



GOD THE FATHER

INTRODUCTION:

The Bible makes no attempt to prove the existence of God. Genesis 1:1 states: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”. It assumes it as fact and asserts that “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Psalm 14:1). The Bible is written on the premise that the evidence for God is so strong that no informed person would deny His existence.

Some stumble at the idea of an eternal God. This is due to the fact that we had a beginning and cannot conceive of anyone who did not have a beginning. Nonetheless, God has always been. There are many reasons why the Christian accepts the existence of God. Listed below are several.

I. REASONS FOR BELIEVING THE EXISTENCE OF GOD:

Apologetics - _____ reveals it. As has already been mentioned, the Bible states as a matter of fact that God exists. We must examine the Bible for its trustworthiness in all areas. When a person does this they will find that the Bible stands true in areas that no early man could have possibly known thus revealing the existence of God.

Cosmological argument - _____ teaches it. This is the law of cause and effect. For every effect there must be a cause. The universe is the effect, what is the cause? Did something come out of nothing or was there a mastermind behind it all? Hebrews 3:4 says, “For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.”

Teleological argument - _____ indicates it. This is the argument that the design implies a designer. Everything that the sciences have proven (and they haven’t proven everything) shows design, not chaos.

Ontological argument - _____ requires it. This is the argument that man instinctively or intuitively recognizes that there is a higher being than himself. We think and function in certain

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ways that lets us know in our heart there must be a higher power than ourselves. Paul says in Romans 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”

Astronomy, Biology, Geology, etc. - _____ proves it. This one ties in with all the above arguments. All areas of provable science are in total agreement with the Bible. Psalms 19:1 says, “The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.”

Archeology - _____ proclaims it. All known archeological discoveries are in 100% agreement with what the Bible has said God has done.

Now that we know that there *is* God, we can begin to study *about* God. What is God Like? What are His characteristics? We can know these things, in fact, God *wants* us to know!

II. GOD’S NAMES REVEAL A LOT ABOUT HIM:

His personal name is **Jehovah** and it means _____. He is not limited by time or space, for He is without beginning or ending. When Moses asked God what answer he should give to the Children of Israel when they asked for his authority, God replied in Exodus 3:14 “I AM WHO I AM” (Yahweh=Jehovah). “He who is the substance of all things has sent you.” God is the first cause. If anything else caused the universe to be, then God is automatically eliminated. All rational thinking must begin with God.

The name “**ELOHIM**” is applied to God in Genesis 1:1 and elsewhere in the Old Testament. This means _____ and refers to His all-powerful nature especially in connection with creation.

“**Adon**”--- means _____ and is often applied to God in the Bible showing His authority.

III. GOD’S NATURE SHOWS US MUCH ABOUT GOD:

He is **OMNIPOTENT** – _____. “Omnipotent” means “unlimited in power, ability, or authority”. This great truth is revealed in many places in the Bible. In Jeremiah 32:17 and 32:27 we find these words: “Ah Lord Jehovah! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your

outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You.” God’s response to Jeremiah is: “Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too difficult for Me?” Jesus testified of God’s power in Matthew 19:26 by saying, “With God all things are possible.”

Read Psalm 33:6-9.

Read Psalm 107:25-29

Read Isaiah 59:1-2

Read James 4:12-15

He is **OMNISCIENT** – _____.
 “Omniscient” means, “having universal knowledge; infinitely wise”. God knows the past, present and the future; our deeds and thoughts; what we will do and what He will do. It is written in I Samuel 16:7 “But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”

Read Psalm 147:4-5

Read Romans 8:28

Read 1 John 3:19-20

He is **OMNIPRESENT** – _____. “Omnipresent” means, “present everywhere at once”. God is present with His people in China at the same time He is present with His people in America. Two great scriptures to read on this subject are:

Read 2 Chronicles 16:9

Read Psalm 139:7-10

God is _____. John 4:24 reveals that “God is Spirit.” A spirit is a person, a being that thinks, feels, has emotions. There are God-persons, angel-persons, and human-persons. Only human persons are limited to a physical body.

God is _____. His personal name “Jehovah” implies this. He is life, and lives in the eternal present. He has no beginning and no ending. He does not count time by earthly standards. He is infinite.

Read 2 Peter 3:8

God is _____. I John 4:8 says, “God is love”. He is the very definition of love. If we want to know what true love is we need to stop listening to the definitions the world feeds us and start looking at the person of GOD, how He thinks how He acts because He is love.

God is _____. The apostle John writes in I John 1:5 that

“God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.” All that is truth and all that is right is found in the person and character of God. If anything deviates from God, then it is not true and not right.

God is a _____. No one can fool God or “pull-the-wool” over His eyes or purposely “get by” with doing wrong and not pay the price. Only those who have accepted God’s grace will escape His wrath, all others will experience it.

Read Hebrews 12:29; 10:27

God is **HOLY** – _____. The word “holy” means “separation” or “separated one”. In the case of God, He is totally separated from all sin, all evil, all unrighteousness and He calls us to be the same. This is one of the greatest distinctions between Jehovah and the gods created by man. All other gods are flawed but not Jehovah God. He is perfect.

Read 1 Peter 1:15-16

God is _____. I John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” God will keep His Word for it is impossible for Him to lie (Hebrews 6:18). Because God does not change, man can place his total trust in every promise He makes. The omnipotence of God assures His faithfulness. Men cannot always keep their promises, no matter how well intentioned, because of human weaknesses but God, because He is God can perform anything He promises to do.

Read Deuteronomy 7:9

Read Malachi 3:6

CONCLUSION:

Jeremiah 9:23-24 “Thus says the LORD, ‘Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,’ declares the LORD.”