

Why should I believe that God exists?

Recommended videos to start with:

Can we explain God without starting in the Bible?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpukN0jRMhM>

What is the strongest argument supporting the existence of God?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-zWCd6Dndw>

Let's face it: "You just have to have faith" isn't a good answer for people who like to think and who are genuinely wanting to find answers. As Christians, we must not abandon logic and reason - because faith is both logical and reasonable. Many people who believe in God are not be able to give concrete reasons as to why they believe. Many will passionately state that "they know, that they know, that they know" that God exists. They would argue that they have a "personal relationship" with him. But other than some feelings and a few personal experiences, they haven't got any evidence that would help others to believe.

The God of the Bible has made himself obvious to anyone truly seeking him. Jesus said that if we seek, we will find (Matthew 7:7-8). God has revealed himself to us in nature, science, philosophy, history, and through the Bible. You may have questions, but there are answers - if you are willing to seek. "Seeking" involves both desire and effort. In the Bible, God says, "You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you" (Jeremiah 29:13-14). If we truly desire to know God and we are willing to put the effort into seeking truth, we will find Him.

Many books have been written exploring the question of God's existence. Many of these books provide and explore some important evidence and offer some helpful conclusions. We are only scratching the surface of the topic in this study! For anyone

wanting to learn more about this subject, we can suggest looking at www.bethinking.org for now.

Before we explore the evidence, let me ask you a very important question: **If you were presented with sufficient evidence for the existence of God, would you accept it?**

Many deny and debate the existence of God from an emotional point of view. Evidence is not emotional. When seeking truth, we must not allow emotions to cloud our judgment. Some people reject the idea of God no matter what evidence they see. They have decided in their heart that they will not believe in God, no matter what. That's foolishness.

Ask yourself: If there is evidence that proves that God exists, would I accept it? If not, why?

If God exists, what does that mean for me?

You might think that this is not an important topic, but the question of God's existence is important because the implications are eternal. This is a topic we must all consider, study, and come to a conclusion about.

If God does not exist, then humanity is merely the result of a random series of chance mutations. If this is truly the case, then no person is under any obligation to live according to any objective moral guidelines. Morals and values, therefore, would be relative or fluid - defined according to individuals, or social groups. If there is no Creator, then the concepts of "purpose", "meaning", and even the value of human life must also cease to exist. If there is no God, then life has no purpose and no meaning other than to exist for a short time before disappearing, completely. Life, in such a case, has no value.

But if God does exist, then we must look to God for our purpose, and we are responsible to follow any moral laws and values given by Him. Some people reject God's existence because they do not want to change how they live; they don't want to submit to a higher power for direction and accountability. They want to do their own thing.



In October 2008, a city-wide campaign in London, England, displayed this message on the sides of city buses: "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life." This thought has grave consequences, because it suggests that individuals are free to determine their own values, and opinions of what is right and what is wrong. This will lead to disorder and destruction in society and even harm to others.

"A man who won't believe in God will believe in anything." – G.K. Chesterton

Questions for reflection

1. What stood out for you in this lesson?
2. What are the implications of not believing in the existence of God?
3. What are the implications of believing in God?
4. If you are a believer, how has believing in God changed your life?