

# How do We Know God Exists

One of the amazing things about the Bible is that it never attempts to prove the existence of God. His existence is just taken for granted. The first verse in the Bible simply says, "**In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**" In fact, His existence is so obvious that He considers anyone a fool who doesn't believe in Him. Psalm 14:1 says, "**The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God...***" This may seem like an unfair action on God's part until one considers some of the obvious proofs for God's existence. The fool said "in his heart" that there is no God. He didn't say it in his head because he hasn't really thought it through. When a man claims to be an atheist, he is simply rebelling in his heart. A thinking person can easily see that God has to exist:

## THE PROOF OF NATURE

Romans 1:20 says, "**For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse**".

Psalm 19:1-6 says, "**The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the**

**earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."**

Simply stated, these verses tell us that you can know that God exists by observing His creation. Since the universe is here, someone must have put it here. If there's a creation, then there must be a Creator.

Romans 1:20 says that you can see the invisible Creator by observing the visible creation. It says even His eternal power and Godhead. The Bible speaks of God being a Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Did you know that God has given us many pictures of the Trinity in nature? Take the sun for instance. It has three rays: alpha, beta, and gamma. Those are chemical rays, heat rays, and light rays, yet they're all from one sun. Take water for example. It can be a liquid, a frozen solid or a vapor. Human beings have a soul, a body, and a spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Our soul pictures God the Father. Our body pictures Jesus Christ, Who was here in the flesh. Our spirit pictures the Holy Spirit. Three parts! The whole universe is laid out in threes! In fact, the universe has three parts: time, space, and matter. Time has past, present, and future. Space has length, breadth, and height. Matter has energy, motion, and phenomena. Friend, the whole universe is made in God's image!

There must also be a designer behind every design. If you have a car that works, then it is

because someone designed that car. Someone designed the engine. Someone designed the transmission. Someone designed the body style. Someone designed the brake system. Someone designed the air conditioning system. Someone designed the tires. It would be foolish to think that no one designed it, but that all the parts just came together from nowhere and work together accidentally. If there's a design, (and there are millions of them in this universe) then there must be a designer.

## **THE PROOF OF CONSCIENCE**

This is the undeniable fact that man has a moral conscience, unlike other life forms. Romans 2:15 says, "**Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)**" There is a law written upon the heart of man which tells him that certain things are evil. There isn't any place on earth where people do not have a conscience about murder, theft, and rape. Anywhere you go, you will find laws that men have established to deal with such crimes. Man knows instinctively in his heart that certain things are wrong and worthy of punishment. The law is written in his heart. Well, who wrote the law in his heart? If there's no God, who told man that it's wrong to steal, murder, rape, and commit adultery?

A good example of this can be found in Genesis 20:1-5. A heathen king named Abimelech takes Sarah, the wife of Abraham, to be his own wife. God appears to Abimelech in a dream at night and sharply rebukes him for this sin. Abimelech

then tells the Lord that he didn't know she was Abraham's wife. He then repents of this sin.

Now think about that. Abimelech was a heathen who had no Bible, and no understanding of God and God's laws. Yet, he knew that adultery was evil. He didn't say, "Well, I don't understand. What's wrong with me having her for a wife?" He KNEW in his heart that he had sinned. He knew because of conscience. The law was written on his heart. Who wrote it there, if there is no God?

## **THE LIVING PROOF**

Psalm 36:9 says, "**For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.**" Today, there are no new life forms being formed. All life comes from previous existing life. You came from your parents, and they came from their parents. No scientist has been able to produce life without getting it from other life. It just can't be done. Apple trees come from apple seeds, which come from apples, which come from apple trees. There is no question about which came first, the chicken or the egg. The chicken came first. Life comes from life. Dogs come from dogs. Cats come from cats. Rats come from rats, and bats come from bats. Since no one today can produce life without previous life, would it not stand to reason that life originally came from one all-powerful and all-living Life Source?

## **THE PROOF OF CONGRUITY**

Congruity is the relation of agreement between things. That is, congruity is what you have when all the pieces of your puzzle fit together and give you one complete picture. In a 1000 piece puzzle, you may have 999 pieces together, but it isn't complete without the last piece. When you pick up the last piece, and you can see that it fits, you are glad and satisfied that your project is complete. You have congruity. It all fits together.

