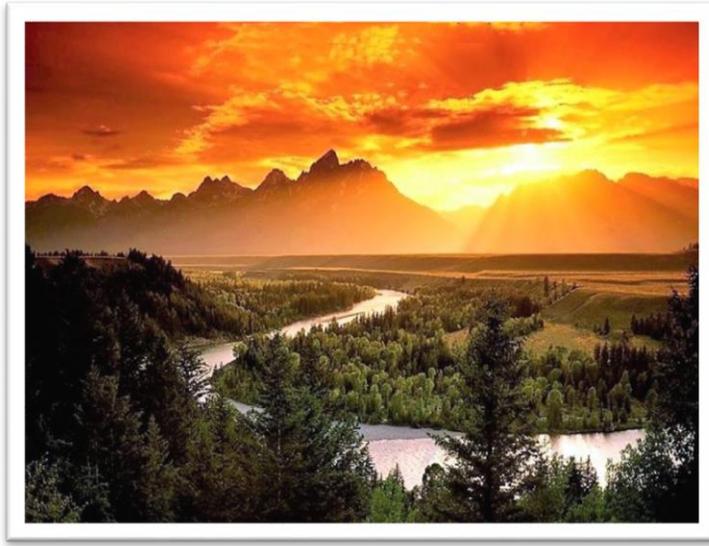


EVIDENCE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD.

While there is no proof for God, there is a lot of evidence.



1. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.

The Bible says all human beings know God exists by observation of nature.

“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).

(It is a mistake to believe the New Testament is somehow not trustworthy. Please do a Google search on “the reliability of the New Testament” if in doubt.)

The terrible thing for each of us is that we have deliberately pushed aside the awareness of God aside **SO WE MAY DO WHAT WE KNOW TO BE WRONG.**

All of us have done this, deliberately and repeatedly. This willful ignorance of God, together with our chosen failure to honor him as God, is the essence of what the Bible describes as sin.

2. WHAT IF THERE IS NO GOD?

If there is no Creator, then we are only elements of calcium, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, and phosphorus, which through a long evolutionary process, have somehow managed to walk and talk.

3. IS THAT IS ALL WE ARE?

If so, then our sense of consciousness, thoughts, feelings, and choices are only chemical reactions and firings of electrons -- not “real” in any true sense.

This would also mean the thoughts you have right now, agreeing with me or not, are no more genuinely meaningful than the thoughts of a say, a person suffering with schizophrenia.

Truth and reality then, would simply depend on our majority vote.

And that would be a real problem. If reality (and truth) exist independently of whether we vote on it or not, well, as my mentor Dr. Dallas Willard used to say, “Reality is what you run into when you are wrong.”

4. THE EXISTENCE OF LIFE.

Science has never succeeded in putting the “breath of life” into any gathering of non-living elements. Ever.

I recently learned that a bacterium can be entirely genetically changed by manipulating its genome. But the process still has to start with something already alive.

Some argue that if there is a God, he too must have been created. Not according to the Bible. The Bible teaches that God is uncreated, self-existing, and self-sustaining. He has always existed, unchangeable, with no beginning and no end.

5. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE FOR THE NON-EXISTENCE OF GOD.

Granted, you cannot prove a negative. Still, the scientific method depends on repeated and measureable experiments. Where then is the evidence that life “just happened,” given the repeated experiments that have failed to produce life?

6. THE BIG BANG.

Acknowledging the Big Bang, what came before this event 13.5 billion years ago? How did it happen? Every effect must have a cause.

7. ORDER AND DESIGN IN THE UNIVERSE.

When one considers the incredible number of variables that have to be in place for life to exist on earth, together with the detail and intricacy of the working parts of living beings – evolution must be really, really smart, or surely there must be a Creator.

I am also a math teacher. Take ANY geometrical relationship, say, the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle. It will ALWAYS be diameter times pi (approx. 3.14). No matter what number base you choose, the PROPORTIONS are always the same.

These relationships were not invented by humans, but discovered. They exist in space-time as a result of the Big Bang.

BUT – have you ever heard of an explosion that created order?

8. THE PRESENCE OF GOODNESS, BEAUTY, AND LOVE.

Most people are not content to believe that goodness, beauty, and love are simply “majority - vote ideals,” but are an intrinsic part of existence.

9. EXAMPLES OF LIVES TRANSFORMED BY GOD.

You probably know someone who has “found God” and is now a different kind of person. My own life has been dramatically changed by a spiritual experience with God on October 10, 1976. Both my family and friends can verify this.

10. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

More than 500 eyewitnesses at one time saw Jesus risen from the dead. Consider too that the original Apostles went to their death maintaining they had personally seen, talked with, touched, and even had a meal with Jesus after his death.

If they were lying, why would they willingly suffer martyrdom to maintain such a lie? People lie to get out of trouble – not to get INTO trouble.

11. JESUS CHRIST BELIEVED HE CAME FROM GOD.

Now, before you discount his testimony, do you consider yourself smarter than Jesus? Many people (myself included) consider him the smartest and most trustworthy person who has ever lived.

Are you really prepared to conclude Jesus Christ was deluded or a deceiver? Have you read the four Gospels?

I believe an honest reading, if it won't make a believer out of you, will at least assure you of the "weightiness" of Jesus himself.

The link below is a video I've done, "WHY CHRISTIANS BELIEVE JESUS IS THE WAY TO GOD." It may also be of interest to you. Feel free to leave comments or message me.

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