

MANNACHURCH SERMON NOTES

The God Question, pt.1

October 1, 2023

"Is God Real"

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day, they pour forth speech; night after night, they reveal knowledge. They have no speech; they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Psalms 19:1-4

Three Arguments

1. The Teleological Argument: The _____ of "stuff"

- a. Reality
- b. _____ and Effect
- c. The _____ Cause (Hebrews 11:1)

2. The Cosmological Argument: The NATURE of "stuff"

- a. Law of Contingency
- b. _____ Probability
- c. _____ Design (Romans 1:20)

3. The _____ Argument: My sense of right and wrong

- a. Universal Phenomenon
- b. _____ Moral Source. (Romans 2:14-15)

(Paul) "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the **Spirit of wisdom and revelation** so that you may know him better. (**Ephesians 1:17**)"

Three Compelling Insights

- 1. Creation** (Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:20, Isaiah 40:26, Colossians 1:16)
 - 2. _____** (Ecclesiastes 3:11, Romans 2:14-15, Acts 17:27, 2 Timothy 3:16)
 - 3. INCARNATION** (John 1:14, 18, Colossians 1:15, Galatians 4:4-5, Hebrews 1:1-2)
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Bottom Line

... what may be known about God is plain to (us) because God has made it plain to (us). 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. **Romans 1:19-20**

Please Check Out Our Small Groups in The Café Lobby.



October 1st

- **God Questions Series**
- **Small Groups Launch**
- **Communion**

November

- **4th Grief Share Workshop**
- **19th Water Baptism.**
- **Thanksgiving Outreach**

Reflect and Respond

1. Reflect and discuss a few ways you see the evidence of God's existence in the world around you (creation).
2. Reflect and discuss a few ways you see the evidence of God's existence through the inspiration of the Bible.
3. Reflect and discuss a few ways you see the evidence of God's existence in life and the teachings of Jesus Christ (Incarnation).

At Manna Church,

We believe the books that form the canon of the Old and New Testaments as originally given are plenary inspired and free from all error in the whole and in the part. These books constitute the written word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

We believe God sovereignly created the world out of nothing so that His creation, while wholly dependent upon Him, neither comprises part of God nor conditions His essential perfection.

A Prayer based on Ephesians 1:17-23

I pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, that he may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of our heart may be enlightened so that we may know the hope to which he has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and help comprehend and experience the incomparably great power released for all who believe.

Lord, release that same mighty strength in us ²⁰ that you exerted in raising Christ from the dead and seating him at your right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² God help us to believe and understand what it means that you placed all things under Christ's feet and appointed him to be head over everything for (us) the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Amen