

Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of his hands.

Part 1: The Rocks Cry Out

Today we are going to be talking about thoughts, our thoughts and God's thoughts.

Today I thought of a color that doesn't exist... but then I realized it was just a pigment of my imagination.

We should give thanks to the mathematicians who discovered the idea of zero... Thanks for nothing.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, His triumphal entry into Jerusalem before His crucifixion.

Luke 19:28 When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. 31 And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.' " 32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him." 35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying: " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Jesus said that if His disciples keep silent, the rocks will cry out. Since Jesus' resurrection His disciples in Europe and then in the USA have been speaking His message, but today they have become more silent. These nations are filled with disciples of scientism, the belief that science has the answer for everything. These are some of the people who are tearing apart rocks to find out how they are made. And I intend to show you today, that the rocks are crying out that they have a creator. The way that they are made cries out.

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.

God first spoke to humans through His created world. God walked with Enoch. God spoke to humans and they wrote it down. He told Noah to build an ark. He told Abram, "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Then God had Moses write the first 5 books of what we now call the Bible. Finally He spoke to us in His son Jesus who came to die for us, the entire human race of us.

In addition to the Bible, God's revelation of Himself in His creation is increasing with time as scientists look into the atoms that are the building blocks of the rocks of our world. The stones are crying out. *Rom 1:19 what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 **For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead,** so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,*

First we need to understand the difference between God and His creation. *John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.* God's creation is the physical world including us. Then there is God who is beyond this physical world. He is always at work interacting with this world, because He loves us. So we have spiritual and physical realms. Philosophers call the spiritual, the metaphysical, meaning beyond physical. Metaphysical can also be thought of that which explains the physical. You see your physical car and the engineer explains metaphysics of why it was made that way. Spiritual explains the physical as Jesus explained to Nicodemus.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

What I want to show you today is that the composition of rocks cry out in the physical world, that they have been created in God's spiritual world which philosophers call metaphysical meaning beyond physical.

Let's think about this spiritual, beyond physical, world. *2 Timothy 1:9 NKJV God has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,*

God had a purpose. Does God's purpose reside in this physical world? No. You can't give me two pounds of purpose. Where does that purpose reside? In the mind of God. *Romans 11:34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Particularly the mind of the Lord before time began.*

