

## “HOW DO WE KNOW THERE IS A GOD?”

### I. Basic Objections to Christianity (That You Need to Be Prepared to Answer)

#### A. The OBJECTIVE.

1. God wants believers to \_\_\_\_\_ clearly and compassionately to a lost world of sinners. (Romans 1:14-17) What are the three “I am’s” in these verses?
  - What is the ultimate issue that Satan wants to blind people from?
2. God wants believers to be \_\_\_\_\_ to give an \_\_\_\_\_ for what they believe. (1 Peter 3:15)
  - What is the context of this verse? What does “defense” mean?
  - Who are you to give a defense to? What are you to defend?
  - How often are you to be “ready”? In what manner are you to present this defense of the Gospel?

#### B. The OBJECTIONS.

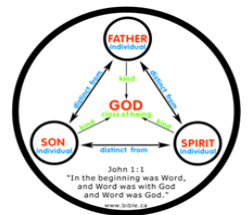
##### 1. “HOW CAN I KNOW THAT THERE IS A GOD?”

###### a. The opinions:

- 1) There is the \_\_\_\_\_ who says, “there is \_\_\_\_\_ God.”
- 2) There is the \_\_\_\_\_ who says, “I don’t \_\_\_\_\_ if there is a God.”
- 3) There is the \_\_\_\_\_ who says, “There is a \_\_\_\_\_ however one may describe him, her, it, or them.”

###### b. The Bible begins with the definite statement. “In the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ created the heavens and the earth”. (Genesis 1:1)

- What is the significance of “God” (Elohim) “created”?



- Why doesn’t the Bible seek to prove the existence of God? (Genesis 2:3-4; Isaiah 40:26-28)
- What drives this rejection of the truth of creation & divine design when the evidence is everywhere and the mathematical odds are virtually impossible?

**c. The 3 “C”s of God’s existence. We know there is a God because of ...**

**1) \_\_\_\_\_ . (Romans 1:18-19; 2:14-15; Ecc. 3:11)**

- What does suppression of truth indicate & imply?
  - 1) You have a choice in the matter – active voice, though God does honor positive volition toward Him.
  - 2) There is such a thing as absolute truth ... “the truth”. {John 8:31-32; 17:17}
  - 3) You cannot suppress something that you do not possess which implies all people have some “truth” about God that they can either respond to or suppress.

**2) \_\_\_\_\_ . (Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1-3; 139:14)**

- What false theories does this verse alone refute?
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ because the universe was created by God.
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ because God’s existence can be known.
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ because one God created the universe.
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_ because He is transcendent to His creation.
  - 5) \_\_\_\_\_ because God is separate from His creation.
  - 6) \_\_\_\_\_ because God was alone when He created.
  - 7) \_\_\_\_\_ because God is all knowing and all powerful.
  - 8) \_\_\_\_\_ because matter had a beginning.
  - 9) \_\_\_\_\_ because God, not man, is the ultimate center of reality.
  - 10) \_\_\_\_\_ because God created all things.

**3) \_\_\_\_\_ . (Romans 1:16; John 1:1, 14, 18, 14:6-9)**

- So why do people reject the existence of God? (Psalm 14:1-3, 53:1-4)
- How should the greatness and existence of God cause you to respond? (Psalm 8:1-4)
- You were made by GOD and for GOD and until you understand this, life will never make sense.
- What should all of this drive you to? {John 14:6; Acts 16:30-31}