

Neil deGrasse Tyson and God

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will **manifest** myself to him.
– John 14:21

Dr. Tyson’s Big Question and His Reply

In a YouTube video published by Penguin Books UK (November 22, 2019), Neil deGrasse Tyson answered a few questions. I found all the questions interesting, but the one that first caught my eye was the one which was used to title the video: “Was the moon landing faked?” But this is not the question that I intend to respond to. That question was: “Does God Exist?”

Before I go any further, I will make full disclosure: I am a Christian (but not an evangelical). I am a young-earth creationist. And, I am a believer in the moon landings in 1969-1972 (they were not faked), and that the earth revolves around the sun, our local star. I am also a pro-vaccination and pro-mask believer, during this pandemic.

Anyway, after Dr. Tyson answered the question about the moon landings, he was asked:

“Does God exist?”

What follows was his answer (starting about 3:22, but I edited it for length). After I present it in full, I will present my comments on it, a section at a time.

Note: First, where I placed text in italic, it is a paraphrase or summary of Tyson’s presentation to save space. Second, all my scripture references are from the King James Version of the Bible.

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But there are other kinds of ways to think about God. There are enlightened religious people who say that God is the manifestation of the Laws of Physics in the universe. I don't have a problem with that. But is God the person who tells you who you should mate with? And on what day you should eat what kind of food? Is that your God? That's different from this other one that maybe just sort of put the universe into place.

So, I don't really concern myself much with it – unless someone finds a way that any understanding of God can give me insight to making another discovery. That hasn't happened yet.

There are many people who will see things happen to them that are in their favor. (They say, 'Someone's looking over me.') That's a fascinating phenomenon when that happens. And, when you analyze those situations, what you find is, is that we as humans simply have a profound inability to understand statistics and probability. It's really that simple!

Then, Dr. Tyson gave an example of a thousand people flipping coins and after each flip, they removed those who did not get a head – about 50% each time. Then, after about ten flips (on average), there would be one person left who did get all heads. Tyson then claimed that such an event, if not interpreted statistically, could lead one to think one had "good luck" or even foresight in being the special one with the ten heads consecutive run.

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My Comments

What can be said at all can be said clearly, and what we cannot talk about we must pass over in silence.
– Ludwig Wittgenstein

In keeping with Wittgenstein's decree, my reply will take as long as it takes, and it won't be short. I've been a successful Christian since the summer of 2008 (I'll omit going over the details). But only recently have I been following frequent modes of attack against the God of the Bible, the New Testament in particular, by atheist's YouTube videos, saying, How can a 'good' God be

‘All knowing, all powerful, and all good?’

Or, in another form,

‘All loving, all powerful, and all good?’

And then they follow that with an attack against this concept of ‘God’ for being inconsistent, at least so far as those descriptions are supposed to characterize God truthfully. And what about the ‘existence of evil in the world?’ they demand of us.

The first thing I want to say to this is that I don't know where they even got this stuff. I don't remember it being taught in my Sunday school class when I was a kid, nor ever presented in the form of a sermon from the pulpit. If it ever was, it didn't stick with me. Maybe the other source of it is from apologists, but I don't really know. One thing I do know, I wouldn't myself try to sell the three of these claims to an unbeliever as being scriptural. They're just nonsensical and they lead to endless and pointless debate for nothing.

Yet, Tyson claimed that God is ‘typically’ described as being ‘All knowing, all powerful, and all good’. What he didn't tell us is who these people are who *typically* so characterize God. It's sure strange to me that the only people I've ever remember having characterized the God of the Bible this way are the YouTube atheists.

So, where did these atheists get it? From evangelists? From preachers? From apologists? From their Sunday-school teachers? If they did get it from any of those sources, then those people are guilty of the gentrification (so to speak) of the Gospel of Jesus. These are people who seem to think that God has a public relations image problem that needs to be fixed. Well, Jesus' image doesn't need to be fixed – it just needs to be preached as is. Jesus Himself admitted that His gospel is offensive

“And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.” – Matthew 11:6

Jesus understands that His gospel message is offensive, but He expects us to rise above being offended and to follow Him, anyway – all-in, to the very end.

So, when I saw Dr. Tyson make a similar attack (to those I had seen being made by atheists) on the New Testament God, I figured it was high time for me to respond to this with a carefully worded reply. And here it is. My plan is to repeat a few of his sentences at a time and then comment on them. By the way, my answers will not be from a general or vaguely theistic viewpoint, but from a specifically Christian viewpoint – that being my own.

