

CHRISTIAN WORLD VIEW

Part 3 GOD? To Be or Not to Be That is the Question!

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. If this verse is true all the rest is easily **Believable!**

In all philosophy there is only One Big Question! Did God make Man or Did Man Make God?

Importance of God's Existence--Everything we hold dear depends on God's Existence.

DEFINITION OF GOD—What Kind of God Are We Looking For?

>**Theistic God**—Personal God, created all but is distinct from it. Like a painter to a painting. Creator, Sustainer.

>**Polytheism**—Many powerful, but finite little mini-gods. Greek (Roman) mythology.

>**Pantheism**—God = rocks, the trees, u, me, etc. God is all & all is God. Not distinct from Creation. The Force.

>**Deistic God**—Impersonal God. Set into motion natural laws and walked away. No miracles. No Trinity.

Looking for the Theistic God in the Bible and In the Evidence!

1. God Is Simply Presented! *In the beginning **GOD**.....*

God Is Simply Presented. Bible writers never tried to prove existence of God!

God must be accepted by Faith! That's all there ever was and all there ever is, will be!

Skeptics like to challenge us to prove God exists. We can't!

>**Question for the Atheist** "Now Can YOU please prove God does NOT exist?" He can't!

Neither position is provable but there is EVIDENCE!! YOUR "faith" determines how you view evidence.

A Word about Predeterminism! Accepting only what evidence fits your predetermined model.

The Heart of the Matter is the Matter of the Heart! It is not an intellectual issue! Romans 1:22,28

The fool has said in his HEART there is no God Psalm 53:1 "Fool" = Nabal = morally foolish

2. God is Sovereignly Powerful! *In the beginning God **Created***

created = bara = originating out of absolute nothing Every usage has God as the subject

A good question for the atheist—Why does there have to be anything? Shouldn't there just be **nothing**?

Math For Fun!!!!

1. Atheist Math

Math says $0 + 0 = 0$

Atheist says ..

0	+	0	=	∞
(no one)	+	(nothing)	=	(everything)

2. Theistic Math

Math says $x + 0 = x$

Theist says..

∞	+	0	=	∞
(God)	+	(nothing)	=	(everything)

It seems to be bad math to be an atheist!

Law of Causality

1. Everything that had a beginning had a cause (God did not have a beginning)

2. The universe had a beginning

3. Therefore, the universe had a cause.

In the Beginning was the Big S.U.R.G.E.

S **Second Law of Thermodynamics** (Entropy)—All things are moving toward disorder/chaos.

In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth and made the heavens with your hands.

¹¹ They will perish, but you remain forever. They will wear out like old clothing.

Hebrews 1:10-11

- U Universe is Expanding**—From a single point at a “perfect” speed.
- R Radiation from the Big Bang**—Quite by accident in 1965 Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson discovered the “afterglow” of the Big Bang and won the Nobel Prize for this.
- G Great Galaxy Seeds**—If the Big Bang occurred then you would see “ripples” in heat energy that would attract particles & form the galaxies. In 1989 NASA launched COBE & such found “ripples.”
- E Einstein’s General Theory of Relativity**—From this theory, scientists predicted and then found the expanding universe, the radiation “afterglow”, and the great galaxy seeds, etc.

3. God Is Surely Purposeful! *God created the heavens and the earth.* Two Things **Design Purpose**

Too many things are just too perfect and/or too complex for a natural explanation!

- > Design = designer > Universe = highly complex design > Universe = highly complex Designer
- “This most beautiful system of the sun, planets and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being.” -Sir Isaac Newton (General Scholium, 369)*

DESIGN Too Good to Be True Accidental

1. Oxygen levels 21% is perfect! 25% = no fire put out 15% = no fire
2. Atmospheric Density/Transparency Thicker = cold death Thinner = fire death
3. The Moon Distance, speed of revolution is perfect for perfect
4. Carbon Dioxide Level Higher = Greenhouse effect steam us Lower = Plants not survive
5. Gravity Scientists estimate if gravity were altered by less than **1%** sun, life would not be possible
6. Water Every life form depends on water. Solvency, cohesiveness, adhesiveness, thermal properties
7. Jupiter The cosmic vacuum cleaner for earth
8. Earth Crust, size, rotation, tilt, lightning, seismic activity

PURPOSE

1. **For His Pleasure** *“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.”* Revelation. 4:11
2. **For His Praise** *³⁶For everything comes from Him and exists by His power and is intended for his glory. All glory to Him forever! Amen.* Romans 11:36
3. **For His People** *HE saw is was very good* Genesis 1:31 Earth is for us to enjoy

4. God is SAVINGLY Purposeful! *In the Beginning **God***

God = El -Ohim = is masculine plural of El. But uses a singular verb! (Can You say Trinity?)
 El finds its source in ‘ala = *one who swears and makes a covenant.* Elohim = Allah? NO!!!
 God covenants with His people and He always keeps his word!

In Conclusion 2 Basic Truths to Live By

1. God has an Obligation to Us

.....*trust your lives to the God who created you, **for He will never fail you*** I Peter 4:19

2. We Have a Solemn Obligation to Him He created us and He bought us

What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator Isaiah 45:9

Don’t let the excitement cause you to forget your Creator Ecclesiastes 12:1