

Defending Your Faith
Reasons Why the Christian Faith is Reasonable
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Lesson Two - God

Possible Positions To Take

- A. Atheist: There Is No God
- B. Agnostic: ‘I Don't Know And No One Can Know.’
- C. Deists: God Made the World & Turned It Loose (He Is Not Involved Now)
- D. Theist: A Personal God Who Created and Controls the World

1. THE BIBLE ASSUMES GOD EXISTS

- (1) **Genesis 1:1** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
- (2) **Psalms 14:1a** *The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."...*

2. CAUSE AND EFFECT

- (1) The World Does Exist. Where Did It Come From?
 - (A) There Was A Time When There Was Nothing And Something (Everything) Came From Nothing.
 - (B) Something Has Always Existed. Organic Evolution Says That ‘Matter’ Has Always Existed and Everything Came From It. Christians Believe God Has Always Existed and He Created Everything. (Both Evolution and Creation requires ‘faith’ – it is not faith versus science, it is faith versus faith)
 - (C) God Is The Uncaused Cause Who Caused Everything.
- (2) **Romans 1:20** *For since the creation of the world His [God’s] invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.*

3. SUPREME INTELLIGENCE

- (1) **Hebrews 3:4** *For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.*
- (2) A Design Implies a Designer
- (3) A house implies a builder, a watch implies a watchmaker and a universe implies a universe maker (creator)
- (4) Example: Study the complexity of the human eye and consider whether it is reasonable to believe that it is the result of a random accident

4. RELIGIOUS INTUITION IN HUMANS

- (1) Nearly All People Everywhere Have a ‘Built-In’ Desire to Worship a Supreme Being
- (2) **Romans 1:19** *because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.*

CONCLUSION

Some say: "I will believe only what I see." The first puff of wind or shock of electricity causes him to enlarge his creed. Faith is required in all areas of life. But faith should be based on evidence. There is a lot of evidence for the existence of God.

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EXTRA NOTES

Pascal's Wager

Blaise Pascal was a famous French physicist and philosopher who became a Christian. He challenged people with a wager (bet). It went like this:

- Either God exists or He doesn't exist.
- What would be wiser— to believe He does exist or to believe He doesn't exist?
- Let's say we put a wager (bet) on the idea that God exists.
- If we win this wager, and He does exist, we win everything; if we lose, and God doesn't exist, we lose nothing.
- Since this is the case, we should wager that God does exist.

There Is Some Evidence for Change – There Is No Evidence for Macro-Evolution

Admittedly, there are changes within "kinds", but nearly all of these changes are "loss of information" changes; not "new information," changes that the theory of evolution requires. There is no evidence for changes from one "kind" to another "kind". The "missing links" are missing because they never existed in the first place.

The Bible says in **Genesis 1:24-25** *Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so. God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.*

The Bible also says in **I Corinthians 15:39** *All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.*

More Evidence -- Design Implies a Designer

The earth is exactly the right distance from the sun. If it were closer we would burn up. If it were farther away we would freeze. That seems more like someone with knowledge planned it, rather than it being an accident

The human eye is a very complex structure that would all have to come into existence at one time in order for it to work. It does not seem reasonable that it could have evolved.

The human brain is much more complex than any computer. Think about how much work it takes to make the computer and to keep it working. No one would argue that the computer happened as a result of an accident, yet many people claim that is how the human brain came into being.