

Evidence for God's Existence



- Have you ever questioned the existence of God?

What did the Psalmist mean when he said, *“Only fools say in their hearts, ‘There is no God...’?”* Bible scholar, Warren Wiersbe, explained that there are three Hebrew words for fool. One means *the dull, stupid fool*. The second means *the unreasonable and prevented fool*. The word used in Psalm 14:1 means *the brutish person who is stubborn*. (Wiersbe, *The Transformation Study Bible*, Psalm 14:1).

The idea of the fool in Psalm 14:1 seems to be **a person who has seen evidence for God but stubbornly and willfully rejects the existence of God**. It is the person described in Romans 1:18 *“...who suppress the truth by their wickedness.”* They see the evidence and truth but willfully *“suppress”* it.

Central Lesson:

People with an open and receptive heart will see the evidence for God.

1. **JESUS** - The historic life, miracles, teachings, & resurrection of Jesus Christ point to “Immanuel” - God with us in human flesh.

Hebrews 1:2-3 *“but in these last days he [God the Father] has spoken to us by his Son...”* (NLT) Also, John 1:18 NIV *“No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.”* (Matthew 1:22-23).

Ancient historians, such as Josephus, and eyewitnesses of Jesus, have recorded details about his life, miracles, teachings, death, and resurrection. The greatest proof for the existence of God is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

2. The **BIBLE** - The supernatural nature and composition of the Bible point to a divine author.

The Apostle Paul wrote: *“¹¹ Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to understand that the gospel message I preach is not based on mere human reasoning. ¹² I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ.”* Galatians 1:11-12. The Apostle Peter adds: *“For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”* 2 Peter 1:21 NIV.

A careful examination of the Bible shows that it can't originate from human authors only. It had a divine controlling influence. Examples of this are the Bible's fulfilled prophecy, scientific accuracy, unique unity, etc.

3. **CHANGED** Lives - The transformation of people who respond to the gospel point to a Savior.

The Bible promises that anyone who accepts and trusts in Christ, *“...has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”* (2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT). The transformation of lives all around the world in response to the gospel points to a supernatural, divine cause. The transformation is not by the efforts or choice of the ones changed. The universal testimony of these people is that God changed them.

4. Universal **GOD-AWARENESS** - People in all cultures on earth have a concept of God within their consciousness. The existence of a universal God-awareness is evidence of God.

The New American Standard Bible gives the most literal rendering of the Greek text for Romans 1:19. The Apostle Paul stated, *“because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.”* (NASV). *The Living Bible* (TLB) also conveys: *“For the truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts.”* (1:19). This universal God-awareness in the hearts of people point to the existence of God.

5. (Cosmological Evidence) - The universe had a beginning that includes impersonal matter & personal living creatures. The best explanation for this is an intelligent personal living Creator.

“For every house has a builder, but the one who built everything is God.” Hebrews 3:4 NLT. The term *cosmological* comes from the Greek word *cosmos* which means “world.” Either the world was made by an eternal Creator (Creation), or the universe itself is eternal and developed into its present intricate & sophisticated order by mere accident and chance (Evolution). One writer has well said: *“Those who place their faith in atheistic evolution must maintain the philosophically absurd position that chaos produced order, lifeless matter produced life, chance produced intelligence, and accidents produced purpose.”* Kenneth Boa & Larry Moody, *I'm Glad You Asked*. (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1982), p. 29.

6. **DESIGN** (Teleological Evidence) - The order & design in the universe is evidence of intelligence, purpose, harmony, that point to a master architect.

“The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship.” Psalm 19:1. *“For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.”* Romans 1:20 NLT.

The term *teleological* comes from the Greek word *telos* which means “design.” To illustrate—You find a Bulova wristwatch lying on the ground. You have never seen a watchmaker, but since the watch exists, you conclude there is a Swiss watchmaker. Someone has said that the probability of the universe having the present order & design by mere chance is about the same as a monkey haphazardly pounding on the keys of a typewriter and producing the complete works of Shakespeare.

7. **MORALITY** (Anthropological Evidence) - People all over the world have an awareness of right and wrong, a sense of morality, and a corresponding sense of guilt when they do wrong, that all points to a moral law-giver, God.

“¹⁴ Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. ¹⁵ They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.” Romans 2:14-15 NLT

The word *anthropological* comes from the Greek *anthropos* which means “mankind.” Romans 2:14-15 describes people who do not have God's written laws, yet have an *inner, moral witness of His laws within them*.

People with an open and receptive heart will see the evidence for God.

- ▶ Accept Christ as your Savior. ▶ As a Christian, dedicate your life to Christ.
- ▶ Invite someone to next Sunday's study. ▶ Attend a small group. ▶ Read the Bible this week & journal meaningful verses. ▶ Pray for friends that need Jesus.