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Eight years ago, this author published a challenge in his BIBLEMATHEMATICS website which attracted many critics and skeptics. The title of the challenge is "Three Unanswerable Basic Questions for Infidels, Skeptics and Critics" or "3Q Challenge." The challenge has been expressed as follows:

Mind-blowing Questions for Pseudo-intellectuals:

- 1. How do you know that you really know what you pretend to know?*
- 2. Why is there something (or order) rather than nothing at all (or chaos right now)?*
- 3. What are your reasons behind your belief that truth is more preferable than deception, right is better than wrong, and good is higher than evil?*

The above three questions (3Q) which represent the three major fields of study in philosophy are unanswerable. They cannot be answered by any skeptics, agnostics, atheists, mystics, and infidels, no matter how cute and smart they are! They can only answer the 3Q if and only if they will first assumed the truth of God who revealed the Bible.

I challenge anyone who claimed to be in his or her sane mind even though they do not believe the truth of Christianity to answer the 3Q. I will publish his or her answers with my refutations unless he or she requested me not to do so. I will not publish those answers which assumed Scriptural truth.

The following are the names of those who try to answer the 3Q, click the name to read the answer with my reply:

N - O - N - E

Many infidels, skeptics and critics have indeed attempted to "answer" the three questions (3Q) but none of them came up with any substantial answer that's why this author ignored them all. Either their answers were mere assertion of their blind faith to unbelief or their answers included inconsistent assumption from Bible truth. In either case, the so-called answer is disqualified for publication. But there is one infidel who is persistent enough to display his "answer" which he published in a forum or on-line discussion board. [In this internet forum, this author participated for a long time on the question of the meaning of life. The collision of two ultimate worldviews (Biblical and Non-biblical) will be clearly seen in the exchanges between this author (with other Christian apologists such as Josh McDowell) against the infidels, unbelieving "free"-thinkers, mystics,

skeptics, religionists, New-Agers, critics, etc. This writer compiled the discussions in an e-book entitled "The Meaning of Life". Visit either <http://www.scribd.com/perixmind> or <http://thebibleformula.webs.com>] *This author intentionally ignored it but the infidel published again his "answer" insisting that the 3Q Challenge has already been answered. The infidel wrote the following:*

Periander, I notice that you still claim on your website that no one has tried to answer your "three unanswerable questions". I'm sure that a good Christian like yourself wouldn't lie, so I must conclude that you haven't seen my response here. To save you the trouble of looking for it, I repeat it here:

Periander, I came across this challenge on your website. These are good and fair questions, and I gave them a shot. I expect that we will get deeper into them if you care to respond.

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I use two criteria: self-consistency, and consistency with sense-data. That is, those things that fit with the other things that I "know" I consider more probable than those things that do not fit; and those things that accord with what I experience I consider more probable than those things that do not accord with my experience. In accordance with the scientific method, all knowledge is provisional. I place very high confidence in some propositions, and lesser amounts in others; and there are some statements that I do not pretend to be able to evaluate the truth value of.

There are fundamental questions about the reliability of sense data and the nature of logic which I will go into if need be, but keep in mind that a believer's knowledge of the Bible is through the senses and his understanding is mediated by logic, so if they are unreliable for me they are unreliable for you too.

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The moral sense is part of human nature. As a human, I will of necessity think that what I apprehend as "right" is better than what I apprehend as "wrong". The process by which we assign actions their moral values is partly instinctive, partly learned, and subject to individual variation. No two people, including Biblical figures, have ever had precisely the same moral codes; and everyone's moral code changes over his/her life to some extent. There is no reason to suppose that there is a divinely mandated moral code. The elements common to nearly all societies and religions are inspired by our social instincts.

"c. good is higher than evil?"

See above. In what sense are you differentiating between 'right' and 'good', or between 'wrong' and 'evil'?

"The above three questions...are unanswerable."

Clearly, that is not the case. You have answers, I have answers. It may, however, be impossible for us to identify for sure which answer is correct. I do maintain that we can make some judgments as to which of them is more likely to be correct.

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Now I'm blushing.

"They can only answer the [questions] if and only if they will first assume the truth of God who revealed the Bible."

You do understand, of course, that assuming the answers to questions is a technique that anyone can use. A Hindu has assumed different answers to the above than you have; how is one to decide whose assumptions are correct? But please show us how your answers are better than mine.

