

THE INVISIBLE BECOMES VISIBLE



In the Bible, God's Word, He makes it quite clear that there are two different realms that make up our world: the physical realm and the spiritual realm. The physical realm is that which we can see in Creation. It includes humans, creatures and all that which is visible to us. The spiritual realm is that which we cannot see. Angels, demons, heaven, hell, Satan and God are all part of this invisible realm. And while we normally cannot see those beings that are part of the spiritual realm, we can see evidence of their existence in our physical world. Just as we cannot see wind but can recognize its influence, so we can recognize the work of God or of Satan in the world around us.

The presence of an invisible realm coexisting with our natural environment with its beings being able to influence the course of human history sounds like a plot of a science fiction novel, does it not? Personally, I believe that one of the reasons we have seen a rise in the popularity of science fiction and virtual reality is because Satan uses it to deceive people and blur the lines between what is reality and fantasy. If the Bible sounds like the plot of movie where spiritual beings engage in warfare over the fate of humanity, how can it possibly be real? Thankfully, God provided with followers of Jesus Christ with two different tools to help us discern what is true and what is false about spiritual matters.

1 The Word of God.

For the follower of Jesus Christ, the Bible, written by men under inspiration of God the Holy Spirit, is the authority for all things pertaining to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). In the Bible, God offers us insight into spiritual realm documenting how it intersects with the physical realm and offering proof of its existence. While we were created with physical bodies, the Bible is clear that God also gave us an eternal soul that will become a part of the spiritual realm once we die. Our choices in this lifetime will determine if we spend eternity with God in heaven or find ourselves cast into the Lake of Fire with Satan and his demons. In the 2000 film *Gladiator*, the main character General Maximus makes the following statement: "What we do in life, echoes in eternity." It is not often that you find biblical truth in a secular film, however, this statement could not be more correct.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

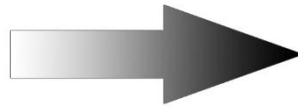
For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. Romans 1:20 (NIV)

2 Creation.

Another way that God provides evidence of the spiritual realm is through Creation. All of Creation offers us a physical example of spiritual concepts. From the ant on our doorstep to the vastness of the ocean, everything that God created testifies of Him. Through Creation, that which is seen gives us evidence of that which is unseen. It is this concept that we will explore in detail as we learn about God's Creation.

What does the Bible say about our physical world offering us insight into that which is unseen? Check out a few examples.

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God's Presence

"God is Spirit..." John 4:24

God's Presence

"He [Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15

God's Love

"... 'Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.'"
Jeremiah 31:3

God's Love

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

God's Power

"The Lord your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save..."
Zephaniah 3:17

God's Power

"When He assigned to the sea its limit,
So that the waters would not transgress His command..." Proverbs 8:29