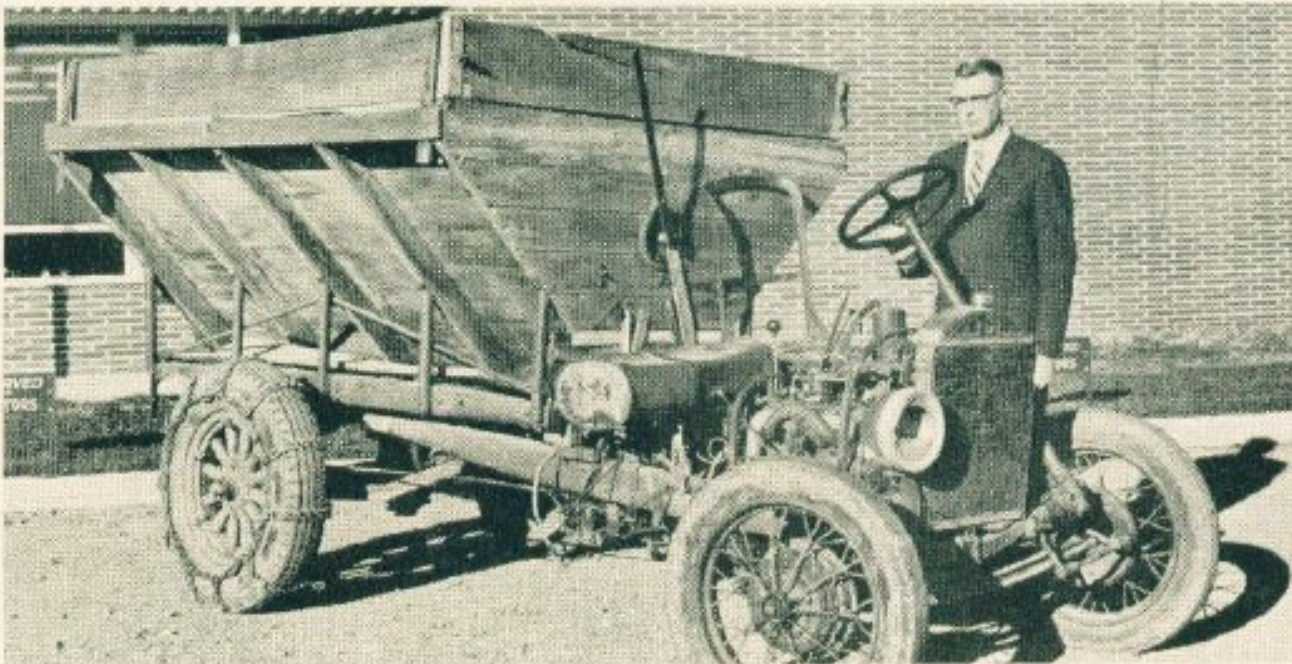
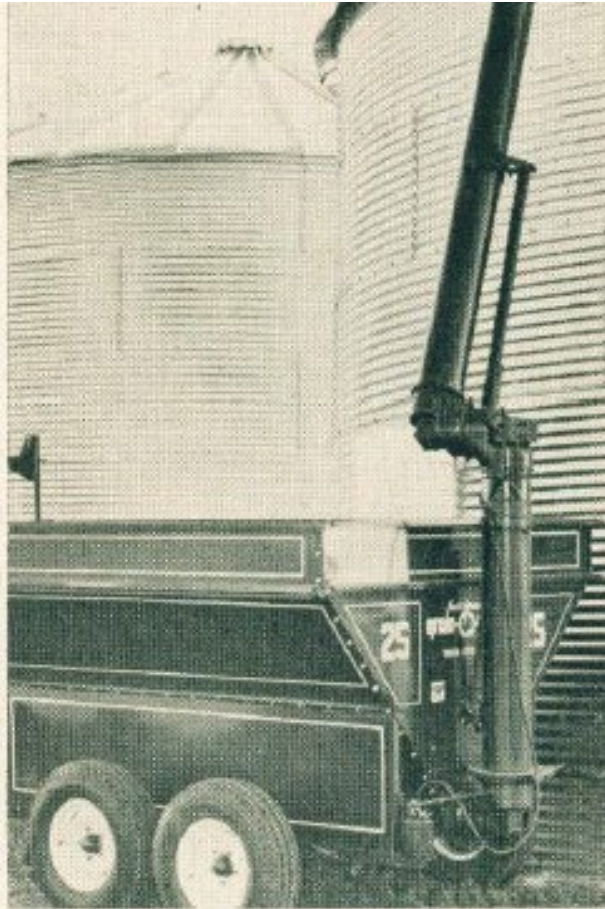
Let's talk about thoughts and the mind. Thank those mathematicians for nothing. Think about it-- our entire, communication system runs on ones and zeroes, a one and a nothing. So we can think about nothing, as if it is something. Thoughts are beyond this physical world. Let's take a word, LOVE. Does someone love you? Do you feel love in your emotions when they touch and talk to you in kindness? Does the word "love" on a paper capture that feeling? Is that love more than the endorphins your body produces, when receiving love? Love is a thought that is somehow in our mind, not just our brain cells. We have a spiritual side, a side beyond the physical.

Let's look at creative thought. My dad shoveled grain on for years on the farm as a teenager. Then he had a thought. He an old model-A, he knew about augers, he knew how to weld. He even had a name. Grain-O-Vator. Grain Elevator. The idea was in his head and he started off. He made the first one. Then he made the production variety.



At right is one of the 22 models of the 1963 Grain-O-Vator line of self-unloading wagons produced by North American Manufacturing Co. of Sioux City.

Below is Elmer K. Hansen, founder of North American Manufacturing Co., with his original hand-made version of the now-famous Grain-O-Vator. The company has been established since 1941 and this year entered the industrial field with a compact fork lift truck.



Very soon others in the company were worried that the intellectual assets of the company (namely their job) were walking around in the back pocket of one man, who knew what the sketches and dimensions in the notepad in his back pocket meant. So, a draftsman was hired to properly take the design in the head of my father and the notepad and put it into drawings any machinist could understand. Thought to drawings to a real physical product.

