

Arguments For The Existence Of God!

1 Peter 3:13-17

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1 Peter 3:13-17, *Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*

Three Categories Of People:

ATHEIST – A Person Who Denies The Existence Of God

AGNOSTIC – Person Who Asserts That God’s Existence Is

Unknown

THEIST – A Person Who Believes God Exists

Psalms 14:1, *The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”*

Three Major Religious Views:

THEISM – “God Made It All” Judaism, Islam And Christianity

PANTHEISM – “God Is All” Zen, Buddhism, Hinduism, New Age

ATHEISM – “No God At All”

Three Major Origins Of Life Views:

- 1) **The “Theory” Of Naturalistic Evolution (Darwinian Evolution)** – Is “Not” scientifically proven and it is not actually a theory of creation since it does not involve a creator.
- 2) **Theistic Evolution** – God performed the miracle of creation and the origin of life and then continued to lead life, step by step, down the path of evolutionary development.
- 3) **Theistic Creation** – God specially created everything including creating mankind in His Image.

Proverbs 18:13, *To answer before listening—that is folly and shame.*

5 Arguments For The Existence Of God:

1) **PHILOSOPHY** Confirms There Is A God

Romans 1:21, *For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools...*

MORAL Argument—Argument For Good And Evil Or Universal Conscience

Romans 2:14, *... Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.*

COSMOLOGICAL Argument—Argument For Cause And Effect

Psalms 8:3, *When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place*

TELEOLOGICAL Argument—Argument For Purpose Or Design

Psalms 19:1, *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. ²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.*

2) **SCRIPTURE** Proclaims There Is A God

Genesis 1:1, *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

3) **The UNIVERSE** Declares There Is A God

Romans 1:20, *For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

4) **JESUS Taught There Is A God**

Matthew 5:8, *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God*

5) **PERSONAL Experience Reveals There Is A God**

Psalms 34:8, *Taste and see that the LORD is good...*

Hebrews 11:6, *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.*