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I do claim to be sane. Feel free to publish my answers with whatever refutations you see fit.

Because it has been published in a renowned forum, this author decided to refute it not only for the benefit of this infidel but also of many infidels like him who joined the forum. The refutation received no formal reply from infidels which proved that the 3Q Challenge is really unanswerable. It has only been ridiculed as nothing but an expression of Biblicist, Fundamentalist, or Judeo-Christian thinking. Thus, the 3Q Challenge remained unanswerable until this day.

You did not offer any true answer to my 3Q Challenge that's why I ignore it. You are unaware that you merely deepened and reproduced your problems. You merely raised further questions by your "answer" to the three unanswerable basic questions for infidels, skeptics and critics. You did not think enough to understand the 3Q Challenge, let alone to answer them. Below are your so-called answers which can be found inside the brackets without omission or addition. My demonstration that they are not answer at all follows which begins with P.E. and ends with *****.

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P.E. – Basically, your criteria of knowledge are logic and sense-experience. These represent, if you know, two epistemological theories respectively: coherence theory of the rationalists and correspondence theory of the empiricists which are contradicting one another in the intellectual history. The problems raised by each theory against one another are now your problems. How can you really know self-consistency and consistency with sense data which you pretend you know as your criteria? How can you really know that a certain belief is consistent or not? As Ludwig Wittgenstein has pointed out, any system of false beliefs can also be self-consistent. "Consistent-in-itself" criterion does not even warrant logical validity. Any competing systems can also be self-consistent thus there can be more than one fully coherent system. Which of them, among those contrary systems, is really true? You did not know at all. They cannot be all true for they are contradicting each other even though they are all "self-consistent" and "consistent with sense data" as interpreted by their own ultimate presuppositions and thus your "self-consistency and consistency with sense data" cannot adjudicate which of them is true. The meaning of self-consistency and consistency with sense data varies from one belief-system to another depending upon its presuppositions. All the sense data can easily fit in any self-consistent system as interpreted by its assumptions but, as Kurt Godel has proved, any logical system contains questions which cannot be proved or disproved within that system by using its axioms. This merely points to the fact that there can be more than one true system, if and only if self-consistency and consistency with sense-data will served as the criteria, which contradicting each other thus canceling out the consistency itself. In other words, to use self-consistency and consistency with sense data as means of knowing what you know is self-defeating and thus you don't really know what you pretend you know in the final analysis. If you will now use your sense-experience with reiteration, how can you really know that you

have indeed an access to “facts” which you pretend you know through sense-experience? How can you really know that your sense-experience is reliable which you pretend you know? How can you really know that your sense-experience can really provide a link between your ideas and the reality outside of yourself which you pretend you know? How can you know that you really know that your interpretation of your sense experience is indeed true which you pretend you know? Your “answers” raised many Hume-like and Kant-like considerations which you will have no answer at all thus your egomaniacal, egotistic boast of “answers” to my 3Q Challenge merely begat myriads of questions and problems. You cannot really make your personal experience in particular and human experience in general as your ultimate criterion, adequate test, inerrant standard, and final authority of all truth. It is so obvious to those who really know. You used your experience as a means of knowing the truth but the truth does not originally reside in your experiences. You used your experience as your means of understanding the truth but the interpretation of truth will not be found in your experience. Your experience is not the source of truth; it is not even self-interpreting. You must have some basis how to know whether your interpretation of your experience is true or false, right or wrong, truth or deception, etc. You cannot experience all things, you cannot experience nothing, you can only experience something and that something must be define in order to distinguish it from what it is not so that you can understand it. You cannot look into a bark of a dead tree and said that it is a living dog which barks at you unless you are just lying, joking, have an illusion, etc. You cannot look to yourself through a mirror and said that you are really President Bush who does not beat around the bush, let alone the God of gods, unless you have delusion, delirium or you are insane, demon-possessed, demented egomaniac, illogical fool, etc. In any case, experience must be interpreted correctly. Your interpretation of your experience may not be always true. Your own experience is meaningless unless you interpret it in the context of what you consider you know based on your belief system, paradigm, memes, presupposition, framework, and philosophy of life. Of course, your present posteriori knowledge has also been introduced to you through, or you based it on, your previous experiences which you have also interpreted by what you “know” at that act of consciousness in the context of your belief system, etc. Without doubt, it is a cycle of knowledge-belief-

