

# There is a Creator

HOW TO RESPOND TO AN ATHEIST

## Hebrews (Hebrews) 11:6

“But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently (ekseteo, drash) seek him.”

ational Geographic  
April 22, 2016

New Study: World's Fastest Growing  
Religion?

No Religion

# Latest numbers – The Atlantic

## Nov 18, 2018

- ▶ Between 6,000 and 10,000 churches a year are closing down in America –more than 140 a week
- ▶ ‘nones’ continuing to rise
- ▶ ‘nones are the single largest religious group
- ▶ Largest church buildings become wineries, breweries and hotels
- ▶ Most closed church buildings in Europe becoming Mosques
- ▶ These current statistics do not reflect home study groups

## Rad's rules of simple unpretentious hermeneutics

- ▶ What do the scriptures say
- ▶ The testimony of all other living things God created – atheists/cities – believers/country
- ▶ Good ole down home country common sense

## Prochanan (John) 3:11-12

“ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things?”

1 Cor 15, days of Noach

God does not govern the world by justice or fairness

He governs the world by His Wisdom

## Romans 1:19-20


“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:”

\*a created observable universe




# Answering ‘The 20 short arguments against the existence of God’

- ▶ There is no evidence that God exists
- ▶ God does not stop evil in the world. In the Bible he committed plenty of it.
- ▶ Drowning almost everything alive is not a sign of love.
- ▶ The opening lines are factually wrong – why should we believe the rest.
- ▶ Where you are born essentially determines what you believe

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- ▶ Prayer has never fixed anything physically impossible – why doesn't God heal amputees?
  - ▶ There are thousands of gods you do not believe in. Why makes your god any different?
  - ▶ Who created God and how does your answer to that make any sense?
  - ▶ Unconditional love should not come with a list of conditions

- ▶ Every single miracle gets debunked eventually.
- ▶ Somehow the ten commandments left off raping people and slavery.
- ▶ Christian movies and songs are simply awful (this is too stupid to respond to)
- ▶ The invisible and the non-existent look very much alike.
- ▶ # 15 was way too stupid.
- ▶ Science answers so much of what we used to attribute to God.

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- ▶ More we learn the less reasons we have to believe in God.
  - ▶ #18 – again too stupid.
  - ▶ If God did not exist we would still look exactly the same. – (they are running out of reasons)
  - ▶ A God that is watching us make videos against His existence and does nothing about it and then sends us to hell for doing them.

# Five reasons why there is no God – Richard Dawkins

- ▶ “Same reason there are no fairies – the onus is not on atheists to prove there is no God, the onus is on the theists to prove there is a God.”
- ▶ “Bananas, apples, kangaroos and people look as if there are designed because Darwinian evolution **MAKES** them look as if they are designed.”
- ▶ “The argument of first cause. If you are going to say there is a first cause and that God is that first cause then you have to explain where God came from.”
- ▶ “So there are no good arguments in favor of a God so that is all one needs to say.”

# Philippians 1:16

“But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.”

## Kefa (Peter) 3:15

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”

# Mattityahu 28:18-20

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach (*matheteuo*) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”



Acts 1:8

“ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Acts 17:2

“And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned (*dialegomai*) with them out of the scriptures,”

\*not in Tanakh – why? – our Father expects us to reason things out

## Colossians 4:5-6

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”

Hebriym 11:1

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”


## Qohelet (Ecclesiastes) 8:11

“Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”

No one is really listening, much like politics – argumentum ad ignoratio

Why care about this?

Atheists and no religion advocates now have a ubiquitous platform since the advent of the internet. We are losing our children to this view with alarming statistics!

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- ▶ Always put the ball back in their court
  - ▶ Do not proceed to another question until the original premise is satisfied
  - ▶ Remember most atheists do not actually know the source of their beliefs (evidence)
  - ▶ Most atheists do not get their knowledge of ‘science’ from science, but rather scientists

# ew Research Center – Sept 22 2016

## Young People Abandoning Religion

“The study notes that the number of unaffiliated Americans ("nones") has been steadily rising since 2000. In 1991, only six percent identify as "nones" while the amount jumped to 14 percent by the end of the decade, with the number increasing to 20 percent by 2012. That percentage has jumped higher just over three years later to 25 percent.”



SV\* Newsweekly Aug 27 2016

“Young people are leaving the faith. Here's why: Many youth and young adults who have left the Church point to their belief that there is a disconnect between science and religion.”

