

The Existence of God

1- Objective

- ❖ To prove the existence of God, by natural, historic and scientific evidence

2- References

- ❖ Holy Bible, Fr. Mikhail Mina, “Study of Divinity”
- ❖ “The Mystery of Life: Who is the Creator; God or Nature” Dr. Magdy Bekhit, St. Bishoy Church, 2013
- ❖ <http://www.everystudent.com/features/isthere.html>

3- Scriptural Verses

- ❖ “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1)
- ❖ “But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?” (Job 12:7-10)
- ❖ “The fool has said in his heart: There is no God” (Psalm 53: 1)

4- Lesson Guidelines

How can we prove the existence of God?

1- The Order of the Universe

- ❖ Logically: every creation has a creator and there is no coincidence. This great universe also has a well organized Creator.
- ❖ Law of Entropy: Everything goes toward a state of chaos (less energy). Evolution can never be accepted scientifically – it defied entropy. If it is true, why haven’t humans evolved? As things age, they deteriorate: buildings, plants, animals.
- ❖ If you drop ten pieces of paper, they will not fall in order; if this simple task cannot be done “coincidentally”, how can the universe be created “coincidentally”?
- ❖ The Human Body is a miracle. Who “engineered” it? How do all the organs work together? We know every chemical that makes up the body, but can we “build” a human?
- ❖ The Skin is a simple organ with many receptors and nerve endings, and layers and sub-layers; what about the Brain or Heart - Who “engineered” them?
- ❖ Air: Oxygen (flammable) and Nitrogen (anti-flammable); is it coincidental?
- ❖ Heavenly bodies: The Sun can burn the whole earth, and it can freeze it, but it does neither! Cycles: Night and Day; Four Seasons; Animals, plants, humans, etc.

- ❖ “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).

2- Consciousness and the state of being

- ❖ St. Augustine said: “God has created in the heart of man a court. He appointed the mind as a judge, the conscience as a plaintiff, and the thought as a witness. With His precious fingers, He wrote on the pages of the heart: His existence, Oneness, Eternity, and His creation of the world.”
- ❖ Proof of a “Good God”: The internal war between good and evil. Pride and happiness for doing well; Guilt and sadness for doing bad.
- ❖ Even the atheists, cannot deny these internal feelings. They may deny God, but their conscience will not.
- ❖ Many times, people may be in a position to benefit by abusing someone else; even if they will not get caught, they refrain, because their conscience “bothers” them.
- ❖ There is a God who punishes the evil and will avenge the oppressed. It is mentioned that the most atheists dreaded the moment of death so much, feeling the punishment of the “God” they denied who is just and will judge them rightly. Many confessed on their death bed like King Antiochus (Maccabees) who could not remember any of his victories on his deathbed – just his sins.
- ❖ Humans know right from wrong without being instructed; for example: children – Even if you try to confuse them, they will not accept it.
- ❖ “For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them” (Romans 2:14-15).

3- Human Instinct of “Religion”

- ❖ Everyone agrees that there is a “god”; some people worship “idols”; some worship other creatures (animals, insects, etc.); some worship mammon; some worship the True God.
- ❖ God placed this instinct in man to help him recognize His existence. This has been an unbroken chain of faith since the beginning of time, until now. It cannot be a lie!
- ❖ “But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods (Galatians 4: 8).
- ❖ Pascal (Physicist, Mathematician and Philosopher) said: If God does not exist, one will lose nothing by believing in Him, but if He does exist, one will lose everything by not believing.

4- History and the Bible

- ❖ The Bible is full of prophecies that came true and are proven and recorded in history. They cannot be just coincidence, but rather a strong proof about God's existence.
- ❖ The prophecy against Babylon (Isaiah 13:19-22): This prophecy was uttered when Babylon was in its full glory and no one would have believed it, but now, if you visit Babylon, You will see that it is deserted, destroyed, burned and desolate. It is home for the wild animals. Even the Arabians have deserted it.
- ❖ Prophecy against Nineveh (Zephaniah 2:13-15): when this prophecy was uttered, it was described as: the height of its walls is 100 feet; it was protected by 150 citadels, each which is 100 feet high. Now, Nineveh is a barren land.
- ❖ Scientific proofs: Earth is round: Isaiah 40:22, and Job 38 is full of scientific data still not understood until now.
- ❖ The rainbow is often overlooked and misunderstood (Genesis 6:13-16). Yes, it is a token of God's promise to never destroy the earth again by flood, but it is much more. It is a constant reminder to mankind that God keeps all of His promises. God cannot lie.

5- Discussion Points

- ❖ Personal from David C. Pack, publisher/editor-in-Chief June 1, 2007: I learned that it takes far more "faith" to believe in the intellectually chic and fashionable evolutionary myth, than it does to believe in the existence of God. In fact, I learned that evolution is based entirely on faith, because no facts or proof have ever been found to support it!

6- Conclusion

- ❖ Scientific theories and facts are changing continuously; after a century of paganism, the tide is turning. Market is now flooded with books by top scientists that were Atheist in past decades, who now believe in creation.
- ❖ When it comes to the possibility of God's existence, the Bible says that there are people who have seen sufficient evidence, but they have suppressed the truth about God. On the other hand, for those who want to know God if He is there, he says, "You will seek Me and find Me; when you seek Me with all your heart, I will be found by you." Before you look at the facts surrounding God's existence, ask yourself, If God does exist, would I want to know Him?

7- Activities / Workshop

- ❖ Watch this video called "Evolution vs. God": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0u3-2CGOMQ>
- ❖ Watch this movie together before the lesson and apply this accuracy to the whole creation. The existence of a very well organized creator is a must.: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKyljukBE70&feature=player_embedded