

The Existence of God

Introduction

1. There are those in our society today that profess to be “free thinkers” or “enlightened” because they have reached the conclusion that there is no God.
 - A. They have organized themselves under the name of “humanism” and have even published documents that detail their beliefs.
 - 1) In the *Humanist Manifesto II*, p. 16, they assert: “We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural; it is either meaningless or irrelevant to the question of the survival and fulfillment of the human race.”
2. In view of what is happening in our society, we need to be reminded that God does exist and as our creator and sustainer, He has the right to govern us.
 - A. If there is no GOD — then there is no STANDARD

There Is No Logical Explanation of the Creation Without the Existence of God

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- 1. God's creation is a cosmos, not a chaos. There is order everywhere, from the workings of the body to the world itself.**
 - A. The design of all things points us toward a supreme designer. There's no explanation of the orderly management of this universe without the belief that God designed it.**
 - B. The existence of life - points toward God. Science only proves that life comes from previously living things.**
 - 1) Everything produces after its own kind. Something cannot come from nothing!**
 - 2) The most logical explanation of creation is God Himself.**
- 2. The conscience of man and moral values point to God.**
 - A. All men have a conscience - where did it come from?**
 - 1) Did it come from a rock, a turkey, a monkey?**
 - 2) Man is the only created being with a conscience. Where did it originate..... — from God!**
- 3. Creation points toward the existence of God. The most logical explanation of the universe that we live in is the existence of God.**

The Bible Points Toward the Existence of God

- 1. Does the Bible exist? Sure it does, no logical person can deny this.**
 - A. Not only does it exist, but it contains things beyond the capability of unguided men.**

- 2. The Bible was written by about 40 different men from different backgrounds and educational levels, over a period of 1,600 years.**
 - A. And guess what? There is unsurpassed unity. The thread which ties the Bible together is Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**

 - B. The very first book of the Bible points to the coming of one who is of the seed of Abraham through whom all families of the earth will be blessed.**

Gen 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

- 3. The New Testament announces the arrival of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. It tells of his life, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.**
 - A. It closes with a promise; that He will return to take those who have been faithful to Him to Heaven.**

Rev 2:10Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

4. The Bible contains prophecy. No MAN can foretell the future, yet the Bible does.

A. Isaiah prophecies the coming of Jesus some 700 years before He was born into the world; that He would:

1) Be born of a virgin

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

2) Be considered as deity

Isa 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

3) Make an atonement for sin

Isa 53:4-6 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

4) Be put to death

Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

5. So how did the author of this book know these things about the Messiah?

A. Only because God (proving His existence) revealed them to him.

Jesus Points to the Existence of God

1. No one can deny that Jesus lived.

A. There is too much historical evidence for anyone who is honest to deny the existence of Jesus.

- 1) The New Testament documents are the eyewitness accounts of His contemporaries - the men who testified that Jesus worked miracles and was raised from the dead.**

John 20:25-31

B. Mike Willis once wrote:

“Can you imagine a situation in which a popular public figure was killed and three days later the report is out that he is raised from the dead? Documents are written within 20-30 years of his death which report his resurrection. To demonstrate how impossible these facts would be to believe, if Jesus were not raised from the dead, consider the death of John F. Kennedy in November 1963. Can you imagine me writing a document to our contemporaries reporting the resurrection of Kennedy? How many would believe it? How many disciples of Kennedy could we make in a short period of time? Yet, in the case of Jesus, His resurrection was reported within three days of His death in the very city in which He was crucified and buried. Within fifty days of His death, 3,000 were baptized in His name to receive the forgiveness of sins. How can this be explained without admitting that Jesus was actually raised from the dead?”

- 1) So you see, if Jesus was raised from the dead, then He is the Son of God, as the Bible tells us that He is. Therefore there is a God.**

a) Jesus demonstrates the very existence of God!

