

Evidence For the Christian God- Notes

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“The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies; yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world.” Psalm 19:1-4

“What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to the. 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 men are without excuse.” Romans 1:19-20

What evidence is SETI- Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence- looking for?

How will they know when they find it?

What evidence do we have for these claims that there is a Creator God who is all powerful, all knowing, all present, consistently good-moral, and wanting a relationship with us?

1. The Cosmological Argument evidence:

- Anything that begins to exist has a cause.
- The universe (including matter, energy, space, and time) began to exist.
- Therefore, the universe has a cause.

Author Frank Turek: *“What caused this creation event? To answer this, it’s important to realize that [it] was not an explosion in space but the explosion of space. It was not an explosion in time but the beginning of time. It was not an explosion of pre-existing matter, but the creation of matter itself. Therefore, the cause of the universe must be something beyond space, beyond time, and beyond matter—a Being who is spaceless, timeless, and immaterial.”*

2. Evidence from the design/purpose of the universe- the Teleological Argument for God

- King David made this argument from design in Psalm 19:1-4
- Paul in Romans 1

Dr. William Dembski and Sean McDowell from their book Understanding Intelligent Design:
“The more specified complexity a thing displays—that is, the more complex it is and the more its form obviously follows specific patterns—the more it points to an intelligent designer.”

“Let’s briefly look at a cell magnified a billion times. On its surface we find millions of openings, like portholes in a ship. But these are not mere portholes. They regulate the flow of materials in and out of the cell. Cells exhibit nano-engineering on a scale and sophistication that scientists have hardly begun to scratch. Francis Crick, one of the co-discoverers of DNA’s structure, described the cell as “a minute factory, bustling with rapid, organized chemical activity.” That was in the early 1980s. Scientists now think of the cell as an automated city.”

3. Moral argument:

Josh McDowell points out in The Unshakable Truth

“Every human culture known to man has had a moral law. While there is some variety regarding moral practices across cultures, there is a striking universal agreement about the validity of moral principles such as justice, courage, and fairness. Without appeal to a higher source, namely God, what could account for the moral sense that is common to the entire human race through all of history? Where else could morals have come from? An objective, universal, and constant standard of truth and morality points to an existence of a personal and moral God.”

The Moral Evidence for God can be summarized like this:

- If objective moral values exist, God must exist.
- Objective moral values exist.
- Therefore, God must exist.

Resources: (Available on Amazon or order here at the Front Desk)

The Case for the Creator by Lee Strobel

The Unshakable Truth by Josh McDowell & Sean McDowell

20 Compelling Evidences that God Exists, Kenneth D. Boa & Robert M. Bowman, Jr.

Understanding Intelligent Design by William Dembski & Sean McDowell

The Privileged Planet by Guillermo Gonzalez & Jay Richards (also available as a video)