

DOES GOD EXIST? **(Ps 19:1-6)**

I. Why is this an important issue?

1. There are some consequences if God does not exist.
 - a. The atheists and agnostics are on the side of truth.
 - b. There is no Supreme Being to whom we must give an account.
 - 1) There will be no judgment day.
 - 2) There is no heaven or hell.
 - c. There is no right or wrong, no good or evil.
 - d. Our motto would be: "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die."
2. But, there are consequences if God does exist.
 - a. There is a Supreme Being to whom we must give an account.
 - b. We must learn everything we can about:
 - 1) The nature of this God.
 - 2) What God requires of us.
 - c. This will be a life-long search, but if there is a God, then it will be worth it (Jeremiah 9:23-24).
3. We are arguing for the existence of God so we must show arguments that prove His existence.

II. Arguments for the existence of God.

1. One reason for belief in God is because it was taught to us by those that love us.
 - a. You might say that is not a good argument and I recognize that it is subjective.
 - i. Growing up, we all were taken to various religious gatherings.
 - ii. Our parents probably taught us that God exists in some way.
 - b. We naturally came to believe in God the same way that we believe in Paris, France if we have never been there.
 - c. This is not a proof in its most proper sense, but it is the beginning of an awareness of God.
2. Another reason for belief in God is that the Bible presents Him as existing.
 - a. The very first verse sets forth the fact that God exists.
 - i. There is no defense of God's existence.
 - ii. Just the fact that God exists.
 - b. From here on out in scripture, we are moved down a path to belief in the existence of God.
3. If we look out at nature, it does not take us long to understand that something greater than us made this world and there are two arguments that deal with this aspect.
 - a. The first is the "Cosmological" argument, which is based upon the concept that "every effect must have an adequate cause," which is the universal law of "cause and effect."
 - i. There is no exception to this rule.
 - (1) There is no such thing as an effect without a cause in

- nature.
- (2) Just as there is no such thing as a cause without an effect in nature.
- ii. There are only three possibilities as to the cause of the Universe:
 - (1) The universe is eternal;
 - (2) The universe created itself out of nothing.
 - (3) The universe was created by something that existed before and is superior to it.
 - iii. The most comfortable position for atheists is that of number one.
 - (1) This allows them to avoid the problem of the cause of the universe.
 - (2) The only problem is, scientists have evidence that proves the fact the universe had a beginning point.
 - (a) Notice these statements from agnostic scientist Sir Robert Jastrow: “Now both theory and observation pointed to an expanding universe and a beginning in time... About 30 years ago science solved the mystery of the birth and death of stars and acquired new evidence that the Universe had a beginning (1978).
 - (b) Notice this statement from him: “And concurrently there was a great deal of discussion about the fact that the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics, applied to the cosmos, indicates that the universe is running down like a clock. If it is running down, there must have been a time when it was fully wound up.
 - iv. We know that the universe could not have created itself because it would have to exist in order to create itself.
 - v. The fact is, there is a God that created the earth (Genesis 1:1).
 - vi. We must remember that God is not physical (John 4:24) so He is not bound by the laws of nature.
 - vii. The argument does not apply to God, which makes Him the “uncaused cause” of the universe.
- b. Another argument is the “Teleological” argument this is based on the evidence of design.
- i. Evidence of design points to the existence of a designer, a Being with intelligence and purpose (a watch shows design).
 - ii. Look at the universe (Psalm. 19:1-6).
 - iii. Look at our bodies truly as the wise Proverbs writer stated...(20:12).
 - v. Seeing and studying these wonders should cause us to be filled with awe for our Creator (Psalm 139:14; Romans 1:19-20).
- c. Another argument is the “Anthropological” argument, which is based upon the reality that all men are created with a “sense of ought.”
- i. All men believe that in certain circumstances certain things should be done.
 - ii. Some may seem without morals, but do something to them and see how fast they say that it was wrong to do that.

- iii. Moral sensitivity has been placed in man by being created in the image of God.
- iv. The moral nature in man demands a moral being as the Original Cause.

III. What can parents do to help their children have faith in God?

- 4. Talk about God, His word and His will, in front of and with your children as part of your everyday conversation.
- 5. Teach your children these reasons to believe in His existence.
- 6. Teach your children about the nature of God.
- 7. Teach your children about the great principles behind His actions.
- 8. We must ask and answer questions about God.
- 9. Practice what we teach!!!! They must see us holding up the Word of God in high esteem.