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When speaking about "god" many people cunningly try to get around that thought. But it seems that they do not really succeed.

In 2008 atheists in London wanted to advertise on London's red double-decker buses that there is no god. But they failed because of the English advertising law that doesn't allow any slogans that can't be proved to be true, and none of the agitators could verify that there is no god. In order to solve that problem they took refuge in the slogan that there "probably" is no god. But their eventual message would consequently imply a probability of the existence of god. This has led a number of people to think about the 'question of god'.

In Germany the atheists' public bus campaign wasn't allowed from the start. Therefore it was decided that anyone who wanted to spread such a message would need to send their own bus on an advertising tour around in Germany. The slogan in the German language was even sharper in tongue compared with the English: "There is [with utmost probability] no god." As a thinking man, one may ask why these atheists campaign against something which, according to their conviction, doesn't exist at all.

It is evident that nobody can prove that there is no god; but on the other hand can His existence be proved? If the latter is possible, then all the atheist organizations are under a misapprehension. Furthermore, if one can show that there is a biblical God, all atheists will march towards hell, because the Bible says: *"To whom [referring to unbelievers] is reserved the darkness forever"* (Jude 13b). A bigger loss one cannot bet on.

On the 'question of god' we offer here two new proofs. The phrase in Romans 1:21 *"Because although they knew God"* is a very strong articulation and shows us that God has made himself known besides the Bible and therefore has made it possible for us to prove His existence. Although proofs of God's existence do not strictly lead to faith in God, they do have an important function: they refute atheism and are apt to dismantle hindrances to faith or even get rid of them. Old proofs of God's existence go back to men like Aristotle, Anselm of Canterbury and Thomas of Aquino. Here we want to add two proofs developed and formulated by the author of this tract, one concerning the natural law of information and the other, the prophetic–mathematical one.

The proof of the existence of God taken from the natural law of information

Based on the natural laws about information, we know that the huge amounts of information in the cells of all animate beings demand an intelligent originator. Unlike historic proofs of the existence of God, which in general have a philosophical focus, we here find for the first time a proof of the existence of an intelligent sender, and therefore of God, which is drawn from natural laws. By no means can we refer to the German philosopher Kant, who lived 200 years ago and who is being considered to be the great destroyer of any proofs of the existence of God, because only a fraction of the scientific knowledge of our day was known at that time. You can find the line of argument explained in more depth in our book "Without Excuse" (ISBN: 978-1-921643-41-5).

The prophetic–mathematical proof of the existence of God

The Bible contains more than 3,000 prophetic sayings (prophecies) which have already been fulfilled. An easy example to comprehend is the dispersion of the people of Israel announced by God (Deuteronomy 28:64–65), and the subsequent promise of returning to the land of Israel by the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 16:14–15) which was realised by the founding of the state of Israel in 1948, almost 2,000 years later. No other book in world history can claim this kind of reliability and accuracy.

This provides us with a unique criterion to validate the truth. Is it possible that people over a period of 1,500 years could foretell so many precise predictions? Did they come true just by chance or was it only possible because God was the author of the Bible, who alone in His omniscience can utter prophecies that can be verified in the course of history?

A simple analogy can help us evaluate the likelihood of a chance outcome. Imagine a huge anthill where among a mass of black ants we suppose just one red one. It is easy to comprehend that to locate that single red ant by chance (e.g. with covered eyes) will be almost impossible, and should the number of black ants rise even further, the likelihood of finding the only red one by chance will reduce even more. The question now is:

What must be the number of ants in the anthill so that the likelihood of picking the red ant just by chance is equal to the probability that the 3,268 prophecies can be fulfilled by chance?

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We will begin with an estimation. Would the number of ants required be that that would fit in a bathtub (V = 0.4 m³) or do we need a volume the size of the amount of water in the Lake of Baikal (V = 23,600 km³) or even a volume the size of our planet Earth (V = 1.1 x 10^{12} km³) to contain them? The calculation shows it still wouldn't suffice. What must we do? Must we even think about filling our huge universe (V = 1.2×10^{70} km³) densely with ants or even two or three of them; perhaps



100 (10²) or 1,000 (10³)? Only the mathematical calculation will satisfy all our imaginations and tell us the actual number of universes; it is an unconceivable 10^{896} (10 with the exponent 896). What does this immense number — a one followed by 896 zeroes — of universes completely filled by ants tell us?

The likelihood of the fulfilment of more than 3,000 prophecies just by chance is practically void. The results of the numerical calculations show such gigantic numbers that it will overstrain and surpass all our thinking and imagination and thereby prevent us from fairly evaluating or assessing this reality. The complete mathematical proof can be found in my book "So steht's geschrieben" (ISBN (978-3-89397-982-0) ["So it is Written"). The amazing result can be summarized in short:

By means of the "Prophetic–mathematical proof of the existence of God" the likelihood of an omniscient and almighty God, which is identical with the God of the Bible, is proved.