experience inside the circularity of your conceptual framework of heart-commitment which forms a long chain of reaction as long as you live by interacting in the world in which you live. But the question that you must answer is: what is your basis of understanding your personal experience with self-consistency which is consistent with sense data? How can you know that your framework of interpretation, criteria or adequate test for truth are not false, wrong, or deceived? You contradict your very criteria by believing what your experience rejects. It is an expression of inconsistency to believe in self-consistency and consistency with sense data as your criteria which presupposed Bible truth which you assumed in order to live and at the same time your worldview does not allow consistency to exist as such because of your infidelity to God and His Word. You believed that you are a product of an explosion from nothing that evolved from an impersonal matter through a long period of time by chance. No reason, no truth, no law, no hope, no good, no love, no right, no certainty, and no consistency. You have no category sufficient to treat machine as machine, nature as nature, animal as animal, and man as man. You have no adequate universal that will give meaning to the particulars. Your worldview left you nothing but absurdity as Jean-Paul Sartre have pointed out: "If you have a finite point and it has no infinite reference point, then that finite point is absurd." Your coherent, correspondent and pragmatic choices have no reference point beyond human egomaniacal egotism. You know that you can do what you want to do as circumstance and situation allows but you never do it because you voluntarily limit yourself. There is a "want" and there is a "need". You consciously imposed self-limitation on what is possible. You just don't take what you need and do what you want. Form and freedom must not be separated. Reason and knowledge must not be separated. You know that not everything you can do is the right thing to do. You know that you must use self-consistency and consistency with sense data as your criteria of truth. You know that you must choose consistency instead of inconsistency. But that is the very question: How do you know that you really know what you pretend you know? You have no answer. Your very criteria were annihilated by your own belief system. You do not know that you really know what you pretend you know. You merely assumed with no rational basis whatsoever that you really know what you know. You do not know that you really know what you pretend to know using self-consistency and consistency with sense

data as your criteria for you admit at the outset that your knowledge is provisional and merely probable with no absolute certainty for you have no absolute standard to base upon. Assumption of an existence of consistency is not synonymous with knowledge. It might be a true belief but not knowledge in the epistemological sense. How do you know that self-consistency and consistency with sense data are really your criteria which you used for knowing what you claimed you know? How do you know that there is indeed such abstract “thing” which exists called consistency? How do you know that you really know what you pretend you know? You have not really answered the first question so are the remaining two questions as you will see. *****

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P.E. – You start your “answer” to the second question with the words “I don’t know” which self-refute the answer you provide for the first question. You never provide a real answer to this question for you admit that this is meaningless to your belief-system or paradigm. I know that you have never studied the Big bang theory for you do not know the “reasons” for believing it. Let me give you a brief overview with a thorough refutation of this cosmic evolution theory that you have accepted by blind faith with no reason at all. The Big bang theoreticians gave us only four key observations as supporting evidence for its occurrence. The first is the so-called cosmic background black body radiation which is supposed to be light from their primordial fireball red-shifted down to long wavelengths of low intensity. The second is the abundance of helium which is supposed to be the remnant of the nuclear processes from “the first three minutes” before the formation of stars. The third is the so-called Hubble’s red shift relationship with galaxy velocity which is supposed to mean that the pair of galaxy were close together in the past at the same time in an expanding universe. And the fourth is the radioactive isotopes which are supposed to indicate that the age of