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First, we see immediately that Tyson characterizes himself as an agnostic, that is, as one who does not take a definitive stand for or against the existence of God or gods. Second, as I said before, we see that Tyson is characterizing the ‘Christian’ view of God as being impossibly simultaneously *All knowing, all powerful, and all good*. Let’s take these one at a time.

I think the case that God (the Father) is all knowing can be easily made by scripture, so I won’t even bother. But is God all powerful? Well, where would we even get such an idea? How about from

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?”
– Jeremiah 32:27

To which I must immediately affirm that there certainly are things too hard for God to do! Now, my rebuttal verses are mostly from the New Testament, so we shouldn’t be too hard on Jeremiah. What does it even mean for a being to be ‘all powerful’? Until we answer this, we don’t really know what we’re talking about. An ‘all powerful’ being would be completely unrestrained. Is the God of the New Testament completely unrestrained? Heavens no!

First, there is a ‘nature’ to God that is immutable throughout the ages:

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”
– Hebrews 13:8

So, according to Biblical revelation, God can’t just willy-nilly change His own nature, act dignified one day, and then act crazy the next.

Anything else?

“God is not a man, **that he should lie**; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”

– Numbers 23:19

“In hope of eternal life, which God, **that cannot lie**, promised before the world began.”
– Titus 1:2

So, we don’t want to have placed our faith in the promises of God for a redeemed next life, having denied ourselves the pleasures of sin in this life, only to have it taken away from us by God, capriciously. We are assured that there is something that God cannot do: He cannot lie.

What else? We can double-down on God’s lack of capriciousness:

“If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he **cannot** deny himself.”
– 2 Timothy 2:13

So, that’s something else He cannot do. Anything else?

“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God **cannot** be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.”

– James 1:13

There are probably more verses, but that’s enough to show that God is **not** ‘all powerful’, because 1) He cannot lie to us, hence He keeps His promises. 2) He cannot fail to be faithful to us. 3) He cannot directly tempt us with evil. 4) He cannot change His own nature. Actually, I’m kind of glad that those are revealed constraints on God. It would be a bummer to sacrifice our lives for Him in faith, only to have Him renege on His promises at the last moment, wouldn’t it?

So, now we get down to the semantics of the issue. What do we mean when we say that God is ‘All Good’ or ‘All Loving’ or ‘All Just’? Jesus claimed that God is good

“And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.”

– Mark 10:18

But does that mean that God is *All Good*? I don’t think so. I know of no scripture that claims that God is ‘All Good’. And even if I could find one, I’d have a hard time interpreting it. If God is All *X* does that mean He can’t be any of *Y*? If He is All *Y* does that mean He can’t be any of *Z*? All I know is that the Bible says that God is good and just and love. By me refusing to place the adverb ‘all’ in front of these terms, I sidestep all these logical and semantical conundrums that add nothing to the presentation or furtherance or, in fact, the understanding, of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (We’ve been ordered to avoid ‘vain jangling’ [1 Timothy 1:6] and to avoid ineffectual disputations [Romans 14:1].)

Then Tyson continued:

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In the first place, God never promised His own followers health and longevity in this New Testament Dispensation. Those are secular ways to understand ‘goodness’ in one’s short lifetime on this planet, and they’re not consistent with the New Testament call to self-sacrifice. In some cases, a short life may be preferable:

The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

– Isaiah 57:1

The typical Christian may be called on to carry his cross for Christ's sake – that doesn't sound pleasant, or to 'endure to the end' – that doesn't sound very pleasant, either.

When Jesus preached to us about the Christian's life experiences, He made sure to paint a grim picture so that His followers would not feel lied to when persecution or difficulties come into his or her life. But no matter how difficult the believer's life gets, he or she only has to endure it faithfully for a few decades and then enter into one's eternal heavenly rewards. I can only extol the virtues of this deal God has made with us with the line given by a fictional character from *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*:

I don't know about you, but I call *that* a bargain!
– Elim Garak

As for Christians dying by the thousands in large buildings in Lisbon in the eighteenth century or any other century, that's the way it goes for both believers and for unbelievers. As the Bible told us thousands of years ago:

"I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; **but time and chance happeneth to them all.**"
– Ecclesiastes 9:11

Jesus never told His followers to build big, ostentatious buildings to 'worship' Him in. In fact, He warned us that the future would have its fair share of earthquakes and much worse:

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and **pestilences**, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
– Matthew 24:6-13

Seems to me that it's about as dangerous for believers as for unbelievers. Maybe sometimes God does give an extra bit of protection to some believers, but I think it very presumptuous of Christians to believe that God will protect them from *all* harm in this fragile life. When we get into a building or into a car, we take our lives in our hands and submit it to the vagaries of time and chance that happens to everyone – rich or poor, educated or uneducated, believer or unbeliever. God has not distributed the goodness of this world equally to everyone, nor has He distributed the evil in this world equally to everyone. But time and chance happen to us all. Sometimes that chance works in our favor, sometimes against it.

