

“PUT THINGS RIGHT”

NASA launched Voyager Spacecrafts 1 and 2 in 1977. They continue to make space exploration history on several counts. After sending back stunning pictures of Saturn (1980), Uranus (1986, and Neptune (1989), Voyager 1 escaped the gravitational pull of the Sun, and in 1998, this high-tech machine became the most distant man-made object in space, hurtling into deep space beyond our galaxy. By January 2010 it had traveled 10 billion, 300 million miles from its launching pad. This remarkable contraption has torn through space for some thirty-three years, and it and its onboard investigative instruments are still functioning perfectly. They are expected to thus continue until 2020.

When its cameras sent back the first “close-up” pictures of Neptune and its moons (1989) (as it headed for deep space beyond our galaxy), a number of scientific luminaries gathered to pat themselves on the back for this signal accomplishment. In this context, the late Carl Sagan, renowned scientist (and outspoken Atheist), remarked that, since men have evidenced the ability to put things rightly with such a craft for space, we now need to use the same ingenuity to “put things right [sic] in our own planet.” We heartily agree that if men used their brains as much on spiritual, moral, social, and political problems as they do on scientific and technological challenges, our world would be much better off. Sagan’s statement is most curious, however, given his atheistic perspective.

First, it shall forever remain incomprehensible to rational and realistic thinkers how “brilliant” scientists can reject the argument from design for the existence of God. Sagan knew (and his blaspheming buddies know) that it takes all of the inventive, planning, and designing (to say nothing of the manufacturing) capabilities of many brilliant minds to fashion even relatively simple spacecraft like the Voyagers. Each of these crafts has approximately 65,000 parts (some of which themselves have integral sub-parts), all of which must work in absolute harmony and with amazing precision for the whole to function.

None of these self-congratulating “brains” would be so stupid as to suggest that such a machine just “happened” with no designer(s), no design, and no planning. And yet, these same men will look at the vast universe, millions of times more complex than the little Voyagers, and say it had no designer or planner—it just happened by some freak, cosmic “accident.” requiring neither designer or design. Were it not for the precision with which the heavenly bodies operate, allowing the scientists’ trust utterly in their positions and their behavior, there could be no missions into space. Scientists freely acknowledge the necessity of designer and design for the simple, while denying it for the unfathomably complex. Verily, there is no fuller demonstration of blind, irrational prejudice than this conclusion. It rests firmly upon the twin a priori assumptions of accepting of evolutionary theory as fact and denial of the existence of God.

Second, upon what grounds does an Atheist talk about “right” and (implied), “wrong”? If God does not exist and the Bible is not His Word (basic assumptions of every Atheist, Secular Humanist, and Postmodernist), there is no real standard of right and wrong. In fact, to speak of a “standard” in the realm of ethics and morals is nonsense. All such ethical and moral “values” are merely subjective opinions shaped by “culture,” existing only in the fallible and fickle minds and emotions of men who hold them. Sagan had (and his surviving cohorts have) no basis (except personal subjective prejudices) upon which to say that murder, rape, and theft are “wrong” and that respecting the rights of the person and property of others is “right.” For all they know, incest, pedophilia, genocide, and cannibalism are “good,” and it is only because of their biases (or perhaps because they have been the victims of such behaviors!) that they call them “evil.”

Sagan should have kept his mouth shut about “putting things right” on planet earth until he acknowledged the only possible objective and true basis upon which “right” and “wrong” can be determined—existence of the eternal, true, and living God, the Designer and Creator of all things: “For every house is builded by some one; but he that built all things is God” (Heb. 3:4). Atheistic scientists agree as one with the first clause of the passage above. Yet their worship of self and theoretical “science” makes them deny the equally-true (and rational) conclusion of the second clause. If Sagan had been sincere in wanting to “put things right” on earth, he would have had to start by acknowledging God as Creator and Designer and by respecting His infallible Word. While it is certain that Dr. Sagan is now a believer in God, we genuinely regret that his “conversion” came too late to help him at the Judgment—the moment he died in 1996.

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