our galaxy is about 10-20 billion years (the “calculated” age of expanding universe). All of these so-called evidences do not require Big bang at all for their explanation. In fact, they can only be adequately explained by the Creation science: the anisotropic nature of the background radiation in the inhomogeneous universe and its horizon problem, the transformation of helium from the hydrogen fuel of stars and its distribution as a supernova by explosion, the explanations of the red shifts between associated galaxies involving gravity, photon interaction and second-order Doppler effect, the problems and false assumptions of present radioisotope dating demonstrated by latest experiments, the curvilinear motions of the stars and galaxies, the nonuniformity observed in the scattering of agglomeration of matter and empty spaces, the impossibility of star formation from clouds of gas, the accumulation of matter to form stars and galaxies, the absurdity of explosion from the squeezed nothingness, and the design and order of the cosmos. These are just some of the established facts which thoroughly refute the Big bang theory. There is no adequate time for even this theory to occur. Those evolutionary ages given by the evolutionists are all inaccurate. Pb-206/U-238, Pb-207/U-235, Pb-208/Th-232, and Sr-87/Sr-86 all give discordant ages. The radioisotope dating has many false assumptions: constant decay rate (uniformitarianism), no loss or gain of parent material or daughter material (no world-restructuring catastrophe), known original quantity of daughter material (no supernatural creation), and an old earth (evolutionary age). All natural phenomena indicates a young earth and universe: rapid rate of inflow of aluminum, antimony, barium, bicarbonate, bismuth, calcium, carbonates, chlorine, chromium, cobalt, copper, gold, iron, lead, lithium, manganese, magnesium, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, potassium, rubidium, silicon, silver, sodium, strontium, sulfate, tin, titanium, tungsten, uranium, and zinc into Earth’s oceans from rivers, rapid rate of leaching of calcium, chlorine, and sodium from Earth’s continents, rapid decay of short-period and long-period comets, lines of galaxies, Earth’s magnetic field, natural plutonium, potassium with entrapped argon, uranium with initial “radiogenic” lead, natural remanent paleomagnetism, and carbon-14 in Precambrian wood, influx of radiocarbon to the earth system, of juvenile water to oceans, of magma from mantle to form crust, of sediment to the ocean via rivers, and of small particles to the sun, efflux of helium-4 into the atmosphere and of oil from traps by fluid pressure, formation of

radiogenic lead and radiogenic strontium by neutron capture, formation carbon-14 on meteorites, rapid rate of growth of active coral reefs, of river deltas, of oldest living part of Earth's biosphere, and of human population, existence of volcano on moon of Jupiter (Io), of escaping methane from Titan, of very large stars, of helium in hot rocks (zircon crystals), of lead in zircon crystals in deep granite cores, and of significant instability of Saturn's rings, accumulation of dust on the moon, of calcareous ooze on sea floor, and of sediments for Earth's sedimentary rocks, extinction of interplanetary dust due to stellar radiation, rapid rate of cooling of Earth by heat efflux, of soil and rock erosion of Earth's continents, of change of moon's distance from earth, of submarine oil seepage into oceans, of lithification of sediments to form sedimentary rocks, of shrinking of the sun's diameter, lack of proof for the existence of field-galaxies, low mass of well-isolated groups or clusters of stars, deceleration of earth by tidal friction, expanding interstellar gas, maximum life of meteor showers, etc., etc. Cosmic, biochemical and biological evolution cannot occur in time. Used your own criteria of self-consistency and consistency with sense data and it will refute your belief to evolution: explosion always produces disorder, non-living things cannot produce living things, and mindless chance is impossible to produce intelligent laws. Evolutionary theories are indeed unscientific and illogical. It is admitted by all evolutionists that there are missing links in the evolution of man. There are missing links for there are no such links at all in the fossil record (historical/origin science) and even in the observable phenomena of today (empirical/operational science). These so-called missing links were just invented by fanatically bigoted evolutionists to supply their Bible-rejecting theory with imaginary evidence that does not exist for until now they are still looking in vain for such "links" to fill up the existing clear-cut gaps between primitive plants and modern plants, between eukaryotes and prokaryotes, between unicellular organisms and multicellular animals, between invertebrates and fish, between fish and amphibians, between amphibians and reptiles, between reptiles and mammals, between land mammals and sea mammals, between non-flying mammals and bats, between apes and human beings. There is no such thing as ape-man. Apes are always apes, men are always men but there is no ape-man: hoax – Piltdown man, pig's tooth – Nebraska man, lost – Peking man, composite of man and gibbon – Java man, diseased man – Neanderthal, etc. But man "devolve" into

