

The God Questions: Is God Real?

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Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God!!

Theism: There is a God.

Atheism: There is not a God.
All things explained through science.

Agnosticism: There's no compelling evidence that God exists,
or that God does not exist. Just don't know.

Universalism: All religions have universal principles, equal claims to truth and should be accepted inclusively.
Everyone goes to heaven.

Trinitarianism: One God, Three persons
(Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

- Neither the Bible nor Jesus try to prove the existence of God – they assume it.

6 Proofs that God is REAL:

1. FIRST CAUSE

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God!!

- A creation requires a creator!

2. INTELLIGENT DESIGN

Rom. 1:20 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 men are without excuse.

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

- An intelligent design requires an intelligent designer!

3. REASONING & MORALITY

Rom 7:18-25 18... For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do — this I keep on doing. 19-23... 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord!

- A sense of moral standards indicates that there must be a moral standard giver!

4. RISK & REWARD

Prov 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Psalms 53:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

- Belief in God has low risk and eternal reward!

5. JESUS

John 10:30 [Jesus said] "I and the Father are one."

Jesus (and others) claimed He was God made flesh. Because of that claim He is either Lord, Liar or Lunatic.

John 1:1-3; 14 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Heb 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being,

- If Jesus is God made flesh then there must be a God!

6. A CHANGED LIFE

1 Cor 15:10 [God's] grace to me was not without effect.

- If God changed my life then He must love me!