

How Can I Know God Exists?

Introduction

1. **There is probably not a person alive that has not asked this question at some point in their life.**
2. **It is a very important question because when one is convinced that God exists --- then they are usually more dedicated to His work.**

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

3. **According to the Bible, every Christian should be able to provide, to some degree, an answer in this regard.**

1 Pet 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

4. **How would you respond if someone were to ask you about the existence of God?**

A. **The Bible clearly states that His evidence is readily available.**

Rom 1:19-20what may be known of God is manifest in them, **for God has shown it to them.** For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, **so that they are without excuse**,

5. **Man is without excuse! At judgment we will not be able to say, “But I did not know!” God has removed that excuse from us.**

A. **Notice where the evidence of God is seen:**

God's Evidence

1. Seen In the Stars:

Ps 19:1-2 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

A. Every day and night the existence of God is evident.

1) Only a fool can look into the heavens and declare "There is no God, it all happened by chance!"

2. Seen In Man's Capacity to Reason:

Heb 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.

A. The smallest of children understand that no house ever existed or came of its own accord. It was built by some human.

B. Just as this is known, we know that no human could have ever built this universe --- it was truly the hand of God.

3. Seen in the Bible:

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God....

A. The Bible is intended for spiritual purposes, however it also shows the physical evidence of God's existence.

1) It is a perfectly harmonious book - just like the heavens, perfect in every way.

B. The Bible not only tells us how we can gain salvation but SHOWS the existence of God.

2) Notice:

Bible's Evidence of God

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

1. “Paths of the Sea”

Matthew Fontaine Maury, known for charting the ocean currents, wrote a book which became the first textbook of modern oceanography. He became first interested in finding the ocean currents after hearing his son read from a book which told of these currents. The book: THE BIBLE. 3000 years earlier David wrote:

Ps 8:8 The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.

2. “Springs of the Sea”

In the early 1900's man discovered fresh water springs in the ocean. God wrote it in the Bible some 4,000 years earlier!

Job 38:16 "Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths?"

Gen 8:2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

Prov 8:28 When He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep,

3. “Recesses of the Deep”

Until the 19th Century man had believed that the ocean floors were flat, sandy beds like our deserts. In the Bible, God revealed what man did not discover for another 4,000 years!

Job 38:16 "Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths?"

4. “Circle of the Earth”

Isa 40:22 It is He who sits **above the circle of the earth**, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

- A. **Isaiah wrote this in 700 B.C. and man did not fully realize that the world was round until the early 1500's.**

5. “Waters----gathered into one place”

Gen 1:9 Then God said, "**Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place**, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

- A. **This was recorded around 1450 B.C. and it was discovered in 1520 by Magellan that all the waters in the world were connected.**

6. “Life of the flesh is in the Blood”

Lev 17:11 'For the **life of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

- A. **Again this was recorded around 1450 B.C. and it was found out in 1900 that life is in the blood.**

7. “Stars Sang”

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

- A. **This was recorded around 2000 B.C. and then in 1942 (WW2) radar picked up sounds from the stars (explosions).**

8. “Earth Revolves Daily”

Job 38:12-14 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It takes on form like clay under a seal, and stands out like a garment.

- A. **It was not discovered until 1851 that the earth actually spent on its axis.**

9. “Host of Heaven Cannot be Numbered”

Man thought the stars could be numbered until 1608 when the first telescope was invented. Man then realized what God had written 2,200 years earlier in the Bible!

Jer 33:22 As the **host of heaven cannot be numbered**, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.' "

Heb 11:12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the **stars of the sky in multitude--innumerable** as the sand which is by the seashore.

10. “Treasures of the Snow”

Job 38:22 "Have you entered the treasury of snow, or have you seen the treasury of hail,

- A. **This was recorded in 2,000 B.C. and it was found out in the 1920's that snow has great benefit as a fertilizer.**

11. “Dinosaurs in the Bible”

Did Dinosaurs walk the land? The Bible indicates that there were massive beings that walked the earth. They most likely were all destroyed in the great flood of Noah’s day.

Job 40:15-24

Bible's Evidence – Important to having faith in Christ

1. **At least 332 Old Testament prophecies of Christ are recorded in the Bible.**

Review Chart

2. **At least 16 prophecies fulfilled in one 24 hour period surrounding Jesus' death.**

Review Chart

Conclusion

1. **When we can understand that this Bible is truly “God Breathed” then our faith will be strengthened!**

2. **Let us not question God's plan for our salvation but wholly serve Him.**

3. **If we WAIT to discover the Bible really was true at judgment day ---- it will be to late!**

4. **Believe and Obey the great almighty God today before it is everlastingly to late.**

5. Truly **“The fool has said in his heart, There is no God”**....(Ps 14:1).

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