

## LESSON 2

# The Existence of God

## 2. Evidences

- Objective** : Let pupils get knowledge of the existence of God, and equip them to make aware about sharing it to others.
- Bible Portion** : Isaiah 40:12-31
- Memory Verse** : Isaiah 40:28-29

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to *those who have* no might He increases strength.

### Introduction:

You have already learned some thoughts related to God in the last lesson. Have you ever heard of the atheists who strongly question the existence of God? In between the last two centuries, Prof. A.T. Koor and M.T. Joseph tried to spread atheism in Kerala. Madhavacharyar and his disciples (Charvakas) formed Materialism in India during 14th century. They also could divert the people from reality like western atheists such as Feuerbach, Ingersoll, Karl Marx and Voltaire (2 Tim.2:19). The existence of God cannot be established by reason; but is an experienced reality. Believing in God is not against science and reason. So, let us examine major evidences of the existence of God.

### 1. Order of the Universe

- a. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the works of his hands (Ps. 19:1-3). The universe witnesses the existence of

God. The order, beauty and the perfection of the universe reveals the source of power behind its creation. The Greek philosophers had given the name for universe was 'cosmos' which means the structure which has been perfectly ordered. Suppose you have got a watch (works in order) from an open place and it denotes second, minute, hour, day and date. Can you guess that it is an accidental? Do you believe one saying that the watch is made when some iron bars put together? No one can deny the fact that a power works behind it. The universe is made wonderfully than a mere watch. Let us think of the Milky Way which is a part of vast universe. It has the planets including each and the satellites. They run in the orbits given for them with the force of gravity (Job 9:7-9, 38:31-33). The earth, in its imaginary axis rotates itself and revolves the sun tilting 23½ degree. Consequently, days and nights, seasons and years are resulted orderly. The earth becomes habitable for men. If the system undergoes a minor change, the consequences will be hazardous.

- b) Is the structure of human body wonderful? We can see each other and do works because of the work of the cells in the brain. The eyes are like big cameras. The self ordered lens snaps the colours and works for many hours continually.
- c) The protection of the atmosphere of the earth's surface is wonderful. The air covers the earth in a length of 500 mile like a heavy bag. It burns out comets coming to earth every day. It controls the atmospheric heat and it contains the water vapor for sufficient rain. It has the gases filled for the living beings. The gases are mixed appropriately. This is the handiwork of God.
- d) One who studies the systematic arrangement of universe including the planet, earth, cannot deny the creator. The earth's size, its distance from the sun and the density of population are systematically ordered.

## **II. Testimony of the conscience**

Every human being possesses the understanding of God who is eternal, omnipotent and perfect. So, ethics is inherent in men. One, who believes in God sincerely, will be satisfied with moral conscience.

### **III. Cosmological argument of life and the universe**

Behind everything there is a reason or a cause. It is the scientific law. As we think about the formation of life and the universe, there is a cause. Atheists profess that there is no cause or beginning of the universe. Dr. Oparin, the Russian evolutionist, wrote a book titled 'The Origin of Life' (1953). He admitted that there is an origin of life. The scientists hold the atheistic view raised the arguments related to the origin of heavenly bodies in the form of earth, moon, planets and satellites. They also agreed the origin of the universe. The first cause must be the one who is thoughtful, determined and creative.

### **IV. Teleological Argument of Life and the Universe**

Atom is the smallest part of an element. It contains a nucleus, protons and electrons. From the electrons of a cell to planets in the Milky Way are moving. Science theorizes the fact that a moving thing needs a power behind it. It needs to produce certain new qualities that it did not have earlier. When we think about it, we can come to a conclusion that there is a power who had initiated all the movements is God.

### **V. Gradation Arguments**

All over the universe, we can see a gradation step by step. We evaluate the progress in terms of good, better and the best. This gradation can be seen in goodness, wisdom, power and law making. There is the best in perfection, greatest law maker, and the most powerful one. God is the intellect who has had the above mentioned qualities.

### **VI. Theory of evolution**

The chief device atheists use against the existence of God is the theory of evolution. It was formed with illusions. It has not been proved scientifically. An overall study on this theory is being included in the next lesson.

God cannot be understood with man's knowledge. It needs revelation of God. But one, who keeps a sincere endeavor to find God, can understand God as a reality. Some views related God is beyond reason, but they are not against it. Reason is not the way to God. It is a guide towards the ultimate reality. Religions follow certain superstitions

and mistakes from men. So let us submit ourselves to lead a life based on eternal and omnipotent God.

## **Questions**

1. Assert the fact that the systematic orders of the universe reveal the existence of God?
2. Explain the cosmological argument of life and the universe?
3. Explain the teleological argument of life and the universe?
4. Establish the existence of God with reference to the gradation arguments?
5. Which is the important theory used by atheists against the existence of God?
6. The conscience of man asserts the existence of God. How?