

Does God Exist?

Introduction:

- A. The question of the existence of God is the most important question that each person must answer.
- B. The Bible begins by affirming the existence of God (Genesis 1:1).
- C. There are three positions people hold with regard to the existence of God.
 - 1. Theism—the belief that there is a God who created man.
 - 2. Atheism—the belief that God does not exist.
 - 3. Agnosticism—the belief that man cannot be certain whether God exists or not.
- D. There can only be one correct answer to the question.
 - 1. Either God exists or he does not.
 - 2. Either there is evidence for his existence, or there is evidence against his existence.
 - 3. The question must be answered.

Body:

I. The Universe Exists.

- A. We cannot doubt the existence of the material universe in which we live.
 - 1. Since something exists we have to acknowledge the fact that something cannot come from nothing.
 - 2. Since something cannot come from nothing, then something must have always existed in order to serve as the cause of the universe.
 - 3. The question is: which has always existed?
 - a. Has physical matter always existed in some form?
 - b. Or, has an intelligent mind always existed?
- B. Matter has not always existed.
 - 1. Even atheistic evolutionists admit that matter has not always existed in its present form.
 - 2. It is true that the material universe must have had a beginning.
 - a. Among the laws of physics, the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics holds that all processes progress from a state of order to disorder.
 - b. The universe must have had an orderly beginning. As time goes on it moves in the direction of disorder.
- C. An intelligent mind is greater than matter.
- D. Matter is not intelligent.

II. The Universe Shows Signs Of Intelligent Design.

- A. An examination of the universe demonstrates that it has been designed by one with an intelligent mind.
 - 1. The earth and the plants, animals, and people within it show extensive planning and design.

2. Is the design of the universe simply the result of a lucky explosion that happened to somehow bring all of these things to perfect order by blind chance?
3. Or, is the design that we see in the universe the result of the divine planning and creation of God?
- B. The universe displays signs of design, purpose, and control.
 1. All of the stars and planets operate on precise mathematical principles which allow man to measure time, days, months, seasons, and years.
 2. Why do all of these processes operate so precisely all the time?
- C. The human body displays signs of design and purpose.
 1. According to the Bible, the human body was carefully designed by God (Psalm 139:14).
 2. Is there any evidence that this is true?
- D. Who built this great house, this universe?
 1. Everything that is built must have a builder (Hebrews 3:4).
 2. Is it logical to believe that a house, automobile, or watch was formed in perfect working order by random chance or accident?
 3. The answer given in the Bible is the answer that makes the most sense (Psalm 19:1).

III. Humans Possess A Unique Nature.

- A. It is obvious that man is unique when compared to everything else in the universe.
 1. Humans are different from the animals and behave differently from the animals.
 2. Is the unique nature of man the result of a random process of evolution?
 3. Or, is the unique nature of man the result of the divine planning and creation of God?
- B. Is evolution the answer?
 1. "Evolution" refers to the idea that life exists as a result of a random explosion that took place 15 billion years ago and that man is the ultimate product of a series of changes that animals have undergone over millions and millions of years.
 2. This is what is taught in most schools today.
 3. But evolution is a theory, or a hypothesis.
 4. Evolution is not a proven fact of science.
- C. Evolution is not scientific.
 1. What most people don't realize is that the theory of evolution is not scientific at all.
 2. The theory of evolution fails the test when it comes to science.
 - a. It cannot be observed.
 - b. It cannot be tested.
 - c. It cannot be repeated.
- D. Scientists admit that evolution cannot be proven as a scientific fact.
 1. Many scientists like to think that evolution is a proven fact.
 2. But many others are honest enough to admit that it is not a fact.

- E. There are three unanswerable problems with the theory of evolution.
 - 1. Life cannot spontaneously originate from organic material.
 - 2. The gap between animal and vegetable life cannot be bridged.
 - 3. No plant or animal has ever transformed into another plant or animal (See Genesis 1:11-12, 21, 24-25).
 - 4. These problems were raised in 1872 by J.W. Dawson, and still cannot be answered today!
- F. But what about the “missing link?”
 - 1. Evolutionists would like for us to believe that there is just one little missing-link or two in their chain of evidence.
 - 2. But the reality is that the whole chain is missing!
- G. Man is different from the animals.
 - 1. But if that is the case, then where did man get all of this unique qualities that animals have never possessed?
 - 2. The Bible offers a simple and straightforward answer (Genesis 1:26-27).

IV. Man Cannot Disprove The Existence Of God.

- A. The Bible says that the one who claims to know that God does not exist is actually a fool (Psalm 14:1).
- B. Why is it foolish to state that there is no God?
 - 1. The one who says it brings himself down to the level of the animals.
 - 2. The one who says it closes his mind to all evidence of God’s existence. (Romans 1:20-21).
 - 3. The one who says it is unequipped with the knowledge necessary to make such a statement.
 - 4. The one who says it would have to possess all of the attributes of God in order to know for certain that he is right.
- C. Man may choose to believe that God does not exist, but man can never prove that God does not exist.

Conclusion:

- A. Each person must come to a conclusion about whether he believes God exists or not.
- B. Each of us is responsible for examining the evidence and coming to a logical decision.
 - 1. What is the most reasonable explanation for the existence of the universe?
 - 2. What is the most reasonable explanation for the order, design, and purpose evident in the universe?
 - 3. What is the most reasonable explanation for the origin of life?
 - 4. What is the most reasonable explanation for the unique nature of man?
- C. Only one answer makes logical sense: there is a God!