

We Exist – Therefore God Exists

Text : **Romans 1: 18-32**

INTRODUCTION :

A. We live in a time when our culture is growing increasingly “*secular*.”

1. “*Secular*” is a code word for atheistic. It refers to being without religion.
2. This attitude is nothing new.
Sigmund Freud is quoted as having said that because man needs security, has deep-seated fears, and lives in a threatening world which feels out of his control, he invented a superior, supernatural being. Like the “bogeyman” represents all of our deep-seated fears, “God” represents our confidence in the face of those fears.

*** Note :** *Late in life Dr. Freud became a religion man, a devout Jew.*

3. All through the bible men have tried to set themselves up as the supreme authority.

B. The negative to Dr. Freud’s affirmative, is that men reject the existence of God because they do not want to know God. WHY REJECT GOD ?

1. because if He exists (*and He does*) they would have to submit to Him.
2. because accepting His existence would put them out of step with their peers.
3. because they enjoy their life and don’t want to stop sinning.
4. because they are too proud to accept that they could have been wrong.

C. One’s ability or willingness to seek God is determined by his worldview.

1. Worldview is affected by culture.
2. Worldview is affected by peers.
3. Worldview is affected by education.

*** ALL of these factors are making it increasingly difficult for people to accept God.**

D. The “anti-God” people are aggressive against believers. (**only sin is protected)**

1. They belittle believers as being “intellectually challenged”, superstitious, etc.
 - a. This is a debate tactic .. if you can’t disprove the opponents argument, ridicule it.
 - b. **Psa. 14: 1- The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”**

*** The belief in God is such a matter of common sense, the bible makes no attempt to prove the existence of God.**

2. Don’t be ashamed of faith; everyone in the world accepts many things by faith.
 - a. How do you know George Washington exists ? By Faith in the one who told you.
 - b. When driving, how do you know the other car won’t hit you ? (**airplane will fly ?**)
 - c. How do I know a piece of pie is safe to eat ?

TRANSITION :

Is there enough evidence to justify a belief in an all-powerful, transcendent God ? I would like to share with you four (4) reasons I believe there is.

I. The fact that His creation exists proves there is a God.**A. Something cannot come from nothing.**

1. The first law of thermodynamics is called the law of the conservation of matter :
“Matter can neither be created nor destroyed, only changed.” ($E = M C ^2$)
2. For example :
 - a. **When fuel is burned, it produces heat, light, carbon, etc. so it does not cease to exist, it merely changes form.**
 - b. Even after a nuclear blast ALL of the neutrons, protons, and electrons are still there.

B. Thus, since matter exists there had to have been an original source of matter from outside the system.

1. The “*Big Bang*” theory violates the most fundamental laws of physics.
2. Simply stated, the unproven “*Big Bang*” theory says :
 There was a baseball size lump of eternally existent super-matter which because it was so dense it exploded. Said explosion of the baseball sized lump resulted in the formation of the entire universe.
3. Does it not take more faith to believe this fairytale than to believe God created it ?

II. The precision and complexity of the creation demands that there be a creator.**A. In the entire bible there is only one statement referring to proof that God is.**

1. **Rom. 1: 19-20** because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His 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.

* The Apostle says, *“Just look around you; the creations proves there is a God.”*

2. Have you seen the TV program, “Are You Smarter Than a Fifth-grader?”
 - a. God is so obvious, even an illiterate person can observe Him. (**Designer**)
 - b. Only one with a pre-existing negative bias would ever deny it.

3. When we see something that has been made, logically, we know there was a maker.
 - a. How would you react to a person who advocated that his automobile was a result of a petroleum explosion deep under an iron deposit under a grove of rubber trees.
 - b. What would be your reaction to a person who showed you a set of encyclopedia and told you they were the result of a series of explosions in a print shop located in a pine forest? (**Deny God = pre-exitant bias**)

