

## Clearly Seen

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*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.*

*– Romans 1:20 –*

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My father was a man of diverse talents. One of those was his artistic ability. While I was growing up, he was a technical draftsman by occupation. But he was truly an artist. His drawings, sketches, and paintings were the work of someone who could have made a living by it. When I was in elementary school, he would draw a picture on the blackboard for me each day before he went to work. That blackboard was on the wall outside our kitchen. Every morning, as I would groggily move into and then out of the kitchen while getting ready for school, I would stop for a moment and consider the chalkboard display. I was perhaps too self-absorbed at the time to understand that what was before me each day was much more than an intriguing picture. It was a loving reminder that my father had taken the time that very morning, prior to going off to earn a living, to invest himself in the creation of a unique display, the purpose of which was simply to remind me he was thinking of me and encourage me to embrace the day afresh.

God has similarly left many “chalkboard works” for mankind. He has graciously “drawn” the universe in such a magnificent way that even the most self-absorbed person should be able to recognize His unique and carefully crafted handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. He has framed the worlds by the word of God so that the things which are seen are not made of the things which do appear. We ourselves are fearfully and wonderfully made. The vastness of space, the mysterious ocean depths, the teeming variety and fecundity of earthly life, the beauty of creation, and the immense power in the forces of nature are all intended by God to make us stop and ponder – “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?”

This fact that God’s existence, yea, even his eternal power and Godhead, can be “clearly seen” universally via His creation by all men should make us as His ambassadors stop and consider *the propensity of the human heart toward its Creator*. While sin has man at enmity with God, *it does not erase man’s proneness toward belief*. Only the fool has said in his heart there is no God. Even most self-professed “atheists”, if you listen to them long enough, actually do believe in God – they simply have tried to convince themselves that they do not believe in Him because they do not like Him (perhaps because they have not made any real effort to trust Him). This ought to encourage us in our evangelistic efforts. Bridging the chasm between belief in His existence and faith in His work and character is the duty and privilege of those of us who have enlisted in His ranks.

Unregenerate men are looking for answers to the mounting chaos in the world. Despite the increasing hardness of the heart of our generation, the fields are yet white unto harvest and our commission still stands. Because God has made Himself evidently searchable, we have a large head-start as we lovingly live and share the good news with our fellow man.

May our Father grant us the ability to translate His clearly seen work into the hearts of those with whom we have influence today.