

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?**

Review

God Is . . .

Merciful

Forgiving

Gracious

Holy

Slow to Anger

Just

**Abounding in
Steadfast Love**

Loving

Faithful

Eternal

Sovereign

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

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 18:1–2

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples.

John 18:3–4

3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?”

John 18:5–6

5 They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

6 When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

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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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?

God's Word in the Real World

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 you ever had a skeptic question why you believe in God?

God's Word in the Real World

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?