OR BIG GOD?

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## I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Small world and coincidences?
  1. When we encounter inexplicable “coincidences,” we often exclaim, “What a small world!”
  2. Rather than admit that a miracle has occurred, many will call such events “accidents” or “synchronicities!”
- B. Big God with great power and purpose!
  1. But to a child of God who understands the greatness of God, there are no coincidences—only things like Destiny, Purpose, Providence!
  2. If we are observant and sensitive to the Holy Spirit, we will see the hand of God all around us every day!

## II. THE GREATNESS OF GOD AND THE SMALLNESS OF MAN

- A. **Ps. 8:1-4:** <sup>1</sup>*O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens. <sup>2</sup>From the lips of children and infants **You have ordained praise because of Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.** <sup>3</sup>When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, <sup>4</sup>**what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him?***
- B. **Ps. 95:1-6:** <sup>1</sup>*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup>Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. <sup>3</sup>For **the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.** <sup>4</sup>In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. <sup>5</sup>The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup>Come, **let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.***
- C. The universe is estimated to be 94 billion light years (5.5 x 10<sup>23</sup> miles) in size; I once asked Prof. T. why God made the universe so big, and his answer was, “To keep us humble!”
- D. **Isa. 40:12-17:** <sup>12</sup>*Who has **measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, or with the breadth of His hand marked off the***

**heavens?** *Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? <sup>13</sup>Who has understood the mind of the LORD, or instructed Him as His counselor? <sup>14</sup>Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten Him, and who taught Him the right way? Who was it that taught Him knowledge or showed Him the path of understanding? <sup>15</sup>Surely **the nations are like a drop in a bucket**; they are regarded as dust on the scales; He weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. <sup>16</sup>Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings. <sup>17</sup>Before Him **all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by Him as worthless and less than nothing.***

Where did God go to college? Who taught Him?

E. **Isa. 40:26-28:** <sup>26</sup>*Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the **starry host** one by one, and **calls them each by name**. Because of His great power and mighty strength, **not one of them is missing.** <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup>Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and **His understanding no one can fathom.***

God gave names to each one of the septillion (10<sup>24</sup>) stars!

F. God has to “stoop down” to look at the universe and our so-called “great” works!

1. **Ps. 113:5-6:** <sup>5</sup>*Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, <sup>6</sup>who **stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?***
2. **Gen. 11:1-9:** <sup>1</sup>*Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup>As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, **let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.**” <sup>5</sup>But **the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building...** <sup>7</sup>“Come, **let us go down and confuse their language** so they will not understand each other.” <sup>8</sup>So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name is called Babel...*

G. God knows everything about us—our name, address, shoe size, number of hairs!

1. **Ps. 139:1-6:** <sup>1</sup>*O LORD, You have searched me and **You know me.*** <sup>2</sup>*You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar.* <sup>3</sup>*You discern my going out and my lying down; **You are familiar with all my ways.*** <sup>4</sup>*Before a word is on my tongue You know it completely, O LORD.* <sup>5</sup>*You hem me in—behind and before; **You have laid Your hand upon me.*** <sup>6</sup>***Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.***
2. **Luke 12:6-7:** <sup>6</sup>*Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.* <sup>7</sup>***Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.***
3. What is man that this great God is mindful of him, loves him, and gave His own Son on Calvary to save him?

Is God's hand on your life?

### III. TESTIMONY TIME—TELL OF HIS AWESOME WORKS!

- A. **Ps. 145:1-6:** <sup>1</sup>*I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever.* <sup>2</sup>*Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever.* <sup>3</sup>*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; **His greatness no one can fathom.*** <sup>4</sup>***One generation will commend Your works to another; they will tell of Your mighty acts.*** <sup>5</sup>*They will speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and I will meditate on Your wonderful works.* <sup>6</sup>*They will tell of the power of Your awesome works, and I will proclaim Your great deeds.*
- B. In Mat. 13:52, Jesus said that every teacher who has been “instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.” We could go on for hours, but we’re going to share a few “notable miracles” (new and old) from our treasure chest which have NO NATURAL EXPLANATION! These are supernatural miracles, and to God be all the glory!
  1. Move to WV and David L.
  2. Burt F. on San Jose bridge—SAVED BY GRACE!
  3. Meet Tom at retreat, Arlington House, groceries delivered
  4. **Tom’s** “judge’s shoes”

5. My “prophet’s shoes” (Dary)
6. Tom’s first trip to DR
7. Pedro in Mexico

#### IV. CONCLUSION

- A. Stand in awe, fall down and worship, praise and extol the GREAT KING OVER ALL THE EARTH!
- B. **Ps. 150:1-6:** <sup>1</sup>**Praise the LORD.** *Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.* <sup>2</sup>*Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.* <sup>3</sup>*Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre,* <sup>4</sup>*praise Him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute,* <sup>5</sup>*praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.* <sup>6</sup>**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.** *Praise the LORD.*