



DEFENDING THE FAITH • SERIES

Does God Exist?

A clear, practical look at the evidence for the living God

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Four Clear Reasons God Exists



Reason with God

Isaiah 1:18



The Universe Speaks

Acts 17:24



History Confirms

Acts 17:22-23



Personal Testimony

Philippians 3:10



POINT I

God Invites Us to Reason with Him

Isaiah 1:18 (KJV)

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Reasoning with God

God welcomes honest questions

He is not threatened by our doubts about suffering, hunger, or unanswered prayer. He says, “Come now, and let us reason together.”

Faith engages both heart and mind

Serving God with emotion alone will not last. Real faith thinks carefully and stands strong when life gets hard.

Watch out for empty religion

Isaiah 29:13 warns that we can honor God with our lips while our heart is far from Him. The Lord looks at the heart.

God’s answers are not always “yes”

Sometimes He says “wait,” sometimes “no,” and sometimes He changes us first so we can receive what is best.



POINT II

The Universe and Science Point to a Creator

Acts 17:24 (KJV)

“God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.”

Divine Order Everywhere

YOUR BODY

A Living Example of Design

Every system works together—heart, lungs, blood, nerves. If one major system goes badly out of order, life ends. That kind of precise teamwork does not happen by chance. Your body itself is a daily reminder of divine order.

THE UNIVERSE

Order, Not Chaos

From the stars to the smallest cell, order points to a Designer. Science keeps discovering more complexity, not less. DNA is a language-like code. The fine-tuning of earth supports life. The heavens declare the glory of God.



POINT III

History Shows Us People Who Met the Living God

Acts 17:22-23 (KJV)

“...I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.”

Real People, Real Encounters

Paul on Mars Hill

Paul found people who knew something was missing. They had an altar to “the unknown God.” Many people today live the same way—sensing there is more but not knowing the true God.

Gamaliel’s Counsel

“If this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it.” (Acts 5:38-39). If Christianity were only a human idea, it would have died long ago.

King Agrippa

“Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.” (Acts 26:28). Not everyone will be fully persuaded, but we keep telling the story of Jesus anyway.



POINT IV

The Greatest Proof Is a Personal Testimony

Philippians 3:10 (KJV)

“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.”

You Can Know Him Personally

Arguments from science, history, and the universe are strong. But the strongest defense is a life that has come to know Jesus. Head knowledge can be argued with—a changed life is hard to deny. Your testimony does not have to be dramatic. It only has to be true.

A CALL TO PRAYER

Experience the Living God Today

“Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God. I believe You died for my sins and rose again. I confess that I am a sinner and I need You. Forgive me, come into my heart, and make me new. I want to know You—not just know about You. From this day forward I choose to follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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