

I'd like to read to you from Hebrews the eleventh chapter, the first six verses. (Reading NIV text)

Some years ago there was a meeting in Philadelphia at which a professor from Harvard university gave a talk on science. At the beginning of his talk he said, If someone tells me that in my automobile there is a little imp under the hood of the car that makes the car go, he said I can't prove that he's wrong. But he said I don't believe any such thing. He said I know enough about the explosive power of gasoline, about the ability of electricity to make a spark to understand that this is what makes the car go. All of those educated and intelligent people looked with great approval upon this marvelous demonstration that we do not believe in any God who makes and controls the universe.

It just is an illustration of the way in which the world as a whole is turning away from belief in God and turning away on the most trifling arguments. Where did the car come ~~from~~ from? How did the spark get that ability? Ability to make an explosion? How did the gasoline get the power to do it? Was there not a mind that decided how to put the things together and how to make the car go? It is commonplace to us that human brains have made an automobile and has figured out how to make them go. Yet we look at this marvelous universe and it is taught to our children in the schools and in our universities as established fact that by a natural process all of this just came into existence and continues.

In every human body there are billions, yes trillions of cells. Every one of those cells has a complicated structure. In the brain they say there are so many cells that if you took the brain of any one of you and you put these cells down one every 15 inches from here to San Francisco, that would just take the number of cells in one ordinary brain. In other words there are enough of them to be nearly three times as many as the total number of people on the earth. Everyone of them has a complicated structure. All of this came into existence by accident! It's really ridiculous. You look at this world and you find that almost every substance if ~~reduced~~ you cool it off it gets smaller. And the more you cool it the smaller it gets. That is true of water.

But water, if you cool it down to a certain point and when it freezes it gets bigger rather than smaller. Then from there on it gets only slightly smaller as it sets still cold. If it were not for this fact animals and human life would probably have died off of this planet centuries ago. Because the water when the stream it freezes, the water gets larger and that brings it to the surface and you get the ice on the surface and you still get the water flowing below that makes it possible for life to continue. It is almost unique, water is in its particular properties without which life would hardly continue on most of the world.

Yet the world is turning away from God. Is forgetting God and is tending to ignore God. During the French Revolution the leadership was very anxious to lead the people away from any belief in God. They say that one day in the Chamber of Deputies there during the French Revolution a man stood up and he shook his fist toward heaven and said, If there is a God in heaven I call on Him to strike me dead