

Does God Exist?

(Evidence for God-Part 1)

How to Defend Your Faith

Cumulative Case

Cumulative case approach simply weighs the evidence to determine what is more plausible or more probable

Arguments for God

1. Beginning (Cosmological Argument)
2. Design (Teleological Argument)
3. Morality (Moral Argument)
4. Being (Ontological Argument)
5. Truth (Basis - Objective Truth)
6. Data (Information Argument)
7. Aesthetics (Beauty)
8. Consciousness (Mind)
9. Mathematics Principles
10. Logic & Reason
11. Science (Laws & Constants)
12. Purpose & Meaning
13. Jesus (Historicity & Resurrection)
14. Miracles (Supernatural)
15. Spiritual Encounters (Metaphysical)
16. Near Death Experiences

Ontological Argument (Descartes)

- *We have the concept of God as supremely perfect being.*
 - *Existence is a perfection: a being that exists is more perfect than a being that does not.*
 - *A supremely perfect being must have all perfections.*
 - *Therefore, God must exist.*
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Cosmological Argument (beginnings)

Cosmos is the universe. so the Cosmological argument is how did everything become everything. Beginning Evidence.

Theory for the Universe

- *The Big Bang*
- *Eternal Universe (Balanced Universe)*
- *Cyclic Universe (Expanding/Contraction Model)*
- *Redefine Time Model (Time is a Construct)*
- *Multiverse Model (Infinite Possibilities)*

Balance Universe – *not supported by modern physics. 2nd law of Thermodynamics refutes this theory.*

Cyclic Universe – *not supported by modern physics. Expansion rate is observed to be accelerating instead of slowing down.*

Redefine Time theory – *No observable evidence. Sci-Fi proposal beyond science, reason or logic.*

Multi-Universe – *No observable evidence. Sci-Fi proposal beyond science, reason or logic. Term comes from Marvel comic Avengers #185*

“Physics has changed what we mean by nothing...empty space is a boiling, bubbling brew of virtual particles popping in and out of existence...if you wait long enough, that kind of nothing will always produce particles.” --Lawrence Krauss

Krauss multiverse generator takes space, matter and time and makes space, matter and time. ?

“With the proof now in place, cosmologists can no longer hide behind the possibility of a past-eternal universe. There is now no escape, they have to face the problem of a cosmic beginning.” -- Alexander Vitenkin

“conscience reveals to us a moral law whose source cannot be found in the natural world, thus pointing to a supernatural Lawgiver” -- C.S. Lewis

Big Bang requires a “Big Banger”

Moral Argument

- *If God does not exist, objective moral values and duties do not exist*
 - *Objective moral values and duties do exist*
 - *Therefore, God Exists*
- Notes (law of non-contradiction examples)
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“Vanity of science. Knowledge of physical science will not console me for ignorance of morality in time of affliction, but knowledge of morality will always console me for ignorance of physical science.” -- Blaise Pascal

“Apparent morals are explained by what is best for human flourishing”-- Sam Harris

Who decides what human flourishing is?

Arguments for God (Part 1)

- **Cosmological: the Beginning**
 - Immaterial; Timeless & Spaceless
 - Extremely Powerful (something from nothing)
- **Moral: Morality & Ethics**
 - Absolutely Morally Perfect
 - Is Personal
- **Ontological: Being**
 - Truth: Standard

“The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, no evil, no good, nothing but blind pitiless indifference”-- Richard Dawkins

God’s fingerprints are all over creation!

Why does Dawkins write so much about fairness and injustice if there is no good or evil?