I've seen *The Towering Inferno*. That left an impression on me! Just the same, when I go into tall buildings, I expect no special protection from God. But one can always pray in time of need.

Large manmade structures are not just dangerous to be in, they're dangerous to be around. Consider the case of the Tower of Siloam and how casually Jesus reacts to its collapse that killed many people:

“Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”

– Luke 13:4-5

Jesus did not come down here to tell us that we're all really good people and that if we would but follow Him, He would make our lives pure joy on easy-street, with flowers and perpetual sunshine and large bank accounts. No. Jesus was a turn-or-burn preacher.

Along with Tyson, I also take issue with a lot of what many people say that God is. Most of it is from out of their ignorance or their feelings of entitlements, even from so-called Christians. I've seen a lot of self-proclaimed 'deconstructed' Christians-turned-atheists who were apparently raised under a bunch of heresies. YouTube atheists seem to be obsessed with the goodness of God and the evil of this world. The answer is easy: God made the world perfect, but Man messed it up by sin and God cursed the world for the sin of Man. And it will stay that way until the world has been fully redeemed (restored).

What I don't understand is why atheists are so obsessed with the concepts of good and evil. If they're really believers in Evolution and that people are just giant bags of assorted chemicals then there is no such thing as right or wrong or good or evil. There are only meaningless events to ponder, and then to ponder why we bother to ponder them. To evolutionists, all there are in this world are giant bags of chemicals bumping into other giant bags of chemicals.

Richard Dawkins got it wrong. The Gene is not immortal. The biological 'selfish gene' is not the driver or sustainer of mankind; the indifferent chemical elements are. And, in the very end in the distant future, biological entities will not inherit the universe, only the indifferent atoms will, no worse the wear for having been hijacked by its biological parasites. Biology is merely a temporary and fragile epiphenomena of chemistry that can only survive off its indifferent chemical hosts under rare environmental conditions. And when the last biological entity eventually dies, the realm of chemistry will not even take notice.

And then Tyson continued:

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I also think that one could easily make the case that 'God is the manifestation of the Laws of Physics in the universe.' To which I would add, not just the 'causal' laws but also the statistical laws, and I'll return to this thought later. But scripture goes further than that. According to scripture, God did not just windup the universe at the beginning and then abandon it to its own devices. The Bible claims that the ongoing stability of the universe at all levels is the result of God continually intervening to keep it from degenerating into chaos:

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also **he made the worlds**; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, **and upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

– Hebrews 1:1-3

Concerning marriage and dietary prescriptions within the Christian religion, I have this to say: Christians should only marry other Christians. A married believer should not divorce. A divorced believer should not marry another while the divorced spouse is still alive. As for dietary concerns: One should consume food in moderation, and one should not eat meat sacrificed to idols (this is debatable). This is not a very restrictive prohibition for most modern believers. After all, when was the last time you were at your local grocery meat counter and saw a sign indicating: *Special Today Only: Meat Sacrificed to Idols?*

As for the Bible still having something to say of importance in modern physics, may I make a suggestion? Assuming you said *yes*, even if only out of curiosity, let's return to one of my favorite scriptures:

“... **but time and chance happeneth to them all.**”

– Ecclesiastes 9:11

May I suggest that every event in time is also an event in space; and may I also suggest that this verse could easily be interpreted as applicable to all objects at all scales of the physical universe; and if that is so, then the verse could be restated as:

... **but spacetime and random chance happeneth to all things, both large and small, down to the smallest particles imaginable in quantum field theory.**

And if this analysis is true so far, then three things can be concluded:

- 1) We now know for sure that it's not turtles all the way down, it's spacetime and random chance all the way down.
- 2) There are no quantum hidden variables that Mankind will ever discover that will remove randomness or uncertainty, so it's a waste of time to look for them.
- 3) That it's God who makes sure that the individual outcomes of single quantum mechanical experimental trials are matched to the collective statistics of many trials.

To point 2), I can add another scripture:

“He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.”

– Ecclesiastes 3:11

In other words, Man's knowledge of the universe is divinely limited.

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I don't think that Tyson realizes that there's a lot more in heaven and earth than his very simplistic and contrived thought experiment allows for, and I'll present some of my own bizarre coincidences in the next chapter. Certainly, this one statistical thought experiment does not prove his conclusion. What if God should say:

“Okay, Dr. Tyson, you get your 1000 people together with their 1000 coins and run your statistical experiment, but I'll pick the winner in advance!”

