

B. CREATED LIFE

1. Scriptural Warrant for Such Evidence

Besides warrant under "Created Universe," above, is there Scriptural warrant to believe that life is an evidence for the truth of Christianity? Yes:

Mankind created in the image of God:

Gen 1:26-27; 9:6; 1 Cor 11:7; Jas 3:9

- Some unspecified resemblance to God
- Still retained to some degree after the Fall

Features of man as created: what is this "image"?

- Seeking parallels supported by Scripture

Spiritual being: 1 Cor 2:11

- An analogy between God and man as spirits
- As we cannot see spirit of another human, so don't know what he/she is thinking unless revealed, so with God
- Philosopher Alvin Plantinga extends this concept as argument for existence of God in God & Other Minds

Moral being: Rom 1:32-2:1; 2:13-15

- Not meaning we always act in accord with our moral standards
- But that we have and use "moral machinery"

Made to have dominion: Ps 8:3-8

- Ties back into Gen 1:26-30, mankind's original design

-These 3 features also true of God: spirit, moral, ruling

These features used as evidence for God:

Rom 1:18-19

- Depends on how we handle év: "within" or "among"?
- If "within" then conscience seen as evidence for God, as in moral argument; supported by Rom 2

Acts 17:29

- Paul speaking to educated Greeks
- Since we are made by God, ought not think divine nature is something we can make
- Man is God-made rather than vice versa

2. Some possible lines of argumentation:

a. High level of order evidenced in life & in mankind