

EVIDENCE FOR GOD



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1. The First Cause: We know that the universe had a beginning. Either everything came from nothing (atheism) or from something. Surely nothing comes from nothing. Even the famous Edinburgh philosopher, David Hume, admitted there was a First Cause. If the universe began to exist and the universe is made up of time, space and matter, then the First Cause must be greater than these. The First Cause must therefore be eternal, infinite and all-powerful.

2. Invisible: We know that all solid things are made up of small particles, which we call atoms. Below this there is the realm of sub-atomic particles. But below this we eventually reach the realm of the invisible, where laws of physics operate. The ultimate reality of the universe is therefore to be found in the invisible realm.

3. Intelligence: We understand the universe through equations, which are codes, and we understand life through the DNA code. Codes are evidence of communication, such as music, language and Morse Code for the purpose of relaying information. The codes found in the cosmos and in life forms therefore indicate information. Information is evidence of intelligence.

4. Ready-made life-forms: In geology we study the rocks and contained within these rocks are fossils. The earliest life-forms are in the Precambrian and then after that there is what is known as the 'Cambrian Explosion', because millions of life-forms appear ready-made, complex, and without any ancestors. In both cases life appears fully formed without any evolutionary history.

Let us now put these four brief points together. The First Cause of the universe is therefore eternal, infinite, and all-powerful. It is invisible and intelligent and has left us evidence of created life-forms on earth.

Conclusion: *'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.'* (Romans 1:20, Bible).

5. Conscience: All human beings have consciences and moral codes exist in every society. We are hard-wired this way. We know about right and wrong. If laws of science come from a Lawgiver, then moral laws also come from a Moral Lawgiver who is the Creator.

'For when Gentiles [non-Jews] who do not have the law [i.e. don't know God's Ten Commandments], by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them.' (Romans 2:14-15, Bible).

If we line ourselves up against God's Ten Commandments we find that we all fall short of its high standards. We have lied, stolen, lusted wrongly, hated people and put other things in the place of God. No amount of covering up these things by trying to be nice will work because God sees through it all. We are born to live for eternity but God cannot allow sin into heaven, therefore we would end up in hell.

6. Christ: Humans left to themselves tend to grope around trying to make sense of everything. As we are finite, created beings, we cannot know the infinite and eternal unless it is revealed to us. God has done this. The Creator who made the universe became one of us in the person of Jesus Christ; this is how we can know what God is like.

The Good News!

The Good News is that God brought us a rescue plan because of his great love for us. God was among us as Jesus Christ to show us how to live, but we hated pure love so much that we crucified him on a cross. But it was God's will that Christ died on the cross to pay the price of our sin and guilt, and to take the sentence of hell upon himself for our sakes, and to give us the gift of forgiveness. He was buried in a tomb but three days later he rose again from the dead and later returned to heaven. Therefore, he has the power to give us the gift of eternal life in heaven, and the supernatural power of God's Holy Spirit now, so that we might truly know God and be changed. It is through his perfect life that we are made right with God, not our own.

Jesus Christ says: '*Repent, and believe in the Gospel [Good News]*' (Mark 1:15, Bible). Repent means to turn away from sin, self-righteousness and man-made religion; forsake it, and transfer your trust to Christ. The Good News is that he alone can deal with our sin, give us the power to change and give us heaven.

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