

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

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Let us suppose that I were walking in the woods with an atheist, and we were to come upon a clearing which contained a little cabin, with smoke coming out of its chimney. Suppose that I were to say: "Isn't it strange what we see here? I wonder how it came into existence. There must have been a big wind that knocked over a number of trees, but it is remarkable that they should have happened to fall on top of each other, and to break off at just the same length so as to make the very even walls on the four sides of that cabin. It is even stranger that some of them should have broken into shorter lengths, and should have fallen in such a way as to have left spaces which provided for windows on three sides of the cabin. It is remarkable how the glass got into the windows. There must have been a volcano that poured out the elements and fused them together in such a way as to produce the glass. But how did it happen to be formed into sheets of the right size and thickness, so that it could be seen through, and to get into a proper position to make windows in the spaces left by the logs? Most remarkable of all, I notice that there is a fire in the cabin, and yet the cabin is not burned down. A metal stove is holding the fire in, so that it does not ignite the wood of the cabin. I wonder how that iron came to get into that precise shape to make a stove, and what sort of natural process built the chimney above it, so that the smoke can rise into the air without setting fire to the cabin?"

I am sure that if I were to make such remarks as these to an atheist, he would turn to me and say: "What foolishness you are speaking! It is perfectly evident that someone built the cabin. Some man must have cut down the trees, and sawed them into just the right length to make the walls and to leave spaces for the windows. Someone must have made the glass and the stove. It is perfectly evident that someone built the cabin. Some man must have cut down the trees, and sawed them into just the right length to make the walls and to leave spaces for the windows. Someone must have made the glass and the stove. It is perfectly obvious that human brains were involved in the production of many of the different parts of the cabin."

He would be entirely right in considering that I was talking nonsense. But it is equally nonsensical for him to talk as if this whole universe came into existence purely through the operation of blind chance. To think that the human eye with its marvellously complex features, including more than a million rods and cones, came into existence simply as a result of a purely natural and accidental process, with no mind back of it, is much more absurd than to think that the cabin came into existence simply by logs falling on top of each other after breaking off at just the right length, and that the windows and the stove were made and put in place by purely natural processes without any human mind having been at work.

The Bible declares that the god of this world has blinded people's eyes, lest they should see the truth and should believe in Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 4:4). Surely there was never a greater instance of eyes being blinded than exists today, when so many of our educated people have been brainwashed into believing that there is no Divine mentality which has planned this universe, and which, after establishing it in accordance with a definite pattern, is still controlling in all that occurs.

It is sad indeed that during the past generation so large a portion of the educated classes of America have had instilled into their consciousness, denial of the existence and control of God. Actually it takes far more faith or credulity to believe in the existence and continuance of a universe without God than to believe in any portion of the teachings of the Bible.