

God Is

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Three facts stand out to prove the existence of God: (1) The universe exists; (2) The universe shows design and purpose; (3) Man possesses a nature unique from all other creatures.

The Universe Exists

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse," **Romans 1:20**. The existence of the universe demands a cause suitable to sustain the effect. What "cause" would be great enough to produce the universe?

Man can argue that something came from nothing, but that is not only logically absurd, but also scientifically unprovable.

Man can argue that something *always* existed, but again that is scientifically untenable. Matter is not eternal. And every *effect* must have a suitable *cause*. So which came first: mind or matter?

It is more logical and scientific to affirm that something came from an all-powerful mind, and that mind must therefore be **God**.

Design & Purpose

Some would like to argue for a Universal Power Source that is *inanimate* but sufficient to produce an impersonal god who requires nothing of man. Such is a convenient argument, but the **design** of the universe demands that there be a **designer**.

In great effort to deny the obvious, so-called "scientists" have removed the design concept from scientific discussion, have black-balled anyone who might suggest design or creation, and have put forth absurd theories of some "big bang" explosion millions of years ago that would somehow, some way "explain" (?) the cause we call "universe." Blind chance is chosen over intelligent design because man does not want to be held accountable for his life.

You have heard many illustrations to show the absurdity of the belief of "blind chance," such as an explosion in a printing factory creating the unabridged dictionary would be much more likely than the universe coming into existence by accidental motion.

The apostle Paul explained that men do not like to retain God in their knowledge, **Romans 1:28**. This is because man's "*ungodliness and unrighteousness*" forces him to "*suppress the truth in unrighteousness*," **Romans 1:18**. In doing so, he professes himself to be wise while becoming a fool, **Romans 1:22**. His foolishness is caused by corrupt thinking that desires to worship the creature (man and his lusts) rather than the Creator (God). So he believes "*the lie*" (**Romans 1:25**). Common sense and a logical mind will force the honest man to conclude that our universe has great design — proof of the great Designer!

Man's Unique Nature

Man's unique nature — made in the image of God (**Genesis 1:27**) — again forces the unbeliever into many wild, fanciful notions in an effort to deny the obvious! Man is the supreme creation of a magnificent Creator, but if you reject the Creator, then you must affirm man is no different from all other creatures.

PETA affirms this very thing. Every creature is equal to man and therefore deserves certain "rights." Dogs, cats, and various pets are defended vigorously on the one hand, while others are used for food on the other! If man is not superior to animals, then he is a "cannibal" of his cousins. This is what PETA believes and teaches.

But it is so much easier and logical to affirm the obvious. God made man in His image, and gave him power and authority over the earth and all its creatures (**Genesis 1:28-30**).

How much better our world would be with God than the world we see today without Him!

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