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We often hear of waterproof cans and bulletproof vests, but what about aircraft-proof gadgets? Even the twin tower designers couldn't do that. But do we not see aircraft-technology in action just overhead? An "ordinary" cloud is a massive mobile airborne water tank, which is aircraft-proof; an entire plane passing through it causes no leakage! And what raw materials fabricate this incredibly hi-tech product? Mainly water vapor and dust! What a masterpiece of design! No wonder Lord Kelvin remarked, "If you think deeply enough, you will be forced by science to believe in God."

Science reveals the intricate design and delicate harmony in nature that provides all our necessities - heat, light, air, water and food. For the thoughtful and faithful - like Kelvin, this is obvious evidence of the Supreme Scientist in action. Atheists are allergic to the very idea of `faith', but can they prove the non-existence of God? No. Is it scientific to say that God doesn't exist just because we can't see Him? If yes, then we shouldn't believe that electrons exist as we can't see them either. We benefit from electricity - the effect of the flow of electrons and so infer that electrons exist. Similarly when we benefit from universal design, shouldn't we infer that a designer exists?

Atheists counter: if God exists, why does He let His own children suffer? But does sickness prove the non-existence of doctors? Can sickness not be due to the patient's neglecting the doctor's prescriptions for good health? Similarly can our suffering not be due to our neglecting God's guidelines for happy, harmonious living? All God-given scriptures advise us to restrict sensual pleasures and seek spiritual fulfillment. Scientific findings have vindicated this scriptural counsel. Indiscriminate indulgence is hazardous - smoking ruins our lungs, alcoholism our liver and illicit sex our immune system. Millions worldwide are benefiting from spiritual practices like meditation, yoga, prayer and chanting. Hence if we let the facts speak, it is atheism or faithlessness that turns out to be a form of faith; a blind, unreasonable and unprovable faith that God doesn't exist. We must protect ourselves from faithlessness if we wish to avoid suffering and achieve happiness.

Once an atheist challenged Srila Prabhupada, the founder of ISKCON, "You have dedicated your whole life to serving Krishna. What if after death you find that Krishna doesn't exist?" Srila Prabhupada unhesitatingly replied, "I will still serve Krishna, because in this very life, I am much happier than the atheists." Srila Prabhupada then countered, "What if all your life you don't serve Krishna and after death you find that Krishna exists? What will happen to you then?"

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