

# Apologetics

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## Evidence For A God

(Ps 14:1)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening
  - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on "Apologetics."
  - a. We've looked at dinosaurs, the historical Jesus, MSS evidence for the Bible...
3. This evening we will look at the "Evidence For A God."
  - a. Atheism for the longest time has been touting that there is no evidence of a God.
  - b. However there can be no doubt that there is a God because of the abundance of evidence.
    - i. Atheist just don't want to see the clear scientific evidence.
4. For the purpose of this lesson we will look at the mostly philosophical evidence.

### I. The General/Intuitional Argument

- A. General argument defined
  1. "The general argument is that form of theistic proof which is based on the universal belief in God and the religious instinct." (Sermon Outlines by Hearn, Roy J. pg. 54)
- B. Mankind will **always** worship something
  1. In an effort to answer some of life's basic "needs" questions man will resort to worshipping something every time.
    - i. Why am I here?
    - ii. How did I get here?
    - iii. Is there something after this life?
  2. Polytheist - worship multiple gods trying to explain these questions.
  3. Atheist - worship science trying to answer these questions.
  4. Monotheist - worship one god trying to explain these questions.
    - i. **Everybody** worships something.
- C. Think about this however
  1. How could a "material substance" invent the idea of God if there is no evidence of God?
    - i. If there is no God than the material substance of life has nothing to glean from.
    - ii. Even invention of alien life stems from the idea that there is "more than we put our finger on here."
  2. Humans search out by nature certain questions.
    - i. Why because we were created that way, ie with a soul.
      - a. **I Th 5:23** "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."<sup>1</sup>
      - b. **Ec 3:11b** "...Also He has put eternity in their hearts..."
- D. Therefore there is a God

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<sup>1</sup> All scriptures are from the NKJV unless otherwise marked.

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## II. The Esthetic Argument

- A. Esthetic argument defined
  - 1. "The esthetical argument is the argument for the divine existence of God which is based upon the presence of beauty and sublimity in the universe." (Sermon Outlines by Hearn, Roy J. pg. 55)
- B. Man has the awareness that enables him/her to appreciate beauty
  - 1. No monkey has planted a rose garden, or stood in awe of mountains, or appreciated fine jewels...or a sunset...
  - 2. No creature investigates the mysteries and wonders of the universe.
- C. Beauty is designed
  - 1. "Beauty and grandeur mark the universe; man has the ability to appreciate them, so designed to complement each other; therefore, evidence of divine purpose." (Ibid)
  - 2. **Ec 3:11** "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts..."
    - i. **I Ti 4:4** "For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving"

## III. The Moral Argument

- A. Moral argument defined
  - 1. "The moral argument is proof of divine existence which is based on the moral constitution of man and the moral order of the world." (Ibid)
- B. Mankind in general are respect moral law & thus morals
  - 1. Mankind in general has never thought stealing, murder, lying...was morally ok.
    - i. Though humanity has not always considered everyone equal with this idea ie slaves...
  - 2. Atheist have long understood this law and have, over the last 30 to 50 years, thus promoted moral atheism because of it.
    - i. Austin Cline in an article titled "Myth: Atheists Have No Reason to be Moral, No Basis for Morality" he writes, "The idea that atheists have no reason to be moral without a god or religion may be the most popular and repeated myth about atheism out there... Thus without Christianity, people cannot live moral lives."
- C. However the moral argument cannot be denied
  - 1. Notice if we do not have a standard of morals than we have no way of knowing what is moral.
    - i. Murder was "morally right" to Hitler.
    - ii. Abortion is "morally right" to prochoice advocates.
    - iii. Euthanasia is "morally right" to many advocates.

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2. Without a standard morality is left to the individual.
  - i. There is one problem though...there **is** a moral standard for the majority of people including atheist.
    - a. They will not hesitate to say Hitler was wrong.
    - b. However without a standard they would be wrong to say someone else's morality is wrong.
  - ii. So where did this moral standard come from...God.
    - a. **Ro 7:7** "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet.""
- D. Therefore there is a God
  1. **Dt 5:17-21** "'You shall not murder. 18 'You shall not commit adultery. 19 'You shall not steal. 20 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 21 'You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'"
  2. **Ga 6:10** "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."
  3. **Ja 1:27** "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

## IV. The Cosmological Argument

- A. Cosmological argument defined
  1. "The cosmos is an effect produced by a Primal Cause - argument from cause to effect; effect to Cause"
- B. You cannot get something from nothing
  1. Nothing begets nothing.
  2. There has to be something to get something else.
    - i. Science has tried to get around this, "Don't imagine outer space without matter in it. Imagine no space at all and no matter at all. ... To the average person it might seem obvious that nothing can happen in nothing. But to a quantum physicist, nothing is, in fact, something... Quantum theory also holds that a vacuum, like atoms, is subject to quantum uncertainties. This means that things can materialize out of the vacuum, although they tend to vanish back into it quickly.... this phenomenon has never been observed directly."  
(<http://tinyurl.com/3eot4f8>)
    - ii. This idea is called the "Grand Guess" in which Alan Guth an astrophysics tries to explain something from nothing saying technically there was something that exploded causing the "Big Bang."
      - a. However we still have a problem...how did the nothing that is now something become something before from nothing.
      - b. In other words it still does not explain the how the universe began.

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- C. Thus if something cannot come from nothing and there is an eternal something what is it...better put who is it?
  - 1. Therefore there is a God.

## V. The Theological Argument

- A. The Bible teaches there is a God
  - 1. **Mt 22:37-38** "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment."
  - 2. **I Ti 2:5** "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus"
- B. The Bible teaches it is the Word of God
  - 1. **II Ti 3:16-17** "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." (ESV)
  - 2. **I Co 2:10, 16** "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God...16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ."
- C. The Bible proves its self as from God
  - 1. **Dt 18:22** "when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him."
  - 2. **I Jn 4:1** "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."
  - 3. Notice the Bible can be proven.
    - i. It was prophesied that Jesus would do miracles.
      - a. **Is 53:5-6** "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert."
    - ii. It came to pass that He did such.
      - a. **Mt 15:31** "So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel."
    - iii. Secular writings back up this reality.
      - a. Celsus a staunch critic of Christianity wrote concerning the miracles of Jesus, "Jesus, on account of his poverty, was hired out to go to Egypt. While there he acquired certain [magical] powers... He returned home highly elated at possessing these powers, and on the strength of them gave himself out to be a god... It was by means of sorcery that He was able to accomplish the wonders which He performed... Let us believe that these cures, or the resurrection, or the feeding of a multitude with a few loaves... These are nothing more than the tricks of jugglers... It is by the names of certain demons, and

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- by the use of incantations, that the Christians appear to be possessed of [miraculous] power..." (<http://tinyurl.com/3hvpvppw>)
- b. Jewish Talmud is says "On the eve of the Passover Yeshua was hanged. For forty days before the execution took place, a herald . . . cried, "He is going forth to be stoned because he has practiced sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy."  
(<http://tinyurl.com/3jy8y7n>)
  - iii. The book of Isaiah dates as far back as 335 BC and as early as 100 BC.
    - a. The least amount of time it could have been is 100 years before it took place, these miracles.
    - b. This is only one of many proofs that could be used.
- D. Therefore there is a God

## CONCLUSION

1. When every fact is sincerely considered it is harder to disbelieve than believe.
2. Invitation<sup>1</sup>
  - a. God's Plan of Salvation
    - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
    - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
    - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
    - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
    - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
    - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**

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<sup>1</sup> Brother Roy Hearn's sermon Evidence of God was very helpful in my studies on this subject.