Metaphysical to physical.

Thought is more than an arrangement of molecules in the brain. Just as the action of love is more than the letters on a page or the vibrations of sound in the air. Physical matter, a neuron firing in the brain, is not invested with creative power. Now, let's look at God's thoughts and creation of the world.

Time – Eternity

Isaiah 57:15 “For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity...” God inhabits a dimension outside of this our created world. ***Revelation 1:8*** “***I am the Alpha and the Omega... who is and who was and who is to come.***” We call knowing things before the world exists, God's foreknowledge. God was thinking about things He would create.

1 Peter 1:20 “Jesus indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.” ***Ephesians 1:4*** “***He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.***”

Purpose

God had thoughts of Jesus and you before the world. Let that sink in. These thoughts are metaphysical, beyond the physical world. God's spiritual thoughts were of His purpose. *2 Timothy 1:9 NKJV* who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

We must understand God's purpose for us, because it is the reason He created us. Understanding in our spirit His purpose, takes His purpose from the beyond physical (spiritual) world into the physical world. We manifest His spiritual purpose for us in the physical world.

?? God had a plan for us and for Jesus. God had a sort of 4-D picture in His mind of His purposes for us. 3-D in space and 1-D in time. Then He thought of how He would make that. He used basic pieces, think Lego blocks.

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV) “***By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.***”

Our thoughts in the spiritual world are the basis for all that we create. Good that comes from God or evil that comes from the schemes of Satan. God's thoughts in the spiritual world directed the creation of a physical world.

Isaiah 48:12–13 “I am He; I am the first, I am also the last. My hand laid the foundation of the earth...”

Revelation 13:8 — the Lamb “slain from the foundation of the world”

As a boy who liked math and science, I was taught that everything was programmed just like a computer. That my thoughts were simply molecules moving around in my brain

causing me to do things. This was what the materialistic kind of science told me. But things did not just add up. Because, I was missing the spiritual dimension.

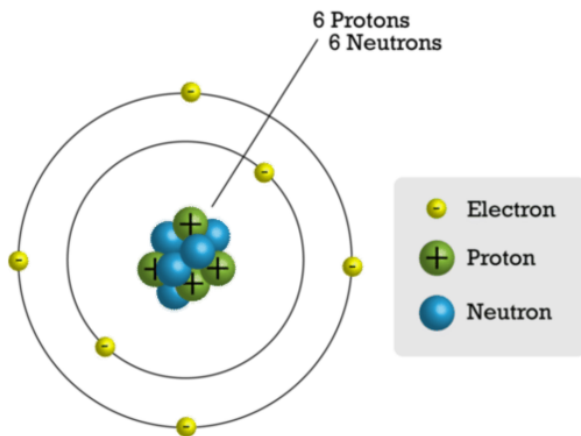
Math

John 1:1–3 “In the beginning was the Word... All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

The Word was about to make the physical world. First it required Math. Did people create math? No. People discovered the math God had already created. **“the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”** Math is not visible, but once the physical world was created, Math was an open book. Although it still has many puzzles still unsolved, God made our minds able to understand what He had done. That is part of what it means to be created in the image of God.

Every designer, architect or engineer knows that things are first designed as a thought. Math, just like thought, exists before the creation. Thought has no physical existence. Just as a design has no physical existence until it is written on a piece of paper. Then it is still not the real thing until it is created physically.

God would create what we call 3-D space and time, and within that space He created physical matter.



But before He created the physical Lego pieces, He had another problem to solve. We know this from **Col 1:17 “in him all things hold together”**.

Then if you make physical matter, how do you make it stay together and stay apart at the same time. I mean the nucleus of protons which are positively charged are pushing each other away, yet they hold

together. And electrons on the periphery which are negatively charged being pulled toward the positive nucleus yet circle the periphery. The protons should fly apart and the electrons would fall into the nucleus. But they don't.

There are forces to hold everything together. We know nothing about what these forces are, we just know how they work.

