Why can't we see God?

One of the most common objections is: "If God exists, why can't we see Him?" The question assumes that He should be perceived with the same senses with which we perceive the material world. But the eyes see only physical things, and the ears hear only the sounds of this world.

The Bible answers briefly: "God is a Spirit" (John 4:24). The way He exists is not material. And man now lives limited to a body. Through the body he perceives only the material world. The rest stays hidden from him, not because it does not exist, but because the body was not made to perceive it. It is as if a man lived in a house with no windows on one side of the world. He cannot see what lies beyond the wall, but that does not mean there is nothing there.

We do not see electric current, radio waves or gravity either. And no one says they do not exist.

Every work has an author

Even though God cannot be seen, creation speaks about Him. In everyday life we accept without question that every work has an author and every design has a designer. If you find a watch, you assume there is a watchmaker. The more complex and well organised a construction is, the more evident the mind that conceived it becomes.

The same principle can be applied to the universe. The movement of the stars, the laws of physics, the cycles of nature and the balance that makes life possible do not suggest chaos, but a remarkable order. And a universe infinitely more complex than a watch naturally raises the question of a Creator.

A program without a programmer?

The human body is perhaps the most impressive witness. The heart beats day and night, the liver carries out hundreds of functions, the kidneys filter the blood with astonishing precision, and the brain coordinates billions of connections. All of this starts from a single cell. From the very beginning, the embryo carries in its DNA the plan of the heart, of the lungs, of the colour of the eyes and even of the hair.

We see the same thing in nature. The apple tree makes apples, the cherry tree makes cherries, wheat makes wheat. They all take their food from the same soil, the same water and the same light, but each processes them differently, according to the information written within it. The more science discovers, the clearer it becomes that we are not looking at mere matter, but at organised information. It is hard to imagine a program without a programmer, or a message without an author.

To this we can add conscience. Man feels guilt and compassion, tells good from evil and hears an inner voice even when no one is watching. And deeper still lies the thirst for eternity, an emptiness that nothing in this world can fill.

The problem is not only in the mind

Even faced with these arguments, many remain unsure. The mind receives evidence but does not reach conviction. Some look for spectacular signs, healings or unusual experiences, but even then the doubt does not go away, because the problem is not only intellectual, but inward as well.

There is a difference between hearing about a person and knowing him. When you first hear of someone, you have only information, and you may even doubt that he exists. Once you meet him, talk with him and become friends, his existence is no longer a hypothesis. In the same way, God still calls every person today to seek Him and to know Him personally.

Who God is

An unexpected picture comes from the technology of our own day. Artificial intelligence has been fed more texts than a person could read in several lifetimes, and it uses them in a few seconds. If man, with his limited mind, could build something like this, how great must He be who created the human mind? The machine works only with what it has been given, and by laws it did not set. God set the laws and knows everything at once.

"He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite" (Psalm 147:4–5). And His knowledge is not only about the universe, but about every person too: "Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off" (Psalm 139:2). What man has discovered through technology is no more than a pale shadow of what God is.

But a boundless mind still says nothing about character. It matters just as much whether the One who has it is good and worthy of trust. The Bible says that He is the God "that cannot lie" (Titus 1:2), and that with Him "is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). He has nothing to hide, nothing to fear and nothing to regret. That is why He lives in a rest that nothing disturbs. Where there is no lie, there is no unrest either.

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