So three significant consequences arise from this proof:

1. The Bible is from God and is true.

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No group of human beings is able to express any prophecies that in total will come true. The true author of the Bible is the omniscient and almighty God (2 Timothy 3:16). Therefore the Bible is true. Jesus prays to His father in heaven: *"Thy word is truth"* (John 17:17) and the apostle Paul confesses: *"I believe all things which are written"* (Acts 24:14). He trusted God even without knowing the "Prophetic–mathematical proof of the existence of God".

2. There is no other God than the God of the Bible.

None of the 'proofs of the existence of god' provided in past times confirm a certain god. They are all presented to us in such a general way that each religion can make use of them for itself. Contrary wise, the "Prophetic– mathematical proof of the existence of God" explicitly refers to the God of the Bible and His Son Jesus Christ. No such confirmation can be provided by any other religious cult. The Bible says that mankind has proclaimed an uncountable number of gods: *"For though there be those called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him" (1 Corinthians 8:5–6). But in Psalm 96:5 the Bible discards all the idols in the various religious cults.*

To serve idols is not a matter of fact. In the story of Christ's temptation (Mathew 4:10) Satan demanded that Jesus should worship him. With a word from God He chased him away: *"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve"* (Mathew 4:10). According to the statements of the New Testament, in idolatry you will serve evil spirits, that is the demons (1 Corinthians 10:20), and by doing so are worshipping Satan, which Jesus so vehemently has condemned. Idolatry is a sin that excludes from heaven. (1 Corinthians 6:9f; Galatians 5:20–21; Revelation 21:8; 22:15).

3. Atheism is disproved.

Atheism can be disproved scientifically in two ways by means of the 'Natural law of information' and by the 'Prophetic-mathematical proof of the existence of God'. The Bible judges atheistic thinking in Psalm 14:1: *"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God."* Also it is written: *"But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days which are as shadows"* (Ecclesiastes 8:3). Atheists not only clutch at a void but they are on their way to eternal perdition, too: "But he that disbelieves (in the Lord Jesus) shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

Salvation is possible

We do not (in this tract) intent to judge anyone because of his or her former life — neither the adulterers nor the beguilers; neither the representatives of the different religious groups nor the missionaries of atheism. Rather,

our concern is to call attention to the way of perdition and to proclaim the invitation for every reader: in this life repentance or conversion of life is possible. In John 3:17-18 the far-reaching consequence of the gospel message for all of us is summarised: "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Because God has lain eternity in our hearts (Proverbs 3:11) we cannot really find true life fulfilment in earthly things. We are created for eternity and therefore our existence cannot be eliminated. Beyond the wall of death there are only two realms — heaven or hell. The first one is inexpressibly glorious the latter unimaginably dire. God's desire is to have us in heaven with Him. And to this end we need the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the door opener to heaven because he has redeemed us from our guilt and will bestow on us a new outlook for our lives. If you want to be saved in order to get to heaven you must turn away from your old life without Jesus and accept Jesus as your personal saviour. This turnaround of your life can happen with a prayer of this kind:

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"Lord Jesus Christ, I have lived so far as though you weren't alive. But now I have realised who you are, and therefore I turn to you in prayer for the first time. I now know that there is a heaven and a hell. Please save me from hell, which I have deserved to go to because of all my sins, and above all my unbelief. I sincerely wish to be with you in heaven for all eternity. I'm aware that I cannot enter into heaven on account of my own efforts and credits, but only through faith in you. Because of your unconditional love for me you have died for me on the cross and taken all my transgressions on you and paid for me. I do thank you for this great salvation. You know all my guilt from my earliest childhood. Every single sin of my life is known to you — all that I do remember and even those that I have long forgotten. You know all about me because you thoroughly know me. Every emotion of my heart you are familiar with --- 101

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whether joy or grief, wellbeing or sadness. In your sight I am just like an open book. By living as I have until now I could not exist in the presence of the living and holy God and therefore I would miss heaven. For this reason I ask you to forgive all my sins, which I deeply regret. Please help me to get rid of all that is not right in your holy eyes and teach me new habits and ways of life that will honour you. Open your Word, the Bible, for me. Help me to understand what you want to tell me through it, that I might receive new strength and joy of life by reading it. I ask you to be my Lord to whom I will gladly belong from now on. Please give me an obedient heart. Show me the way that I should go from now on. I thank you that you have answered my prayer. I do trust your promise that I have become a child of God that eternally will be in heaven by turning to you. I'm so undeserving of this great gain, to have you with me even now. Please help me to find people who also have a personal rela-

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tionship with you and help me to find a biblical church where I can hear God's Word. Amen."

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