

Lesson
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We Can Know God Exists

*God is the eternal Creator.
His existence makes sense
of the entire universe.*

Memory Verse

Psalm 119:89–90

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

**How do we prove God
exists?**

Genesis 1:1–2

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Exodus 3:13–14

13 Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

14 God said to Moses, “I AM who I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Exodus 3:15

15 God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

John 8:24

I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.”

John 8:56–57

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”

57 So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

John 8:58–59

58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Definitions

Ego

Greek word for “I”

Eimi

Greek word for “I am”

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Asiety

Term describing God as
self-existing

From Latin *a se* meaning
“from or by self”

Romans 1:18–19

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

Romans 1:20

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:21

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:22–23

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Psalm 19:1–2

1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his
handiwork.

2 Day to day pours out speech, and night
to night reveals knowledge.

Psalm 19:3–4

3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Worldly Wisdom

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

- ❖ How is the wisdom of the world described in this passage?
- ❖ Why has God chosen to communicate the gospel in the way He has?

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- ❖ What does this passage teach us about the wisdom of the world?
- ❖ Why did God choose to proclaim a gospel message that the world would see as foolish and weak?
- ❖ How do these truths influence the way that we relate to people who deny that God exists?

God's Word in the Real World

What does Scripture have to say about believers' responsibility for sharing their faith?

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If someone asks you how you know God exists, how would you respond?

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What is the proper role of evidence in our apologetics?

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Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Does Psalm 19:1 teach us to use physical evidences (“the heavens”) before Scripture?

God's Word in the Real World

Are Christians sometimes more comfortable explaining scientific evidences rather than Scripture when speaking with skeptics about God's existence?

God's Word in the Real World

Is an evidence-first approach to evangelism/apologetics ever useful?

Confirming Evidence for Existence of a Biblical God

Information Science: We can define information as a coded message containing an expected action and intended purpose. We find this kind of information in the DNA in the cells of every living organism, in quantities of almost unimaginable proportions. The theorems of information science demonstrate creative information *cannot* arise spontaneously in matter by chance process. Information always results from an intelligent source. The discovery of such vast amounts of information in living things supports what we read in the Bible concerning the creative acts of an all-powerful God. God was the intelligence behind the message we find in the DNA of living things. No other explanation can account for this information, so the necessity of God's existence is clear through what He has created.

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Irreducible Complexity: Many systems found in living organisms are interdependent. For example, in order for our blood to clot when we are injured, a host of chemical reactions must take place in a highly specific order. If any of these parts are missing, the entire process fails. Hemophilia is an example of a disorder where one or more of these interdependent parts are missing or non-functional. Systems such as this pose an enormous problem for molecules-to-man evolution as they require all of their component parts from the very outset or the system cannot function. This complexity is explained only by the Creator we read of in the Bible—the systems were made to function when God created them.

God's Word in the Real World

Have any of you ever had a skeptic question why you believe in God?

How did you handle his or her questions?

Are there things you would like to do differently in light of what we have just discussed?

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1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

What is the reaction of most people when they go through trials, especially through ones that aren't their fault?