

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

“His invisible attributes... have been clearly perceived... in the things that have been made.”

Romans 1:20

The Bible does not begin by proving God’s existence. It assumes it. “In the beginning, God” (Genesis 1:1). Scripture presents God not as a conclusion to be reached, but as the starting point for understanding everything else. Human beings are not blank slates on this question. God has placed within us an awareness of Himself. Creation testifies to his power, and conscience testifies to his moral authority, leaving us without excuse (Romans 1:19–20).

This does not mean that arguments for God’s existence are useless. Throughout history, thinkers like Thomas Aquinas have offered lines of reasoning that point to God’s reality. The **cosmological argument** observes that everything that begins to exist has a cause, so the universe must have a first cause beyond itself. The **teleological argument** points to the order and design of the world, suggesting an intelligent designer. The **moral argument** notes that our shared sense of right and wrong points to a moral lawgiver. And the **ontological argument** reasons that a perfect being, greater than which none can be conceived, must exist necessarily. These arguments do not create belief, but they show that belief in God is rational and that the world is better explained by his existence than by chance or blind forces.

At the same time, we must be careful not to treat reason as the foundation of faith. The Bible teaches that belief in God ultimately involves trust, not just deduction. “Whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists” (Hebrews 11:6). Reason can support faith, but it cannot replace it.

A better way to think about these arguments is as witnesses, not ultimate proofs. They point toward God and confirm what Scripture reveals, but they do not stand above God’s word. Faith begins with God’s self-revelation and then sees that this truth makes sense of the world.

In everyday faith, we do not argue people into belief as if God were merely a hypothesis. We bear witness to the God who is already there, the God who has spoken, and the God who desires all people to know him.

*How can you use reason and evidence to support faith
without making them the foundation of your faith?*

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