Well, the acceptance of God as Creator works much the same way. Without God, nothing really makes sense. Evolution has too many problems to have congruity. It's only when we accept God's existence that things start adding up and making sense. When we accept God's existence and His revelation of Himself (the written word), the picture starts becoming clear. Evolution can't explain why people suffer, but God can. Evolution can't explain why men can't have peace, but God can. Evolution can't give you inner peace and promise you eternal joy, but God can. Evolution can't "even the score" and grant fairness to all men in the end, but God can.

When you really think about it, the existence of God is the most logical thing you could imagine! He has all the answers. He can solve all the problems. He can meet every need. God is the "missing link" that brings everything together and gives meaning to life. As the wise King Solomon so rightly said, "**Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole *duty* of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil."** (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

## THE SCRIPTURAL PROOF

This is the fact that the Bible professes to be GOD'S revelation of Himself, and no one has ever proven otherwise. You say, "Well, I don't believe the Bible, so it isn't proof to me." You're wrong. Sooner or later, you will have to realize that you can't discard the Bible that easily. There are some stubborn facts that you must face if you're an honest person. It's only fair to allow the Bible to stand as a witness to God's existence if the Bible itself is proven to be a reliable source. So the issue is trust. Can we trust the Bible?

Well, there are millions and millions of Christians who have placed their trust in it and have found that it never let them down. There are millions who have found great joy and fulfillment by claiming its promises and obeying its commandments. Isn't that worth something? When you say, "I don't believe the Bible", you are saying that millions of Christians have lived a lie. Isn't it true that they found more joy and purpose in the Bible than you've found in anything else? Isn't that worth something?

A person who doesn't believe the Bible doesn't know enough about it to realize the foolishness of such a claim. Suppose I said, "I don't believe George Washington ever lived." Wouldn't that be rather foolish? The record of history proves that He did live, so I would be expressing my ignorance of American History. If you don't believe the Bible, please don't tell anyone, for you'll only be expressing your ignorance.

What do I mean by this? Friend, do you realize how accurate the Bible has been in the past? Take the life of Jesus Christ alone. Did you know that Genesis 3:15 prophesied the birth of Jesus Christ 4000 years in advance? Did you know that Isaiah 7:14 prophesied His virgin birth 700 years in advance? Did you know that His nationality, His family, and the city of His birth were all foretold hundreds of years in advance? Did you know that His agony and death on Calvary was prophesied hundreds of years in advance? Did you know that Psalm 22:1 (1000 B.C.) actually told us what Christ would say while on the cross? If you take all the prophecies about the life and death of Christ, and then figure the statistical probability of them all coming to pass, do you know what the chances are? Have you ever thought about it? One scientist stated that the chances are 1 out of 10 to the 157<sup>th</sup> power. That's one chance out of ten with one hundred and fifty seven zeros after it! You'd win the lottery while being struck by lightning for the millionth time before you could beat those odds! I would say that the Bible is a pretty reliable source. Wouldn't you? If the Bible proclaims the existence of God, then we should give it some serious consideration. We'd be "fools" not to.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE SAVED?**

Friend, God is real, and His word is real. His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is also real, and only through His finished work at Calvary can you be saved and have eternal life. Do you know Jesus as your Lord and Saviour?

If you've never received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, why not do so right now? Jesus said that salvation is a new birth, a spiritual birth from

God (John 3:3). The salvation of your soul is entirely a spiritual matter. No amount of outward physical acts, such as church attendance, receiving sacraments, confession or being baptized can save you. You **MUST** be born again. You must come to know the Lord Jesus Christ personally in your own heart. Friend, you need more than a religion: *you need a relationship.*

John 1:12 tells us how this personal relationship with Jesus Christ is established: "**But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.**" You must RECEIVE Jesus Christ! He's the one who bled and died for your sins! He's the one who was buried, and then arose again after three days for your justification! Jesus Christ is the one who is currently seated at the right hand of God, waiting for you to trust Him alone to save you. Acts 4:12 tells us, "**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**" No church, no preacher, no priest, and no creed can save you. You can only be saved by the Lord Jesus Christ. Will you trust Him today?

**"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Rom. 10:13)**

### **WHY NOT PRAY IN THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HEART**

**THIS PRAYER:** "Dear God, I thank you for forgiving me of all my sins. (*Only need to name the sins that you can remember*). For this day I am trusting in Jesus Christ as my Saviour. Therefore I thank you for giving me the gift of everlasting life in Heaven. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen".