Now, God can ‘pick’ the winner in either of two ways: He can pick the winner according to His foreknowledge of future events, or He can pick the winner and then meddle with the coin flip outcomes to make it so. But would God really do that? I don't know, but I don't know any mathematical proof that He couldn't.

I want to say quite a bit here about the revelation of God and luck – it's deeper than you think, perhaps. But before I do, I want to make my last comments about Tyson as an agnostic. He

seems to be somewhat of a deist. Deism was a philosophical counter to the God of Biblical revelation and instead it was to argue for a rational view of life and morality, in which God started the universe, but then has left it alone, and apparently intends to leave it that way. Apparently, the people who founded deism were so impressed by the scientific movement that they decided to form a separate peace with it, no matter what the Bible says otherwise. Now, please don't get me wrong. Science is very important to me, and it has a profound place in my life, but it does not have unlimited authority over my beliefs or my actions.

Examples of God's Manifestations of Time and Chance in My Life

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him;
and without him was not any thing made that was made.
In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
And the light shineth in darkness; **and the darkness comprehended it not.**
– John 1:1-5

Tyson concludes with:

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I don't know what it takes a man like Dr. Tyson or the YouTube atheists to admit that sometimes coincidences and rare events might have profound meanings, and should not merely be cavalierly dismissed and then forgotten. So, let me at this point offer my own thought experiment.

Imagine that I'm a university professor of statistics and probability and one afternoon I took my class to the university mall to perform an impromptu experiment: I will find a willing student to be a subject in our experiment. All he or she has to do is to flip a fair coin 1000 times, while my students record the results of each flip. A junior named Jason is good enough to help us out.

He starts the coin flips and after 30 flips, he has racked up 30 heads. My students complain that they don't think that the coin I handed Jason was a fair

coin, so I told them to supply him a coin themselves. So, one of the students hands Jason a new coin and he then continues. But after another seventy flips, he has flipped another seventy heads. My students continue to complain and I let them give Jason yet another coin. But this same mysterious consistent flipping to heads continues, until Jason has used twenty different coins and flipped heads 1000 times in a row.

Of course, we're all flabbergasted, but what can we say? Getting a thousand heads in a row with a fair coin is unlikely, but not impossible. But more important, this outcome was not contrived to be one of the guaranteed outcomes.

If you have decided that coincidences will never mean anything extraordinary to you, then you have made it impossible for you to be contacted by God through that means. Anyone who does this has set up a self-fulfilling prophecy: If you're not willing to concede even a possibility that God might wish to contact you through an improbable event (to get your attention, so to speak), then you're sure to die having never admitted that any such attempt to get through to you by God ever occurred in your life. Maybe it's better – even safer – to keep an open mind on this. Otherwise, when the light shines into the darkness, the darkness will not be ready to receive it.

I was raised a Christian, but my Christian education was minimal, so I don't know if I was ever a true Christian in those early years. But by the mid-1970s, I became a born-again believer, and for years I was able to at least act like a real Christian, anyway. By 1986, I had so much trouble living as a true believer, that I walked away from it so as not to be a hypocrite. But right now, I want to relate an event that happened to me during my better Christian times in 1978 or 1979 (I can't seem to remember which year it was.)

I took off a semester from my studies at Arizona State University (ASU) to spend a semester studying the Bible, while I waited to find my place in the Kingdom of God. I was living at that time with a Christian friend who was a student at ASU, which allowed me to hitch a ride with him to the campus each day.

My usual activities were to study the Bible and to spend time with a few Christian friends I had met on campus and at Quo Vadis Book Store, Tempe (which I don't think I've been back to since 1979).

Anyway, I had been for a long time pondering how I could begin a ministry direct to the students somehow, but I didn't know how to do that adroitly. So, one day, on a lark, I decided to do something brave and just hang out one morning on the west mall to the Hayden Library. I was standing near the southwest corner of the building, waiting on Jesus to tell me what to do, of which I had no real expectation that anything at all would happen. Boy, was I wrong!

For about five to ten minutes, I prayed and waited for some signal, or failing that, soon I would give up. Suddenly, I heard a voice in my head tell me calmly, "Say hello to the next person who goes by."

Well, that didn't sound too hard. For better or for worse, I was committed. I looked both directions along the mall (both north and south) for whom would be the closest person to me who would pass me close enough so that I wouldn't have to raise my voice above a normal conversational volume. As I remember the event, there were few people on the mall at that time, so it must have been during class. Anyway, the person (a man), who best fit the criteria I just

gave, was approaching me from my right, but I had to wait a few seconds for this person to get just in front of me before I said ‘hello’ to him.

