

Why Should I Believe There Is A God?

Basic Life Questions Every Person Must Ask And Answer

Question #1: Why Should I Believe There Is A God?

A. What are the God options?

1. _____ or _____ = a world without God.
2. _____ = a world plus an infinite God. _____: There is only one God.
3. _____ = God is all that is and all that is, is God.
4. _____ = a world on its own made by God.
5. _____ = a world with a finite God.
6. _____ = a world in God or God immanently in all of the world (e.g. as a “life-force”).
7. _____ = a world with many gods. “As _____ now is _____ once was. As _____ now is _____ may become.” (Theology of _____).

B. What are the evidences for God?

1. Cosmological argument - cause and effect (creation—Creator)
2. Teleological argument - design-designer (the “watch—watchmaker”)
3. Moral argument - law-Lawgiver (our universal sense of right and wrong)
4. Ontological - greatest / necessary being (the greatest being by definition must exist)
5. Historical argument - mighty acts of God (e.g. Exodus)
6. Jesus Christ - His life, death and resurrection

God cannot be proven absolutely; neither can He be disproven absolutely. However, there is sufficient evidence to justify belief in a Supreme Being as reasonable and rational. This does not settle the issue of: What kind of God are we talking about? To answer that, Christians appeal to special revelation, the Bible.

Recommended Sources for Additional Study:

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How Has God Revealed Himself

THE TWO CATEGORIES OF DIVINE REVELATION			
TYPE	MANIFESTATION	SCRIPTURE	SIGNIFICANCE
1) GENERAL/NATURAL REVELATION	IN NATURE	PS. 19:1-6	REVEALS GOD EXISTS. REVEALS GOD'S GLORY.
		ROM. 1:18-21	REVEALS GOD IS OMNIPOTENT. REVEALS GOD IS JUDGE.
	IN CONSCIENCE	ROM. 2:14-15	REVEALS GOD HAS PLACED HIS LAW WITHIN THE HEARTS OF ALL PEOPLE.
	IN PROVIDENCE	MATT. 5:45	REVEALS GOD IS BENEVOLENT TO ALL PEOPLE.
		ACTS 14:15-17	REVEALS GOD PROVIDES FOOD FOR ALL PEOPLE.
		DAN. 2:21	REVEALS GOD RAISES UP AND REMOVES RULERS.
2) SPECIAL REVELATION	IN CHRIST (THE LIVING WORD)	JOHN 1:18	REVEALS WHAT THE FATHER IS LIKE.
		JOHN 5:36-37	REVEALS THE FATHER'S COMPASSION.
		JOHN 6:63; 14-10	REVEALS THAT THE FATHER GIVES LIFE TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE SON.
	IN SCRIPTURE (THE WRITTEN WORD)	II TIM. 3:16-17	REVEALS ALL THE DOCTRINE, REPROOF, CORRECTION, AND GUIDANCE THAT THE CHRISTIAN NEEDS FOR GODLY LIVING.
		II PETER 1:20-21	REVEALS ALL THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN TO DISCLOSE THROUGH HUMAN AUTHORS DIRECTED AND PROTECTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.