

Does God Exist?

Bible Answers About God & Christ

Is there truly a God? How can anyone be sure such a being exists? We believe that the existence of God, and questions such as these relating to it, can be intelligently answered. However, the existence of God cannot be demonstrated to the five senses of man. God's existence must be accepted by faith just as the writer said, "By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible" (Heb 11:3). This faith is not blind. The same writer said, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). Therefore, faith is a conviction founded upon evidence, and we believe the evidence for God's existence is overwhelming.

When the Psalmist said, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork" (Ps 19:1) he was using the argument of adequate cause to effect. David could not deny the existence of the universe any more than we can. He knew that something does not come from nothing; but something is; therefore, something always has been. The two things that now exist are mind and matter. Either matter (that which is dead, lifeless, has no feeling) created mind (that which is alive, can think, and has feeling) or mind created matter. The Bible opens with the words, "In the beginning God (Mind) created the heavens and the earth" (Gen 1:1). There had to be a first cause and since mind is superior to matter then it is more reasonable to believe that mind is eternal and created matter. The eternal Mind is God (Gen. 1:1).

The writer to the Hebrews used this same sort of reasoning when he said, "For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God" (Heb 3:4). A house is something that shows design and planning. His argument is that men are involved in the design, planning and building of a house. A house does not come into being by accident. Yet, we are expected to believe that this wonderful and beautiful universe came into being without a designer—without the Supreme Being—God.

Paul's argument in his letter to the church at Rome approaches this matter in much the same way. He shows that the Gentile is without excuse in ignoring the existence of God. "Because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse" (Rom 1:19-20). Paul is saying, there is no way man could ignore the fact of a Creator when there is a creation. There is no excuse for rejecting the truth about God because His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature are clearly seen in the universe He created.

The first chapter of the first book of the Bible opens with these majestic words: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." There, in simple terms, is the answer to man's questions "Where did everything come from?" "How did this world which we now inhabit come into existence?"

Then, after giving an account of the creative work of God during six days, the inspired summary is given in these words: "Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven" (Gen 2:1-4 NAS).

As to the nature of God's creative work, three things should be emphasized: The creation was (1) perfect and full-grown, (2) completed in six 24 hour days and (3) non-evolutionary. Each of three facts is in obvious contradiction to the theory of evolution. Think how contradictory this explanation is to the theory of evolution. In the theory of evolution, all things are said to be going from a simpler to a more complex state of being, from a more disordered arrangement to a more orderly one. The Bible account makes the process work in the exact reverse. It says that things were perfect in their original condition and that, subsequent to the sin of Adam and Eve, they have degenerated from their originally perfect state by means of death, decay and conflict.

Not only does the universe establish the existence of God, the Bible also bears witness that God exists, because only divine inspiration can explain the existence of this most remarkable of books. The characteristics that point to divine authorship are:

- The Bible's amazing unity
- The Bible's amazing preservation
- The Bible's historical accuracy
- The Bible's scientific accuracy
- The Bible's prophetic accuracy
- The Bible's civilizing influence
- The Bible's absolute honesty
- The Bible's life-transforming message

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