

Is There a God and Can We Know Him?

1 Cor. 2:1-5

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,

and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Has God created man
or has man created God?

“Christian Theism must be rejected by any person with even a shred of respect for reason...

Reason and faith are opposites, two mutually exclusive terms: there is no reconciliation or common ground.”

George H. Smith - atheist

“I didn’t see any God out there.”

Yuri Gagarin –
Soviet Cosmonaut

“The only reason that you hate to give up on the idea of “God” is simply because you have grown up and clung to the childhood fantasy that there is a higher power.”

I do not believe in God because I don’t believe in Mother Goose.”

Clarence Darrow

Five areas of evidence for the existence of God.

1. Creation

The heavens declare the glory
of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

Ps. 19:1

Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. (3)

For His invisible attributes, namely His eternal power and Divine nature, have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world in the things that have been made, so they are without excuse. Rom.1:20

. A Transcendent Cause

I would argue that the universe and time itself had a beginning at some point in the finite past. But since something cannot just come out of nothing, there has to be a transcendent cause beyond space and time which brought the universe into being.
William Lane Craig

“As biochemists discover more and more about the awesome complexity of life, it is apparent that its chances of originating by accident are so minute that they can be completely ruled out. Life cannot have arisen by chance.”
Sir Fred Hoyle

“The origin of life appears to be almost a miracle, so many are the conditions which would have had to be satisfied to get it going.”
Nobel Prize winner
Sir Francis Crick

. An Intelligent Design

The probability of the human cell forming a single enzyme -
1-10(40,000 zeroes)

“From the very moment of its inception, the universe had to be fine tuned to an incomprehensible precision for the existence of life like ourselves.”
William Lane Craig

For example, “If the rate of the universe’s expansion one second after the “Big Bang” had been smaller by even one part in a hundred thousand million million, the universe would have collapsed into a fireball.”
William Lane Craig

“The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary resulting in a printing factory.”
Pro. Edwin Conklin –
Princeton Biologist

I praise You, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are Your works;
My soul knows it very well.
Ps. 139:14

“All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

2. Conscience

The true light which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. Jn. 1:9

For when Gentiles, who do not have the Law, by nature do what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves even though they do not have the law. Rom. 2:14

They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them. (15)

If Darwinism is true – implications

1. No God
2. No life after death
3. NO foundation for right or wrong
4. No ultimate meaning for life
5. No hope.

. A moral compass

If there is no God, where did we get the standard of goodness by which we judge evil as evil?”

Lee Strobel – Case for Faith

“The best way to show that a stick is crooked is to lay a straight stick beside it.”

D. L. Moody

Professor – “Class, its time for our test. Please sit one seat apart in order to avoid all appearances of evil – as the Good Book says.

“What if we don’t believe in the Good Book?”

Then put 2 seats between.

. A spiritual capacity

“I said to my wife. I have everything in life, but I am still so empty. I do not know where to turn, I believe I need God.”

Japanese millionaire

“You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee.”

St. Augustine

“There is a god-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man and only God can fill it.”
Blaise Pascal

3. Christ

“We have better historical documentation for Jesus than for the founder of any other ancient religion.”

Lee Strobel – The case for Christ

In these last days He has spoken to us by His Son...

Heb. 1:2

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature... (3)

- He manifested the attributes of God.

- He acted with the ability of God.

- He spoke with the authority of God

The Attributes of God Seen in Jesus

Omniscience – You know all things. Jn. 16:30

Omnipresence – I am with you always.

Matt. 28:20

Omnipotence – All authority in heaven and on earth has been give to me. Matt. 28:18

Eternality – In the beginning was the Word.

Jn. 1:1

Immutability – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Heb. 13:8

And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. Jn. 17:3

Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Jn. 6:68

. Has atheism transformed alcoholics into healthy citizens?

. Has atheism brought healing to the broken?

. Has atheism generated millions for charities?

. Has atheism produced forgiveness for those in prison?

But faith in Christ does!

4. Communication

2 Tim. 3:15-17

Jan. 17th – “Can the Bible Be Trusted?”

5. Changed lives

You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts to be known and read by all. 2 Cor. 3:2

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.

2 Cor. 5:17

Can we know Him?

1. God wants to be known.

... who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2:4

2. Stop fighting or running –

Surrender to Him!

Be still and know that I am God.

Ps. 46:10