a brute beast when he rejects the God who created him in His image as revealed by the Bible truth: "Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish" (Psalms 49:20). "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. But these, as natural brute beasts made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not, and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;" (II Peter 2:9-12). Even though there is no evidence for the evolution "theory," the evolutionists still faithfully based their ideas of evolution in the "geologic column" which they invented to support their religious contention. It is nothing but based on the fallacious reasoning of circularity. They based the fossil "sequences" on the geologic "ages", the geologic "ages" on fossil "evolutionary stages", and the fossil "evolutionary stages" on the fossil "sequences". Thus, evolutionists today, if you do not know, were academically divided into two camps of monkey-man: the Dawkinians (neo-Darwinists) who believed in the slow, gradual evolutionary change, and the Gouldians (Punctuated-equilibriumists) who believed in the rapid, abrupt transformation of species. No surprise, the one attacked the other by following the Darwinian creed: "survival of the fittest". The former pointed out that it is genetically improbable for evolution to take place rapidly through the quantum leap of speciation. But the latter pointed out that it is paleontologically undemonstrable for evolution to take place slowly through mutation by natural selection. In fact, both refutations are correct as proved by evidences from biochemistry and paleontology: evolution is really impossible to take place at all. Evolution has no single scientific proof to support it so we must not include it in the study of sciences. It is presented as a "theory" but it has no single fact that it can explain to be accounted even as a hypothesis. Evolution exists only as a word and as an idea in the minds of those who believed in it, it is a fairy tale for grown-up, it has no objective reality. There is no scientific evidence for evolution; all are mere assumptions and misconceptions. Creation science, on the other hand, is well supported by scientific evidences (biochemistry, genetics, geology, paleontology, physics, biology, chemistry, zoology,

botany, astronomy, meteorology, anthropology, biophysics, astrogeophysics, oceanography, hydrology, thermodynamics, hydraulics, etc. etc.). If the biochemical/biological evolution have many unlinkable missing links (i.e., obvious loopholes) so is the cosmic evolution or the Big bang theory: missing origin of the original concentrated cosmic energy, missing fuse to ignite the Big bang otherwise it would remain as a kind of universal black hole of cosmic egg forever, missing star formation because explosion always result expansion of gas and radiation, missing antimatter for there are only small traces of it and thus no equal production with matter as required by the Big bang, missing time for the postmodern dating method indicates that the universe is as young as 10,000 years old and not 10-20 billion years of the Big bang, missing cosmic mass which refutes the oscillation of the universe as implied by the Big bang, missing life in the universe for if the Big bang is true there must be many Carbon-based life distributed in the entire universe, missing gravity to explain the maintenance of the formation of stars, galaxies, and clusters of galaxies, missing neutrinos which must flood the earth from the fusion process of the sun if the Big bang is true. Because of these surmountable problems and difficulties there are many rival theories which have been proposed as alternatives like the Steady-state theory, Inflationary theory, Plasma theory, Cold Big bang theory, Chronometric theory, Fractal geometric theory, Quasi-steady-state (Extra-galactic) theory, and other "Get-rid-of-the-Bible" theories. But like Big bang theory which you blindly believed with fanatic bigotry, they are all causeless, unexplainable, unscientific, illogical opinionated opinions in the light of speculative speculations. If the Big bang or any of the other Bible-rejecting theories were true, then there would be no existence of natural laws at all. There would be no existence to say the worse. But God is the necessary Being. Existence itself proves God's existence. Laws and Lawgiver, order and Orderer, designs and Designer, informations and Intelligence, codes and Coder, teleonomy and teleonomizer, formulas and Formulator, effects and Cause, creation and Creator are inseparable. As in the case of the first question, you offer no answer at all to the second question. This is also true with the third question as you will see.*****

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See above. In what sense are you differentiating between 'right' and 'good', or between 'wrong' and 'evil'?

P.E. – Objective reality, goal, human nature, individual and social instinct are just some of the key words which you put together to explain your so-called answer to the third question. Each word cannot be adequately explained by your belief system, let alone the words true, deception, right, wrong, good and evil. Their existence as concepts has been destroyed by your belief system. You have no objective reality to serve as the standard of what is true for you cannot even really know what is real, you have no goal to be fulfilled for you believed in the chance-controlled world originated from an unknown cause which began and will end with explosion, you have no human nature for you believed that you are just an advanced animal, you have no individuality for an impersonal matter plus time plus chance cannot produce personality unless you have a life and a person to start to, and you have no society for there is no possibility of consensus in your belief system composed of absurd assumptions. Bertrand Russel summed up this point in an eloquently tragic words: "That man is the product of causes which had no prevision of the end they were achieving; that his origin, his hopes, his fears, his loves and his beliefs, are but the outcome of accidental collocations of atoms; that no fire, no heroism, no intensity of thought and feeling, can preserve an individual life beyond the grave; that all the labors of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the noonday brightness of human genius, are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system and the whole temple of man's achievement inevitably be buried beneath the debris of universe in ruins...only within the scaffolding of these truths, only on the firm foundation of unyielding despair, can the soul's habitation henceforth be safely built." (Bertrand Russel, *Why I Am Not a Christian*, New