B. Our universe is more precise than anything man has ever made.

1. It is so intricately designed it could never have just happened.
2. (Noted Christian philosopher) Michael Horner has written, "Astrophysicists have been discovering that the Big Bang appears to have been incredibly fine tuned. The numerical values of the different natural forces like gravity, electromagnetism, sub-atomic forces, etc. 'just happened' to fall into an extremely narrow range that is conducive for life to exist. Minute changes in any one of these forces would have destroyed the possibility of life and in most cases destroyed the universe." Then he gives an example: "If the expansion rate of the universe was -less by 1 part in a million million, the universe would have collapsed very early - greater by 1 part in a million, galaxies, stars and planets would never have formed. In fact tiny changes in the charge of the electron would block any kind of chemistry. If the Big Bang was merely a chance happening it is virtually impossible that all the values would have been exactly right to ensure the survival of the universe and to allow life. Given the potentially infinite number of other values these forces could have taken, it is much more likely that they would have fallen outside the extremely narrow range that is conducive to life. Therefore this is evidence of an intelligent designer behind the Big Bang ensuring that it happened in such a way that the universe could support life." (**born grown**)

C. Life on our planet requires parameters that are too precise to just have happened.

1. Earth must have :
 - a. Water
 - b. Climate
 - c. Atmosphere
2. Small changes can have catastrophic consequences.

ILL. - Reactor created underwater desert by increase temp. ½ of 1 degree.
3. Earth is divided into very precise “ecosystems.”
 - a. The absence of or increase of any one component can destroy the whole system.
 - b. The loss of food or habitat for any component can cause the collapse of the system.
 - c. These are too intricate for each individual component to have evolved separately.

III. The nature of man proves there is a God.

A. Men everywhere have always worshipped.

1. “To say that there is no God is to take a position which has been rejected by humanity itself.”
 - a. Theologians poetically say, “*Man has a God-shaped vacuum within.*”
 - b. Archeologists have never uncovered a civilization that did not worship.
2. Communists tried for 70 years to stomp out religion in the Soviet Union, soon after communism fell, the churches were back to pre-communist levels.
3. Worship is within the very nature of man. ***We need it to be emotionally healthy.***
 - a. Many today are frustrated and unfulfilled, but don’t know why.
It is because they are not satisfying their need to worship. (like need for ..)
 - b. Scientific studies have consistently showed that people who have an active faith in God live longer.
 - c. Science has also proven that people who pray recover from illness faster.

B. The complexity of the human body demonstrates that there is a God.

1. The more we learn about it, the more questions we have.
2. We have yet to make a computer which can store all the information our body stores in the human genome. (**Brain processes more info faster than ..**)
3. The human eye remain a marvel .. We can’t come near duplicating it.

C. Life proves there is a God.

1. Man cannot create life or return the dead to life.
2. Man cannot make even one cell and make even one come to life.

D. The morality of man proves that there is a God.

1. All human civilizations have had a system of values. (**Where come from**)
2. Certain moral values have been universal. **For example :**
 - a. Every culture recognizes the need to help other.
 - b. All mankind place a value on human life.
 - c. The need to maintain a strong family is a universal value.

IV. An all-powerful God is the only plausible explanation for our existence.

A. It takes greater faith to believe that there is no God than to believe He exists.

1. Like adolescent children, from the garden until now, man has been rebellious.
2. Our conduct on earth mirrors Satan’s conduct in Heaven. (*We want to be in charge.*)

B. Scientists have NO empirical evidence to sustain their theories. (NO PROOF)

1. **Remember –** The word “**Theory**” refers to something that is not proven.
2. Scientist start with the unproven ASSUMPTION that there could not be a God.
3. The scientific method requires proof and the ability to reproduce results.

*** We cannot assume the honesty of scientists. Their strong bias has produced many frauds and an abundance of deceptions. .. verify.**

CONCLUSION :

A. Faith grows out of a foundation of knowledge, NOT from a blind leap.

B. There IS sufficient knowledge to provide a foundation for faith in God.

1. Something cannot come from nothing.
 - a. The creation exists.
 - b. Therefore, there must have been a source of the material universe.
2. Design demands a designer.
 - a. The universe is extremely complex and intricately designed.
 - b. All life on earth displays the hand of its designer. (**Like footprints in snow.**)
3. The very nature of man proves that there is a source of morality.
 - a. Man holds certain things to be right and condemns other things.
 - b. Many of these values are timeless and universal.
4. The only plausible explanation for all of these is that an all-powerful God exists.

INVITATION :

A. Since God does exist, man has a responsibility to seek Him.

B. What is your relationship with your God ?

C. Today is the day for you to turn to him.