But when he was just opposite to me, something amazing happened. At the exact moment I said, “Hello,” a flash went before my eyes, coming from my left. Before I even realized what had just happened, a person on a bicycle had passed quickly between me and the man I was focusing on. He then slammed on the brakes to his bicycle, stopped, turned his head around so he could look at me, and then he said my name! If that person who intercepted my quiet ‘Hello’ had been either one second earlier or one second later, I’m sure he would have never heard my ‘Hello’.

It’s important to understand how improbable this event was – at least to me. In that whole semester, I did this singular activity one time. The whole thing took maybe fifteen minutes. I heard a voice in my head only one time that whole semester give me a direct instruction, which I tried to perform, but it was busted by some wise guy on a bicycle who intercepted my utterance. (Sure, it happens to everyone all the time, right?)

But wait. There’s more to the story. I actually knew that person on the bicycle, but not from someone I knew on campus, but from six or seven years earlier (depending on whether it was ’78 or ’79). We had both attended high school together, and we knew each other well in those days, but I hadn’t seen him since graduation night in 1972. By the way, that high school we attended was about ten miles away from ASU.

Anyway, I immediately went over to him, in a mild state of shock and disbelief, and we talked for a few minutes. Apparently, God didn’t want me to talk to someone new that morning, but to someone old – a person I used to be friends with. So far as I’m concerned, Jesus Christ had manifested Himself to me and also to my former friend from high school.

I suppose that Dr. Tyson might even grant me that the improbable coincidence that I claimed occurred way back in the late 1970s did actually happen, because he can always dismiss it by claiming that it’s a meaningless coincidence that signifies nothing.

Dear Reader, Christianity is not supposed to be a dead religious activity that all you do is to believe certain doctrines of the faith and hold on to the end, but never personally interact with Jesus in this life. Absolutely not! But if you want Jesus to manifest Himself to you, you’ve got to be all-in with Him. If all you’ve done is to tack on a little Christianity to your already busy schedule, don’t expect Jesus to manifest Himself to you.

Now, I’ll present one more miraculous event of my life that makes it look like to me that someone really is ‘looking out after me’.

This event could be interpreted as clairvoyance. I don’t know if I believe in real secular clairvoyance, such as along the lines of ESP or mind-reading or the like. I sure never demonstrated any of that. Biblical clairvoyance, which is more accurately referred to in the Bible as a *word of knowledge*, comes in the form of either a ‘still small voice’ in your head or a strong intuition. Now, for the details.

I was working at ASU in the mid-1990s (and continued until about 2005). Anyway, about 1996, I was driving home one afternoon along Van Buren around 60th street, when I saw a car pull closer to the street from within a parking lot. Normally, people slow down and stop and wait their turn for right-of-way traffic to go by before entering the street. But I felt a very strong intuition tell me that that car was **not** going to stop, and if I didn’t do something immediately, I would be in a terrible accident. Well, as I was traveling in the right-hand lane at about 45 mph, I

had to react instantly, so I moved over to the lane to my left, without even bothering to look to see if the lane was clear. Immediately after I changed lanes, that car did enter the lane I had just left. If I had not changed lanes when I did, there would have been a terrible accident. My heart was pounding.

Now, at that time I was not a Christian, but I have to believe that it was God who tipped me off, since I cannot account for it by any other means, such as by some random coincidental thought or by some unexplained premonition. I can't claim to have experienced sudden premonitions like that either before that event or after it. You can dismiss this event if you want, but I could be living on borrowed time because of the intervention of God in my life that day. As I said, I wouldn't become a Christian again until 2008.

The above events I related do not exhaust the miraculous events in my own life. For more of my essays, see my web pages under Christian Part on the left panel of my home page.

Conclusion: We all Have Our Limitations – So, let's Own Up to Them

One of the great challenges in this world is knowing enough
about a subject to think you're right; but not
knowing enough about the subject
to know you're wrong.
– Neil deGrasse Tyson

Dr. Tyson, that quote of yours is pure gold (and I hope I got it right)! I really mean that. But surely it applies to every human being, right? I know it applies to me. Maybe it applies to you, too. I say this because you seem to have an awful lot of misinformation about the Biblical revelations of God and His nature. I think that if you do your own study of the God of the Bible, without merely believing everything that atheists claim or have claimed about it to be correct, then you might find out that there is a totally different God revealed in the pages of the Bible—the King James Bible, of course.

As for me, I don't argue astrophysics with astrophysicists or biblical doctrine with biblical 'experts'. I prefer to write a few essays, now and then; and to publish my free Christian speculative fiction.

– God Bless!