York: Simon & Schuster, 1957, p. 107). You have already deprived yourself of any reason to answer the third question because of your so-called “answers” to the previous two questions which were studded with self-referential absurdities. In your saying that “a statement or belief is true to the extent that it accords with objective reality” you have demolished completely your so-called answers to the first two questions, for you have sided, unintentionally and without your awareness, with what the Word of God have been declaring with regards to God’s creative order as the only basis for what we, humans, know as reality. But having done so, still you have failed to come to terms with reality as a whole, because your mind is operating in the myopic sightlessness of your belief system. Your very definition of “truth” and “deception” are both inadequate. What you call “true beliefs” is not identical with “truth” which is the real question at issue. What you call “true beliefs” could in fact be used to justify the worst of lies. Let’s take Adolf Hitler’s belief that the Aryan race is superior over all other races, and that the subjugation and annihilation of (what Hitler believes to be) inferior races, through genocide, will help the process of evolution. There is no doubt, based on your definition of truth as “true beliefs”, that Hitler’s belief is true in the sense that he really believes it in accord to what he perceives as objective reality and that he is not just pretending to believe it nor just intentionally deceiving himself. It is also true that Hitler’s “true beliefs” had served him better to help him reached his goals (such as, for example, the annihilation of over 3 million Jews, etc.) than false ones. You see, what you call “true beliefs” is so liquid that it could be used to justify even the worst of errors and lies. It is too subjective, for it has no absolute spiritual and moral basis on which to rest upon, for even what you call “objective reality” could have different meanings as interpreted by the conflicting belief systems of the individual. This demonic self-deception of objective reality through subjective reinterpretation is also true to the New age (eastern) worldview with its belief that man is originally an impersonal god reincarnated in an illusory personality of man under the karmic cycle whose goal is spiritual liberation from physical unreality through yogic enlightenment. No truth, no deception, no right, no wrong, no good, and no evil. In fact, no reason, no knowledge, no wisdom, no belief, no experience, no reality, no thing. In the Eastern mysticism and Western naturalism, all are mere bigoted assumptions in the light of opinionated opinions. Those who believed in those Bible-rejecting

unbelief refute their own worldview by their undeniable experiences of rationality (causality), morality (unity) and personality (reality) which all presupposed Bible truth. You cannot have a real concept of right and wrong just from your instinct, tradition, culture, indoctrination, and education without its absolute basis. If you are really a product of molecule-to-man evolutionary process, as you believed you evolved from apes, then what differentiate and distinguish your instinct to the instincts of animal which are all egotistic (self-preservation, self-propagation and self-gratification)? There's simply no property of the natural world that correspond with the moral concept. There are no criteria that can be found in your belief system which can determine the value of nature in general and man in particular. You cannot simply give a reason for your morality, rationality and personality if you will argue from your belief system. You don't know how you really know what you pretend you know, you have no answer why there is something rather than nothing, and you don't know what are the reasons behind your belief that truth is more preferable than deception, right is better than wrong, good is higher than evil. You have no real answers to my 3Q Challenge. You offer no answers at all. *****

["The above three questions...are unanswerable."]

Clearly, that is not the case. You have answers, I have answers. It may, however, be impossible for us to identify for sure which answer is correct. I do maintain that we can make some judgments as to which of them is more likely to be correct.

"They cannot be answered by any skeptics, agnostics, atheists, mystics, and infidels no matter how cute and smart they are!"

Now I'm blushing.

"They can only answer the [questions] if and only if they will first assume the truth of God who revealed the Bible."

You do understand, of course, that assuming the answers to questions is a technique that anyone can use. A Hindu has assumed different answers to the above than you have; how is one to decide whose assumptions are correct? But please show us how your answers are better than mine.

"I challenge anyone who claims to be in his or her sane mind even though they do not believe the truth of Christianity to answer the three questions. I will publish his or her answers with my refutations..."

I do claim to be sane. Feel free to publish my answers with whatever refutations you see fit.]