1. Electromagnetic force constant (attractive and repulsive force, like magnets) — If it were much stronger or weaker, we wouldn't have stable chemistry (less than 1%)
2. Strong nuclear force constant (small-scale attractive force, holds nuclei of atoms together, which otherwise repulse each other because of the electromagnetic force) — if it were weaker, the universe would have no carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, silicon iron, nothing but hydrogen, eliminating the chemistry of life. (less than 1%)
3. Weak nuclear force constant (governs radioactive decay which governs the rate at which our sun burns fuel) — if it were much stronger or weaker, our sun would cook the earth or not shine at all. (less than 1%) ??

The atomic elements of this universe hold together because of forces God created. **Col 1:17 “in him all things hold together”**.

Remember the “rocks” include all the physical matter in the universe!!

https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Fine-tuned_universe (Maybe identify scientist just a bit)

This is what **stones crying out** sounds like.

Scientists are slowly waking up to an inconvenient truth - the universe looks suspiciously like a fix. Paul Davies

“To get our universe, with all of its potential for complexities or any kind of potential for any kind of life form, everything has to be precisely defined on this knife edge of improbability.” Francis Collins former atheist who was part of the human genome project.

Richard Dawkins an outspoken atheist admitted fine-tuning is “the most troubling argument for nonbelievers to counter.”

Stephen Hawking a well known physicist and atheist said. "The values of these numbers seem to have been very finely adjusted to make possible the development of life."

"The laws of science, as we know them at present, contain many fundamental numbers, like the size of electric charge of the electron and the ratio of the masses of the proton and the electron. The remarkable fact is that the values of these numbers seem to have been finely adjusted to make possible the development of life." so says Martin Rees, worked in astrophysics concerning the discoveries of neutron stars and black holes.

Fred Hoyle was a nuclear astro physicist discovered how carbon can be formed. This is what he wrote about that discovery. -- Would you not say to yourself, "Some super-calculating intellect must have designed the properties of the carbon atom, otherwise the chance of my finding such an atom through the blind forces of nature would be utterly minuscule. A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a superintellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as with chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature. The numbers one calculates from the facts seem to me so overwhelming as to put this conclusion almost beyond question."

As we survey all the evidence, the thought insistently arises that some supernatural agency - or, rather, Agency - must be involved. Is it possible that suddenly, without intending to, we have stumbled upon scientific proof of the existence of a Supreme Being? Was it God who stepped in and so providentially crafted the cosmos for our benefit? George Greenstein astro physicist who said, "Ask a new question and you will learn new things." He had a curiosity and belief in the interconnectedness of life and the universe.

The physicists are getting down to the nitty-gritty, they've really just about pared things down to the ultimate details, and the last thing they ever expected to happen is happening. God is showing through. John Updike is a novelist reflecting on science.

Col 1:17 “in him all things hold together”. The entire universe is being held together by Christ. All the atoms in your body are being held together by Christ. The rocks of this world are held together by Christ. The very insides of the rocks are crying out tell us that the very good reason to believe that God created us and all the rest.

This century we are without excuse – discovery after discovery makes this Truth evident.

This is the first step for a person. To believe that there is a God who had a purpose to create them. We are not a random accident. You were in the mind of the Almighty God before time began. He fashioned you to display His wonder.

The history in the Bible tells us *1 Tim 2:3 God our Savior (has a desire for you and) all men to be saved and to **come to the knowledge of the truth***. What truth is that. First the God knows everything about us even down to our deepest thoughts. *Hebrews 4:13 And there is **no creature hidden** from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account*. He knows everything about us, our hidden thoughts and hidden sins. Yet God loves us enough to restore our relationship with Him through Jesus' death on the cross. We know our thoughts and actions and we know how we are out of relationship with God. Yet He loves us even in the midst of our sin.

History also tells us that Jesus died on a cross on Good Friday. *Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*. You know He died for you.

Just as Jesus holds your physical body together, He wants to come in and put the out of fellowship broken pieces of your life together so that you can have a relationship with Him and with all those around you.

Next Jesus asked this question, *John 4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."*

Let me ask a question: Is this Jesus who makes an offer of living water—from heaven or was it just man's story? Who do you say this Jesus is? You sense even now that He is the one who can hold your life together.

Are you willing to move from acknowledging that He exists, to receiving Him as Lord of your life?

Evidence is abundant, The question to you today is Why did you not believe Him? He says *John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*"