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主日事奉轮值表 Sunday Service Duty Rota

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主席 Chairman	韦信良弟兄 Bro. Bob Wei	Roger Williams
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主日学初班 Sunday School Junior	Jim	Margot
主日学中班 Sunday School Intermediate	Stella	Janet
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感恩与祷告 Thanksgiving and Prayers: 若有需要代祷的事项，请联络罗李元带姊妹，带到祷告小组一同代祷。Anyone who has prayer needs please contact the Prayer Meeting Group - Sis. Yuen Tai Law.

1. 为所有在五、六两个月里要考试的学生祷告。Pray for all the students who will sit for exams during May/June.
2. 为英国新联合政府能够廉正治理国家来祷告。Pray for the new coalition government to govern UK well & justly with fairness.
3. 为泰国曼谷近日的冲突与暴乱能够和平解决来祷告。Pray for a peaceful resolution to the chaos & violence in Bangkok.

1. 人心因他的本能多少意识到神的存在，这是无可争辩的。神亲自将某种对祂威严的认识安置在所有人都心里，免得人以他的无知为借口。神不断重复地灌输这种鲜明的认识在人心，以便提醒他。既然所有的人都可以意识到神的存在并知道祂是他们的造物者，所以他们自己的见证也定了他们自己的罪，因为他们没有尊崇祂也没有将自己的生命献给祂。若说有任何人对神无知，一定是那些离文明最遥远和落后的民族。然而，正如一位著名的异教徒所说，任何异教徒都知道连最不开化的民族也深信有一位神。甚至那些在生活上某些方面与野兽无异的人，也仍保有一点对神的意识。这种对神的意识根深蒂固地存在所有人心中。因此自从创立世界以来，没有一个地区、城市，甚至一个家庭能够没有宗教，这就证明：承认神的存在皆刻在每一个人心中。

事实上，甚至连偶像崇拜也充分证明这种意识的存在。我们晓得人有多么不愿降卑自己而抬举其他的受造物。既然人愿意敬拜木石，也不愿让人认为他是无神论者，这就清楚地证明人对神的存在有深刻的印象。若想抹去人的这种意识是不可能的，甚至比改变人的性情要困难得多，其实，当人主动降卑自己，为了尊崇神离弃他与生俱来的骄傲时，他的性情从此就改变了。

2. 因此，有些人说宗教是少数人狡猾的发明，为了欺骗简单的人，而这些为别人编造崇拜神诡计的人自己却根本不相信神的存在 – 这些说法都是毫无根据的。我承认的确有一些聪明的人编造宗教的谎言为了控制人的思想，借此刺激老百姓敬畏并使他们恐惧。但是，如果人的思想里没有与生俱来对神存在的坚定信念，那么这些人的宗教谎言是不可能成功的，因为人敬拜神的倾向是来自深信神的存在这信念，就像种子发芽一样。其实那些玩弄诡计、企图在宗教上欺骗控制无知之人的人，若说他们完全没有意识到神的存在，这是不合理的。虽说以前有一些而且现在也有不少人否认神的存在，但其实就连这些人有时也不由自主地意识到他们所不愿相信的神真的存在。

1. There exists in the human mind, and indeed by natural instinct, some sense of Deity, we hold to be beyond dispute, since God himself, to prevent any man from pretending ignorance, has endued all men with some idea of his Godhead, the memory of which he constantly renews and occasionally enlarges, that all to a man, being aware that there is a God, and that he is their Maker, may be condemned by their own conscience when they neither worship him nor consecrate their lives to his service. Certainly, if there is any quarter where it may be supposed that God is unknown, the most likely for such an instance to exist is among the dullest tribes farthest removed from civilisation. But, as a heathen tells us, there is no nation so barbarous, no race so brutish, as not to be imbued with the conviction that there is a God. Even those who, in other respects, seem to differ least from the lower animals, constantly retain some sense of religion; so thoroughly has this common conviction possessed the mind, so firmly is it stamped on the breasts of all men. Since, then, there never has been, from the very first, any quarter of the globe, any city, any household even, without religion, this amounts to a tacit confession, that a sense of Deity is inscribed on every heart. Nay, even idolatry is ample evidence of this fact. For we know how reluctant man is to lower himself, in order to set other creatures above him. Therefore, when he chooses to worship wood and stone rather than be thought to have no God, it is evident how very strong this impression of a Deity must be; since it is more difficult to obliterate it from the mind of man, than to break down the feelings of his nature,—these certainly being broken down, when, in opposition to his natural haughtiness, he spontaneously humbles himself before the meanest object as an act of reverence to God.

2. It is most absurd, therefore, to maintain, as some do, that religion was devised by the cunning and craft of a few individuals, as a means of keeping the body of the people in due subjection, while there was nothing which those very individuals, while teaching others to worship God, less believed than the existence of a God. I readily acknowledge, that designing men have introduced a vast number of fictions into religion, with the view of inspiring the populace with reverence or striking them with terror, and thereby rendering them more obsequious; but they never could have succeeded in this, had the minds of men not been previously imbued with that uniform belief in God, from which, as from its seed, the religious propensity springs. And it is altogether incredible that those who, in the matter of religion, cunningly imposed on their ruder neighbours were altogether devoid of knowledge of God. For though in old times there were some, and in the present day not a few are found who deny the being of a God, yet, whether they will or not, they occasionally feel the truth which they are desirous not to know.

<基督教教义>-卷一第三章-人生来就有对神的认识 Institutes of the Christian Religion-Book I- Ch3 - The knowledge of GOD naturally implanted in the human mind by John Calvin