

Come and See Weekend – Why Believe in God? Part 2

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The teleological argument, the argument of order and design, provides compelling reasons to believe in the God of the Bible. It asks: Who is responsible for the SYMMETRY, ORDER and COMPLEXITY of all we see in the world around us?

King David said: “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands” (Psalm 19:1). If you study the stars and planets, you are compelled to conclude that this universe is the product of intricate, intelligent design. Every design came from the mind of a designer. Everything in the universe is precisely tuned to make life possible.

Looking at the MACRO LEVEL, God’s intricate order and design are evident. There are four fundamental forces that are constant throughout the universe—the strong nuclear force, the weak nuclear force, the electromagnetic force, and the gravitational force. If any of these forces were even just a LITTLE stronger or weaker, there would be no life on earth. The electromagnetic force is just right to bind electrons to the nuclei of atoms and thereby form molecules, which are necessary for life. Similarly, the sun in our solar system has the right mass, the right light, the right distance, the right orbit, and the right age to nurture life on earth.

Having a planet the size of Jupiter at its exact location is vital to our survival as well. Jupiter’s great gravity sucks away a large percentage of the asteroids and comets that might otherwise damage the earth. If our moon were a little closer to the earth, it would produce tidal waves that would batter the continents with tsunamis twice a day.

The odds of a finely tuned universe like ours have been calculated to be one chance out of 10 to the 123 power. A universe and planet like ours, able to sustain life, could not have come about by CHANCE.

At the MICRO LEVEL, your DNA has a four letter alphabet that spells out the code of life and tells each cell in your body exactly how to develop. DNA determines your height and hair color and the skeletal arrangement of 206 bones, 600 muscles, 10,000 auditory nerve fibers, 2 million optic nerve fibers, 100 billion nerve cells and 400 billion feet of blood vessels and capillaries.

Our brains have far more connections than the entire communications network on earth. The complexity of the eye is powerful evidence of the existence of God.

There is only one logical conclusion to such sophisticated design and engineering: There is an intelligent designer of life—a VERY INTELLIGENT, powerful and CREATIVE DESIGNER—the God of the Bible. He has made the evidence plain to them so we are “without excuse” (Romans 1:19-20).

People may ignore God, suppress the truth, or attempt to explain God away, but deep down inside they know there is a God and one day we are going to have to give an account to HIM.

Other arguments for God are changed lives and the power of personal experience. Millions of trustworthy people have felt the presence of God, have sensed His leading in their lives, have experienced His strength in times of trouble and challenge, and have born witness to a real experience with God. They testify that God is there and He is not silent.

PRETENDING God isn’t there doesn’t mean He isn’t there or won’t hold you accountable for your decision to ignore or reject Him. God is the Lord of Creation, and a day is coming when we will stand before Him and give an account for our decisions.

sermon study guide

IN – PURSUE RELATIONSHIP

1. Who in your circle has given you reasons NOT to believe in God? Who has given you reasons to believe in God? What reasons resonated with you?
2. From the previous Why Believe in God sermon, what are the Cosmological and Moral arguments about God?

UP – PURSUE GOD

3. Read Psalm 19:1. How does the intricacy and complexity of creation prove that God exists?
4. Read Colossians 1:15-18. What examples of the Macro and Micro level arguments give evidence that there is a Creator/Designer? Why is it important to know we have a Creator?

OUT – PURSUE MISSION

5. Read Romans 1:19-22. Why is it appealing to some that we are all created by chance? How would you use any of these arguments to tell others, in truth and love, about the Intelligent Designer, the God of the Bible?
6. Other than the logical arguments that God exists, there is also power in personal experience with God, both yours and others throughout history. Why is it crucial to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ?

For Personal Reflection / Prayer:

Are you truly searching for reasons to believe in God? Hebrews 11:6 says that if you will earnestly seek Him with all your heart, God will reward you by revealing Himself to you.

If you are looking for reasons NOT to believe in God, ask yourself “Why?” Your answer to this question may lead you to understand more about yourself and your beliefs.

We encourage you to seek the truth and know that a holy, just and powerful God loves you and wants to have a relationship with you. Come to Him now.

If you choose to accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus, I have sinned against you, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for me and rose from the dead. I repent of my sins, and I invite you to come into my heart and my life. Amen.

What are your next steps in following Jesus?

THE WORD

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God;

the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Colossians 1:15-18

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Romans 1:19-22

¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

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