

5 Proofs of God's Existence

By Mike Riley

Do we believe that God exists because of some "leap of faith" or is there real evidence for God's existence? God "did not leave Himself without witness" (Acts 14:17). There is much evidence. It is not some "leap of faith" or some assumption as some teach! There is credible evidence for God's existence. Here are 5 proofs of God's existence.

The Teleological Argument

The first of these proofs involves the material universe and deals with order and design. Sometimes it is called the "watch argument". When a person picks up a watch, he or she knows because of order and design, there must have been a "designer." Only a fool would believe that a watch "just happened." The universe is X to the nth degree more complex than any watch, therefore there must have been a designer. That designer is God. David used this argument in Ps 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

The Anthropological Argument

The second of the 5 proofs of God's existence involves the moral law within man. Sometimes it is called the "moral argument". Briefly stated the moral law within man implies a moral Creator – God! The infidel would argue that morality "evolved". However, animals exist, yet they have no moral code. The fact is, if God does not exist, then there is no such thing as evil. Paul used this argument in Rom 2:14-15.

The Cosmological Argument

This argument deals with "cause" and "effect". Nothing comes from nothing. Everything except that which is eternal must have an adequate cause. Thus, the world exists back to a creative cause, and that cause is God. Since matter cannot create itself, the existing cosmos is undeniable evidence of the Creator. This argument is used in Heb 3:4.

The Ontological Argument

This argument concerns philosophy. It is based on the fact that man is "incurably religious". Of the 5 proofs of God's existence, this is the most compelling to some. There is something about man that he or she reaches beyond this material/physical world into a spiritual realm. No matter how hard one looks, one cannot find a culture or civilization where man is not in some way religious. The atheist believes that this is some "psychological inadequacy". However, the reality is that atheism is not normal, and the atheist is the one with the psychotic deficiency. The Psalmist David said, "The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts" (Ps 10:4).

The Biblical Argument

This argument deals with the supernatural characteristics of the Bible. It states that if the Bible contains properties beyond the capabilities of man, then the Bible is not the product of mere humans but is the product of God, and if it is from God, then God must exist. The Bible does contain properties that are beyond human inventions such as predictive prophecy. Humans cannot accurately predict the future. Yet, the Bible contains predictions of meticulous details centuries before their fulfillment. Thus, the Bible is not the invention of man but is indeed from God.

Conclusion

In light of the above evidence, David wrote, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Ps 14:1). Since God is knowable through credible "faith" (Heb 11:1; Acts 14:17; Rom 1:20; Rom 10:17), all men are accountable to Him (Acts 17:30-31; Rom 2:16; Rom 14:11-12). Here we have listed 5 proofs of God's existence. You must decide.



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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Charles Fricke **Opening prayer-** Travis Rogers
Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Lyle Russell
Sermon- Don DeLukie

September 17th

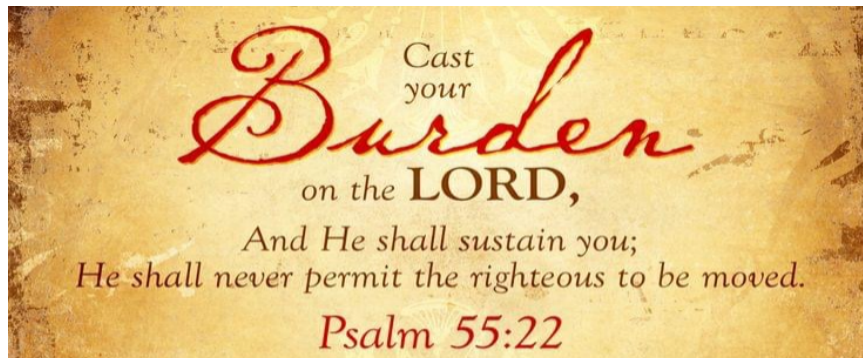
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Announcements

—**Mini-Ladies Day:** Our next Ladies' Day is scheduled for Sept. 16th. Lunch will be provided. See flyer for more details. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question and Answer Series will be scheduled when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer. **The next pick-up is scheduled for Sept 30th.**



Please Pray For:

Phillip Simmons, Tommy Franklin, John White, Barbara Wheeler, Ronnie White, Aiden Richardson, Donna Llewellyn, Joanne Randolph, John McDaniel, Gena Granger, Brax Williams, Jim Rhodes, Kate Heavener, Rick Whittle.

Bereaved: Families of Frank McDaniel, Florence Matthews, Judy Strickland, Randy Mitchell, and Randy Manning's Mother.

Continue to Pray For:

Dwain Flowers, Susie McGough, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Renee Gee, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



1 - Todd Chapman
9 - Carlon Hollis
17 - Sherry Miller
18 - Wanda Simpson
19 - Linda Herlong
22 - Jodie Chisley
23 - Maddie Magee
27 - Shirley Goodwin

5 - Matt and Danielle Scharf
25 - Lyle and Miriam Russell

