

# CHRISTIANITY



Understanding What Christians Believe

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## PART 3: DOES GOD ACTUALLY EXIST?



### A. HOW DOES GOD REVEAL HIMSELF TO MAN?

1. **God reveals himself through** \_\_\_\_\_.

God's existence can be seen in his creation (Psalm 19:1-2; Acts 14:15-17; Romans 1:19-20). General revelation is not salvific (man is not saved through observing the universe as God's handiwork).

2. **God reveals himself through** \_\_\_\_\_.

God's words addressed to specific people, as found in the Bible. Special revelation includes all the words of the Bible but is not limited to the Bible. It also includes, for example, many words of Jesus that were not recorded in the Bible (Luke 24:32; John 20:30, 21:25). There were probably many words also spoken by Old Testament prophets and New Testament apostles that were not recorded in the Bible (Daniel 8:26; Rev. 10:4).

### B. EXTRA-BIBLICAL EVIDENCE SUPPORTING GOD'S EXISTENCE

1. **There is amazing evidence in** \_\_\_\_\_.

The incredible size of the universe gives evidence of God's existence. Our solar system is part of the Milky Way Galaxy which consists of 250 billion stars. If the entire solar system

were the size of a quarter, the sun would be visible only under a microscope, and the nearest star would be 300 feet away.

**2. There is amazing evidence in the \_\_\_\_\_.**

The distinguished scientist Sir Frederick Hoyle showed how amino acids randomly coming together by chance in a human cell, is mathematically absurd. Sir Hoyle illustrated the weakness of "chance" with the following analogy. "What are the chances that a tornado might blow through a junkyard containing all the parts of a 747 airplane, accidentally assemble them into a plane, and leave it ready for take-off? The possibilities are so small as to be negligible even if a tornado were to blow through enough junkyards to fill the whole universe!

**3. There is amazing evidence in \_\_\_\_\_.**

Water is colorless, odorless and without taste, and yet no living thing can survive without it. Plants, animals and human beings consist mostly of water (about two-thirds of the human body is water). You'll see why the characteristics of water are uniquely suited to life. It has an unusually high boiling point and freezing point. Water allows us to live in an environment of fluctuating temperature changes, while keeping our bodies a steady 98.6 degrees

## **C. LOGICAL ARGUMENTS FOR GOD'S EXISTENCE**

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The following arguments use extra-biblical intuitive logic that might get an unsaved person to think more deeply about God's existence.

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Argument**

Since the universe seems to be slowing down, there must have been a beginning. What caused this beginning?

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Argument.**

Many Christian and non-Christian world-class scientists acknowledge that there appears to be order and purpose in the universe. How is this explained?

**3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Argument.**

Every culture generally has had an awareness of a supreme being. All people have an inner sense of God (Rom. 1:19-21, 25; 2:14-15; 8:15-16; Ps. 10:3-4; 14:1; 53:1; Phil. 3:8, 10; Eph. 3:17; Col. 1:27; John 14:23; 1 Pet. 1:8). Why do people in crisis instinctively call out to God? How can this be explained?

**4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Argument**

Man has always had an inner sense of right and wrong, and of the need for justice to be done. There must be some basis or reason for moral behavior that is beyond this life. How is this phenomenon explained?

**5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Argument**

The critical distance of the earth to the sun is evidence of God's existence. The earth is located the right distance from the sun. Consider the temperature swings we encounter, roughly -30 degrees to +120 degrees. If the earth were any further away from the sun, we would all freeze. Any closer and we would burn up. Even a fractional variance in the earth's position to the sun would make life on Earth impossible.

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