

Does God Exist?

Why even ask the question? The philosopher Voltaire said, “If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him.” If God doesn't exist then everything would be meaningless. We live and then we die. Once we die nothing we have ever done will matter. But you don't really live like that, do you? Fyodor Dostoevsky pointed out, “If God does not exist, then everything is permitted.” Is everything permitted? Is rape and murder equivalent to a preference towards enjoying cheese? Is there a moral difference? Will the evil in this world ever come to an end and be put to justice? That's why we must ask the question.

But does God actually exist? The following will be a quick run through some evidences pointing to God's existence and the ramifications thereof.

Cosmology

Within the last century the area of cosmology has produced some interesting findings. We have found that the universe is expanding. Most people know this feature about our universe. But what happens when you go back in time? You find that there is a finite point where space, time, and matter all had a beginning.

“I now see the necessity of a beginning.”

- **Albert Einstein**

A simple but powerful foundation: Nothing comes from nothing. All the time. Physics tells us that anything at rest must have an outside source apply force in order for that object's state to change. So what applied that force to get the universe started?

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

- **Genesis 1:1**

Physics

The universe exists. That much we know. But what laws hold it together? Scientists have found around 30 parameters that keep the universe stable. One of those is the rate of expansion.

Let's say we were to change that parameter. How much deviance is allowed before our universe collapses? It would be one part in 10^{53} . That's 0. (insert 53 zeros) 1. We cannot even perceive that number. This is but one of many parameters that must be in near perfect ratio to each other!

“A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a super intellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as chemistry and biology.”

- **Famous astronomer Fred Hoyle**

In other words, someone with extreme intellect must have finely tuned those parameters.

Biology

We are in what some call the “Age of Information”. Interestingly, that's exactly what molecular biologists have discovered in the cell. Without getting in depth, the cell functions very similarly to a computer. Thousands of protein “nano machines” comprise the many and diverse parts of the cell. But at the core, we find that DNA holds *digital information* to run and produce these machines.

“Human DNA is like a computer program but far, far more advanced than any we've created.”
- **Bill Gates**

You would never think a piece of computer software arose by chance – especially any type of code that has meaning or performs many integrated functions. Consider the following quotations:

“The amount of DNA that would fit on a pinhead contains information equivalent to that of a stack of paper back books that would encircle the earth 5000 times!”
- **Werner Gitt**

“The only satisfactory explanation for the origin of such “end-directed, self-replicating” life as we see on earth is an infinitely intelligent mind.”
- **Famous former Atheist and Philosopher Antony Flew**

Summary

- 1) *The universe began at a finite time in the past.*
- 2) *The universe is held together by numerous laws that are incredibly 'fine-tuned'.*
- 3) *The only known source that is able to produce the type of information and integrated systems we find in the cell is intelligence, or a mind.*

The only cause that can produce the effects in question is something that is outside of space, time, and matter (therefore not finite); incredibly intelligent and powerful; and personal enough to tune the parameters of the universe to ensure life is possible.

Morality and Justice

Without God there are no moral absolutes. If there aren't any objective 'wrongs' then all morality is merely preference. You may think torturing babies is wrong, but what about Hitler and the Nazis? Who decides? Even if we *were* to decide, we would be using a moral standard to decide! We then get caught in a game of who made *that* standard, and so on down the line.

We cannot escape the reality that either moral absolutes exist or they don't. We know that raping

and murdering innocent people *is* wrong, all the time. But if there are things that are definitely wrong – at all times – then that means there must exist a law giver able to apply that law – to all people at all times.

If someone murdered your loved ones, wouldn't you seek justice? If the judge at this trial just forgave the culprit based on his good deeds, and then let him go unpunished, you would cry for justice! Why do we say God is like this in that He will simply forgive our wicked deeds?

Many think, “God is loving so he will forgive me.” God *is* love therefore he must punish all evil just as you would seek justice for your loved ones – because you love them. Love and justice go hand in hand.

The Moral Rubber Meets The Just Road

The Bible says we've all broken God's moral laws, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (**Romans 3:23**). Which one of us would say we've never done or thought anything abusive, profane, perverse, self-serving, untrue, and so-on?

God *is* love and *is* just, therefore he must punish all who do evil in order for love to be fulfilled. Just as any just judge would decree, good deeds don't erase our evil deeds – evil cannot go unpunished. The good news is God has made a way out!

God became a man in Jesus, took our punishment and judgment upon himself in his torture and death. It is said of the cross, “the place where love and justice kiss.” God's justice is fulfilled and God's love is offered to all who will receive it. The cross of Jesus Christ is the only place you will find true justice and love both fulfilled. In place of punishment we get eternal life and restoration!

In order to receive God's free gift we are to admit our sin, turn from our sin, and place our trust in Him.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life...Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not stands condemned already...”

- John 3:16, 18

“This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have fallen short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

- Romans 3:22-24