

FOOTPRINTS OF GOD IN CREATION

Introduction Acts 14 : 15-17: "God hath not left Himself without witness."

Though God has not revealed Himself to our senses; for we cannot see Him, or hear Him, or touch Him, He has not left us to grope blindly in confusion and doubt, without any evidence of His existence.

The writer of the well-known book "Steps to Christ", puts it this way: "God never asks us to believe without giving sufficient evidence upon which to base our faith. His existence, His character, the truthfulness of His Word, are all established by testimony that appeals to our reason, and this testimony is abundant." (p 105)

What are some of these evidences of God's existence, and where do we find them?

In this lesson we will study three of the plainest evidences for God, which we will call "Footprints of God in Creation". These evidences are readily available to every man who is willing to use his eyes, ears and rational powers.

Discussion 1.—FOOTPRINTS OF GOD IN THE EARTH

Job 12 : 7-10: "Ask now the beasts, the fowls, the earth, and the fishes and they shall teach thee."

Matt. 6 : 28, 29: "Consider the lilies of the field."

Rom. 1 : 19, 20: "The invisible things of God may be understood by the visible things which He has made."

All around us, in earth and sea and sky, there are countless evidences of order, beauty, accuracy, adaptation and intelligent planning. Consider these marvels of creative design: The beauty and perfume of the flowers. Snowflake crystals. A butterfly's wing. A spider's web. A bird's feather. A cob of corn. The marvellous instincts and mechanisms of the honey-bee. The annual miracle of bird migration. The bat's ingenious "radar" system.

(See Chart No. 1—Creation Speaks of God)

Now let us ask: Could these wonders of creation have made themselves?

2.—FOOTPRINTS OF GOD IN THE HEAVENS

Ps. 19 : 1: "The heavens declare the glory of God."

Gen. 15 : 5: "Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars."

Neh. 9 : 6: "Thou hast made the heavens, and Thou preservest them all."

Isa. 40 : 26: "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things."

In the heavens above us there are the same evidences of pattern, order, beauty, accuracy and apparent purpose which we see in our own world—only magnified to a breath-taking degree. Consider these wonders of the starry heavens: The enormous sizes, weights, speeds, numbers, distances and temperatures of the billions of planets and stars. The precise calculation and co-ordination of their weights, motions, speeds, temperatures and orbits. The fine balancing of attractions and repulsions. The split-second timing. The perfect synchronisation. The clock-like regularity. All maintained in a state of harmony by constantly-operating laws and controls.

Now let us ask again: Could these marvels of creation have made themselves?

3.—FOOTPRINTS OF GOD IN OUR BODIES

Exodus 4 : 11: "Who hath made man's mouth? Have not I the Lord?"

Ps. 94 : 9: "He that planted the ear, shall He not hear?"

Ps. 94 : 9: "He that formed the eye, shall He not see?"

Ps. 139 : 14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."