

Lesson 18: Existence of God

Introduction

We Christians realize that the most important parts of our lives are those that make an impact for eternity. The study of God and his relations to, purposes for, and work within the created universe- Matters! Welcome to our Link Group where we focus on biblical small groups grounded in the teachings of the bible. Our goal is to ground biblical believers and to develop disciples that make disciplines!

To begin our study in Bible doctrine, we ought to begin with God. We are constantly challenged by atheists, skeptics and hecklers to prove that there is a God.

It is difficult for natural man to believe in something that he cannot see, touch or feel, 1 Corinthians 2:14.

The problem for the Christian is solved in the first verse of the Bible, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," Genesis 1:1.

The Bible is not a textbook that attempts to prove the existence of God — the Bible opens with a positive fact that God does exist. It did not occur to any other writer of the Bible to prove this fact.

The Bible plainly states that it is the fool who denies the existence of God. Psalm 14:1 "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

Anyone with any intelligence would acknowledge the evident fact of a living God.

The greatest proof apart from Scripture of the existence of God is our daily fellowship with Him in prayer. I know that there is a God because I talked to Him today and He heard and answered the prayer of my heart though it was only whispered silently.

Main Content

I. PROOF FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." The beauty and glory of the heavens speak loudly saying, "God exists."

Romans 1:20 "For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

The man who accepts Scripture will readily acknowledge the existence of God.

In addition to the argument from Scripture, we may consider seven other powerful "proofs."

II. PROOF FROM CONSCIENCE

Man is born with a universal belief in a supreme Being; no tribe has yet been discovered that lacks this. They know that some Being creates and controls.

Romans 2:15 "Who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness..."

Acts 17:23 "For as I passed by... To the Unknown God."

Some atheists may claim that their conscience does not tell them about God. It is doubtful if genuine atheists can be found.

Some men are so blind that they may deny the existence of the sun... None are so blind as those who refuse to see.

Men deny the existence of God not because they cannot find Him, but because they are afraid to face responsibility.

Atheism is one of the devil's tools to put men to sleep without accepting salvation.

But in quieter moments... only fools deny it.

Few of us have ever seen our brains... Because we see creation, we believe in God.

III. THE ARGUMENT FROM CAUSE (COSMOLOGICAL)

The world is here. It must have come from somewhere.

Here is a book. Someone must have written it.

Someone built this building. Someone operates the universe.

If all the pieces of a watch were placed in a can... it would not be accidentally put together.

The only sensible answer is the existence of an intelligent Being whom we call God.

IV. THE ARGUMENT FROM DESIGN (TELEOLOGICAL)

A watch not only exists but it has a designer.

It was designed for a specific purpose.

An examination of the world shows that each is designed by an intelligent mind.

The colors of a bird and defenses of animals are the result of a superior plan.

V. THE MORAL ARGUMENT (ANTHROPOLOGICAL)

Man has an intellectual and moral nature showing that the Creator is a moral Being.

Genesis 1:26 "Let us make man in our image."

Genesis 1:27 God created man in His image.

Psalm 94:9 "He that planted the ear... shall He not hear?"

Conscience teaches right and wrong because God is holy.

VI. THE LIFE ARGUMENT

Life comes from life and must come from eternal life.

Psalm 36:9 "For with Thee is the fountain of life."

Life passes from parent to offspring. We go back to creation.

John 11:25, John 14:6, John 10:28 — Jesus is life.

Spontaneous generation is false. Life must have a beginning with God.

VII. THE ARGUMENT FROM CONGRUITY

The theory of atheism solves no problems but multiplies mysteries.

Belief in God is a key that fits Scripture, revelation, and science.

This doctrine is held by multitudes who live and die in assurance.

Conclusion

Atheism leads only to darkness and despair.

Acceptance of Genesis 1:1 leads to fuller revelation.

Hebrews 11:6 "He that cometh to God must believe that He is."

Let us come in simple faith, trusting God completely.