

molded it into the shape of a stove, and made it possible for a lightning storm to produce a fire within the stove, and yet not injure the rest of the cabin. I would also like to know about the forces that, doubtless over a long period of time, produced the cylindrical pieces of iron that carry the smoke up from the stove so that it goes into the outer air instead of filling the cabin."

My friend paused in his meditation over the marvelous forces that had accidentally produced this universe and the scientific principles that can explain every detail of its construction. He turned to me with disgust. "Are you out of your mind?" he said. "It is obvious that no natural processes formed this cabin. Probably someone cleared the space in the forest. Someone cut the logs to the right length and arranged them, one on top of the other. Someone cut holes in such a way as to make apertures of exactly the right size for the windows. Someone took sand and other necessary materials and produced the glass, cut it to exactly the right size and put it into the windows. Someone took metal from the ground and shaped it into the right size to produce the stove, and to make the pipes that carry the smoke out of the cabin. It is perfectly obvious that a man built the cabin." I said, "Have you seen this man?" He said, "No." "Do you know his name?" "No." "Have you ever talked with him?" "No." "What proof do you have then that such a man exists?" He looked at me with irritation, "It is perfectly obvious," he said, "that some man planned the cabin, bought the materials, fit them together, and produced it." I answered, "You cannot believe that natural forces, acting simply in relation to scientific laws, produced this little cabin, yet you suggest that the mighty universe, with its intricate features working together so harmoniously, came into existence by purely natural causes."

I woke from my dream more convinced than ever before that God exists, that God established the laws of nature, that God controls these laws, that God has His own purposes, desires, and intentions, and that He works all things together for good to those who love the Lord.