P.E. – As I have clearly demonstrated, you offer no real answers to any of my questions in the 3Q Challenge. Your so-called answers are mere assertions of your blind leap of faith in the light of your fanatic bigotry of belief in doubt and unbelief. Assumption of the truth of the

God who revealed the Bible is offered to infidels for the sake of argument so that they can easily answer the 3Q Challenge. But I never “assumed,” in that unbelieving sense, the truth of God. All facts are God’s facts as interpreted in light of the Bible truth. If the Bible is not true, there would be no existence and concept of fact for fact presupposed Bible truth: the reality, causality and unity of the world {Gr. cosmos = cosm (to order, to design or to systematize) + os (noun indicator) = order, design or system} and the personality, rationality and morality of man {Gr. anthropos = ana (up) + thr (revert or turn) + op (view) + os (-er) = upturnviewer = one who looks up [to God]}. In any unbelieving argument or reasoning, you must always start with premises which need not to be proved in order for an argument to go on for either they have already been verified to be true or they are merely assumed to be true for the sake of argument. Otherwise, you will be reasoning either in a circle or in infinite regress. However, verification and assumption of a premise have often been determined by the consensus of majority belief, recognized authority, intuition, or empirical experience that may vary from one issue to another producing various opinionated opinions. Proof is needed to show either the truth or the falsity of a particular proposition by using well-known and accepted facts as premises. The fact which is in need of proof in an argument is called the principal fact (*factum probandum*) while the fact which is being used to establish its truth is called the evidentiary fact (*factum probans*). Thus, ultimately, all unbelieving argument is guilty not only of the fallacy of circular reasoning but also of the fallacy of begging the question. It commits the fallacy of assumption of an unproved premise (*assumptio non probata*) because the premises are never proved in an argument for they are assumed to be true. It is guilty of the fallacy of arguing in a circle (*circulus in probando*) because the conclusion is always implicit in the premises by proving a fact by another fact of the universe in an inferential process. These fallacies are not true with the Bible-believing argument for we never assume the truth of the God of the Bible as though He is merely another fact of the universe. He is the Truth of truths Who needs no evidence or proof for His truth. We need not assumed His truth for we are obligated to believe Him as He is because He is the God of gods and we are His creatures created in His image. He alone can adequately explained all things. Without Him, all things are utterly unrelated and meaningless. If you will use self-consistency and consistency with

sense data as your criteria of truth under the conceptual framework of your interpretative belief system, they will become futile and void of sense as I have shown above for you have no adequate base in choosing consistency instead of inconsistency. The single origin of all things is the only concept that can be found true in the Big bang theory, the rest is scientific nonsense. There will be no reason at all in your philosophic, scientific and axiologic system to choose truth and not deception. You have no final reason why one should choose noncruelty instead of cruelty. You have no base for the dignity of man, you have no adequate base for human right because your Bible-rejecting worldview deprived yourself of reason to know, exist, and do what is true, right and good. You have no basis for believing reality, communication, unity, rationality, causality, morality, aesthetics, and personality but you continue to exist, converse, relate, think, make ethical judgments, give reason, appreciate beauty, and love. Your belief system cannot adequately account your human experiences. These undeniable realities can only be explained by the Bible truth. All Bible-rejecting systems ultimately lead to insanity, irrationalism, suicide, nihilism, immorality, and hedonism. I have no intention whatsoever to hurt your feeling when I demonstrated that your so-called answers are not really answers. This may cause you to raise another objection in order to justify what you believe, to prove that your belief is true, but it will only refutes your belief to unbelief. It would be vain, futile, senseless, and absurd to do so. It is not good for us to fight against God, we must believe as the Bible truth softly whispers Him in our soul. Doubt applies only to created realities but never to God and His Word. We must approach God by a simple, child-like faith. Though all evidences point to the accuracy, veracity and authenticity of the Bible, yet we do not need any evidence at all in believing God. We can truly believe Him even now. We do not need to exert any effort on our part in order for us to believe. We do not need to excruciatingly suffer or torture ourselves in order for us to believe. We do not need to do this thing or that thing in order for us to believe. We do not need to study all kinds of philosophy, science or religion around the world throughout the history in order for us to believe. Just believe Him. "Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29). "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God

must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:1, 6). “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed” (Romans 10:8-11). The Bible is true because Jesus is the true truth; He alone is the Truth of truths. *****

The three basic questions perfectly correspond to the three key verses of the Bible Formula: 1Jn. 5:7 = Gen.1:1 + Rev.22:21

- 1. How do you know that you really know what you pretend to know? = 1Jn.5:7*
- 2. Why is there something (or order) rather than nothing at all (or chaos right now)? = Gen.1:1*
- 3. What are your reasons behind your belief that truth is more preferable than deception, right is better than wrong, and good is higher than evil? = Rev.22:21*

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