

Who Made It?

An Article About Intelligent Design



Sir Isaac Newton had a friend who, like himself, was a great scientist, BUT he was an infidel, while Newton was a devout believer, and they often locked horns over this question, though their mutual interest in science drew them much together. Newton had a skillful mechanic make him a replica of our solar system in miniature. In the center was a large gilded ball representing the sun, and revolving around this were smaller balls fixed on the ends of arms of varying lengths, representing Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, in their proper order. These balls were so geared together by cogs and belts as to move in perfect harmony by turning the crank.

One day, as Newton sat reading in his study with his mechanism on a large table near him, his friend stepped in. He was scientist enough to recognize at a glance what was before him. Stepping up to it he slowly turned the crank, and with undisguised admiration watched the heavenly bodies all move in their relative speed in their orbits. Standing off a few feet, he exclaimed, "My! What an exquisite thing this is! Who made it?"

Without looking up from his book, Newton answered, "Nobody!" Quickly turning to Newton the infidel said: "Evidently you did not understand my question. I asked who made this thing?" Looking up, Newton solemnly assured him that nobody had made it but that the aggregation of matter so much admired had just happened to assume the form it was in. But the astonished infidel replied with some heat, "You must think I'm a fool! Of course somebody made it, and he is a genius, and I'd like to know who he is."

Laying his book aside, Newton arose and laid a hand on his friend's shoulder and said: "This thing is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you know, and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer and maker; yet you profess to believe that the great original from which the design is taken has come into being without either designer or maker! Now tell me by what sort of reasoning do you reach such incongruous conclusion?" The infidel was at once convinced and became a firm believer that "Jehovah, He is the God." [I Kings 18:39]

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." [Genesis 1:1]

"And God made two great lights; . . . He made the stars also." [Genesis 1:16]

"The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed dry land." [Psalm 95:5]

"Happy is He . . . whose hope is in the Lord his God, which made heaven

and earth the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth forever.” [Psalm 146:5,6]

“And Jonah said, . . . I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which made the sea and the dry land.” [Jonah 1:9]

“All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the Life was the Light of men .” [John 1:3,4]

“God that made the world and all things herein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands . . . but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent, because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.” [Acts 17:24-31]

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” [John 3:36]
