

Faith Is Indispensable

This is a moral universe. The real foundation is **not** material, though it contains matter.

The Creator God who made the universe is a moral Being and He has filled His world with moral creatures.

We read within God's Word the Christian Bible of mysterious creatures who have access to the presence of the Creator God.

Psalms 103:20-21 [NIV] *"Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will."*

Those angelic beings do the will of the Creator God.

The scriptures tell us of at least four orders of such beings and refer to what they called "*watchers and Holy ones.*" [**Daniel 4:13**]

In addition, there is another more familiar group of beings, the highest of all the creatures God created, human beings made in the "*image*" of the Creator God Himself. [**Genesis 1:26-27**]

The Hebrew words translated "*image*" means a recognisable shadow of the original.

Human beings, because they are the pinnacle of God's creation, have a special relationship with their Creator.

Because this is a moral universe created by a supreme moral Being, character, which is the excellence of moral beings, is naturally paramount.

A Christian should not be only a person of intense spiritual devotion but a person of symmetrical virtues and perfectly balanced character.

Relationship between moral beings is based on confidence and confidence rests upon character which is the guarantee of conduct.

To live in a moral world it is necessary that we can put confidence in other human beings.

A breakdown of confidence destroys the adhesive quality of society, tears apart the fabric of civilisation and turns the world into a cage of savage beasts.

It is either confidence or chaos.

What has all this to do with faith in the Creator God?

God is a Being of supreme moral excellence, possessing in infinite perfection all the qualities that constitute Holy character.

Thus God deserves and invites the unreserved confidence of every moral creature, including humans.

Any proper relationship with the Creator God must be grounded in this confidence, that is based on faith.

Hebrews 11:6 [NIV] *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."*

Therefore this is the foundation of the Christian life.

All human sin began with and continues to stem from a loss of faith in the Creator God.

Genesis 3:1, 4 [NIV] *“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, “You must not eat from any tree in the garden”?’” ... ““You will not surely die,’ the serpent said to the woman.”*

When Eve listened to Satan’s sly innuendoes against the character of the Creator God she began to entertain a doubt of His integrity.

The simple lack of faith opened up the doors to every possible evil and the darkness of deception by Satan as to what was true, clouded the minds of all human beings.

2 Corinthians 4:4 [NIV] *“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”* [Revelation 12:9]

Human beings were cut off from the understanding of the real purpose of life and the intimate relationship with their Creator God.

James 4:4 [NIV] *“You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred towards God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”*

This sounds harsh and extreme until we think about it on a physical level.

Imagine your closest friend telling you that they no longer have any confidence in you, *“I’ve lost confidence in your character and don’t trust you. I’m forced to suspect every move you make.”*

Such a declaration would instantly alienate friends by destroying the foundation upon which every friendship is built.

Until your friend’s opinion is reversed there could be no more communication between you and your friend.

Only a restored faith could bring about a renewed friendship.

Only a professional unbeliever would willingly witness in public to their low opinion of the Creator God.

Yet, perhaps without realising it, people act out their lack of faith in the Creator God with a consistency that is more convincing than words.

Unbelief and idolatry are both libels on the character of the Most Holy Creator God.

1 John 5:10 [King James] *“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.”*

If we lack faith in the Creator God we are calling Him a liar, and a God who lies is a God without character, and where there is no character there can be no confidence.

This is the moral logic of unbelief.

The unbeliever refuses to trust God because their conception of God is base and ignoble.

You don’t have to burn incense to a graven image to make yourself an idolater, just refuse to believe what the Creator God says and promises.

The joyous message that Christianity declares is that there is a way back from this place of unbelief and alienation.

Hebrews 11:6 [King James] *“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*

Repentance is among other things a sincere apology to the Creator God for distrusting Him for so long.

1 Corinthians 15:3 [King James] *“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;”*

Restored faith in what Jesus Christ has done for us in taking on Himself the penalty of the sin of our unbelief in the Creator God who cannot ever lie. [**Titus 1:2**]

Thus by faith, reconciliation is achieved between the Creator God and sinful humans.