

WHY I BELIEVE THERE IS A GOD

Psalm 14:1 *The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good.*

1 Peter 3:15 *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*

SEVEN REASONS WHY I BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

1. CAUSE AND EFFECT

Gen. 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*

The law of cause and effect states that: every cause has an effect and every effect is the result of a cause.

The universe points to the existence of an ultimate, uncaused cause – God.

2. HUMAN CONSCIENCE

Romans 2:14-15 *When outsiders who have never heard of God's law follow it more or less by instinct, they confirm its truth by their obedience. They show that God's law is not something alien, imposed on us from without, but woven into the very fabric of our creation. There is something deep within them that echoes God's yes and no, right and wrong.*

There is the existence of moral laws in every culture. Why? Because there is an ultimate judge.

3. THE COMPLEXITY OF THE UNIVERSE

Romans 1:19-20 Message: *The basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is! By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being. So nobody has a good excuse.*

Psalm 19:1: *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

- A. The complex, intelligent design of the universe points to an intelligent, deliberate Designer.
- B. The odds of this universe being produced by chance plus time are unbelievable. The odds of this universe being produced by an infinite creative God are 1 in 1.

4. INNER CRAVING OF HUMAN HEART

Ecclesiastes 3:11 Amplified *He has made everything beautiful and appropriate in its time. He has also planted eternity [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]—yet man cannot find out (comprehend, grasp) what God has done (His overall plan) from the beginning to the end.*

“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man” [This God-shaped void] cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus.” Blaise Pascal

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM GOD: THE BIBLE

Hebrews 1:1 Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets

6. PERSONAL COMMUNICATION FROM GOD: JESUS CHRIST

Hebrews 1:2-3 And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son.... ³The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God.

John 1:17-18 No one has ever seen God. The One and Only Son—the One who is at the Father's side— He has revealed Him.

7. CHANGES CAUSED BY PRAYER

Four Types of Atheists:

1. Those who are ignorant and therefore, don't know about God.
2. Those who are rebellious and therefore, don't want God.
3. Those who have been hurt and therefore, don't like God.
4. Those who sincerely want to know and therefore, will find God.

Jeremiah 29:13-14 *You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you”—this is the LORD's declaration*

There is a God. Therefore, I need to

- Believe in Him
- Be saved by Him
- Obey Him
- Trust Him
- Serve Him
- Worship Him.
- Tell others about Him.