

EVIDENCES FOR GOD

The Bible says:

Gen 1:1 "In the beginning, God...."

Ex 3:14 "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Ps 19:1-4 "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world."

Rom 1:20 "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse...."

These and other scriptures give us three arguments for the existence of God.

1) The creation exists. Three possibilities: It is eternal, it created itself, or it was created.

The law of cause and effect: For every material effect, there must be a prior or simultaneous cause that is greater. Dr. Robert Jastrow, internationally known space scientist, declared that "modern science denies an eternal existence to the Universe." If the universe exists and if it is not eternal; it must have had a cause. Either it created itself or it was created by something outside of it. What material thing has created or caused itself?

We see snowflakes fall and know there must have been something that happened to cause that water to become snow. A child has five cavities. What is the likely cause? Too many sweets; too little brushing. Light came on in the room because I flipped a switch.

God vs story of naturalism. Against the law of Biogenesis, life only comes from life in nature.

"It is absurd for the Evolutionist to complain that it is unthinkable for an admittedly unthinkable God to make everything out of nothing, and then pretend that it is more thinkable that nothing should turn itself into everything." G.K. Chesterton

2) If the universe was created, then it's clear design indicates a designer. We look at the cell and the eye and the brain and realize the great complexity in them.

Atheist Michael Shermer, in his book *Why Darwin Matters*, stated: "The design inference comes naturally. The reason people think that a Designer created the world is because it *looks* designed."

Jerry Coyne, in his book *Why Evolution is True*, wrote: “If anything is true about nature, it is that plants and animals seem intricately and almost perfectly designed for living their lives.”

We must critically ask the question, as skeptics question us, if the creation looks designed, how could it have come about by random accidents? Random accidents only produce confusion and chaos, and God is not the author of confusion, 1 Cor 14:33.

What God created was different.

Why is human design so bad?

3) Scripture confirms this. Many will not see this as a reasonable argument. They will argue that the Bible is flawed, full of contradictions and debatable morals (according to themselves), yet the Bible has never been disproven. It has not been discredited. It remains.

The Bible purports to have been, in its original form, the word of God. We see God’s prophets saying, “Thus says the Lord.”

2Tim 3:16 “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God....”

2Pet 1:21 “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

Its many fulfilled prophecies testify to its legitimacy. It contains information that was ahead of its time. Archeology has continued to affirm the Bible.

A few other points:

Evil

Many people will look around and see evil in the world. They ask, if there is a God, why is there evil? This question presupposes that evil really only exists without God. There is evil, so there cannot be a God. What does that say about naturalistic theory and life?

In reality, Greg Koukl believes, “If there is no God, then there is no transcendent moral lawmaker. If no lawmaker, then no universal moral laws we’re all obligated to obey. If no moral laws, then no broken laws. If no broken laws, then no problem of evil. Simply put, then, if there is no God, there can be no evil (or good, for that matter).” His conclusion is simple, the existence of evil in the world actually argues for the existence of God.

Morality

Wayne Jackson says, “How can the presence of moral sensitivity be explained? There are but two possibilities: the ‘conscience’ (i.e., the notion that right and

wrong exist) either was implanted by the Creator at the time of humanity's genesis, or else it merely 'evolved,' and is a self-imposed ideology."

How could an organism programmed merely to seek the interests of itself evolve a sense of selflessness? Paul says in Rom 5:7, "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die." Why would Jesus ever have submitted to death on the cross? And that for His enemies.

Without an authority outside of ourselves to show us such morality, there is only each person. Jean-Paul Sarte states, "Dostoevsky once wrote: 'If God did not exist, everything would be permitted'; and that, for existentialism, is the starting point. Everything is indeed permitted if God does not exist, and man is in consequence forlorn, for he cannot find anything to depend upon either within or outside himself."

Religious

In fact men are not merely capable of moral behavior, but also religious behavior. What Thompson and Jackson call "the inclination to be religious." Gen 1:26 "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image.'" Ecc 12:7 "Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it."

Evidences/proofs/arguments for the existence of God:

- 1) The creation exists. It is not eternal. It could not create itself. Therefore, it must have had a creator.
- 2) There is evidence of deliberate design in the universe; therefore there must have been a designer.
- 3) The Bible, purporting itself to be the word of God based on its assertions and internal proofs, verifies that "God is."
- 4) The existence of evil itself argues for God in that without a God there really cannot be evil.
- 5) The development of morality cannot be explained by purely natural means. In fact, it goes against naturalistic tendencies.
- 6) Humans are by nature religious. Why would beings created by accident seek out a higher power to worship and serve? Especially, as I've said, this one.