\*Our Sunday Visitor – Catholic News

r.org

More Young People Are Moving Away From Religion, But Why?

"I don't [believe in God] but I really want to. That's the problem with questions like these is you don't have anything that clearly states, 'Yes, this is fact,' so I'm constantly struggling. But looking right at the facts — evolution and science — they're saying, no there is none. But what about love? What about the ideas of forgiveness? I like to believe they are true and they are meaningful."

## Corinthians 11:2-3

“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”

# mplicity

- ▶ Haplotes (Gk) - singleness or straightness of heart – straightforward and simple in the genitive
- ▶ Yashar (Hb) – to be straight, right – from shin,resh (rope making)
- ▶ Modern Hebrew – s<sup>e</sup>kal yashar – common sense
- ▶ As opposed to the word ‘simple’ or fool in Tanakh – Miz 19:7, Mishlei 1:22, 14:15

## The Jefferson Perspective - 1819

“Independence [freedom] can be trusted nowhere but with the people in mass. They are inherently independent of all but moral law. Therein lies the danger of abandoning government based upon the inalienable rights of the people to govern themselves, in favor of a government based upon the progressive notions of an intellectual elite.”

Where are the upright men and women today? Where are the great and admired due to character and virtue?

- ▶ Benjamin Franklin – dropped out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – self educated
- ▶ Mark Twain – dropped out 5<sup>th</sup> grade – self educated
- ▶ Will Rogers – dropped out 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- ▶ 4 Presidents on Mt. Rushmore – all home schooled
- ▶ Nikola Tesla – theories based upon observation not math
- ▶ George Washington – Elementary school
- ▶ Martin Luther King
- ▶ Clare Boothe Luce

We have lost our common sense

1. We have to pass the bill (Obama care) in order to know what is in it – Nancy Pelosi
2. If we kill our enemies...they win – Justin Trudeau
3. If we kill our enemies...they die – George Patton
4. Extensive background checks need to be done to American gun owners, yet they want to let thousands of Syrian refugees come into this country with no vetting or background check

We have lost our common sense

5. A single cell organism found on Mars is life! A 1<sup>st</sup> trimester baby in the womb is not!
6. Killing an innocent baby in the womb is a woman's right. Executing a murderer is barbaric.
7. Liberals in America have convinced themselves that **THEY** only stand for justice, children, the poor and the little man. Therefore if you oppose their policies you are against all of those.



# heist

- ▶ One who believes in God (biblical) or gods generally through revelation and His creation, and is involved with that creation

Deist

- ▶ One who acknowledges a god or designer but through observance and reason rather than revelation, and generally do not believe that the primal mover is involved with the creation

theist

- ▶ Addition of the negation prefix meaning one who denies the existence of God or gods through observance, reason or revelation

# gnostic

- ▶ A gnostic is one who has knowledge of spiritual matters and entities and who promotes that knowledge. Adding the negation prefix again makes it one who has no knowledge of spiritual matters. Generally used today to define those who do not care.

# Merriam-Webster Dictionary – 2017

## religion

“the service and worship of God or the supernatural”

From the Latin *religo* – to tie or bind one’s self (mooring ships) American Heritage Dictionary – to bind in any system of faith and worship

# Merriam-Webster Dictionary – 2017

## Science – Scientia (L)

“the state of knowing: knowledge as distinguished from ignorance or misunderstanding.”

gnosis (Gk) – to know

da‘at – experiential knowledge – Bere’shiyt  
2:9

mad-da‘ as opposed to yada‘

# American Heritage Dictionary (1828)

## RUTH

“That which is in exact accordance to that which is, which has been, or which shall be.”

# National Academy of Sciences – Evolution Resources

“In science, a "fact" typically refers to an observation, measurement, or other form of evidence that can be expected to occur the same way under similar circumstances. However, scientists also use the term "fact" to refer to a scientific explanation that has been tested and confirmed so many times that there is no longer a compelling reason to keep testing it or looking for additional examples. In that respect, the past and continuing occurrence of evolution is a scientific fact. Because the evidence supporting it is so strong, scientists no longer question whether biological evolution has occurred and is continuing to occur. Instead, they investigate the mechanisms of evolution, how rapidly evolution can take place, and related questions.”



# ational Center for Science Education

“In science, an observation that has been repeatedly confirmed and for all practical purposes is accepted as “true.” Truth in science, however, is never final and what is accepted as a fact today may be modified or even discarded tomorrow.”

vocabulary.com

“an observation that has been confirmed repeatedly and is accepted as true (although its truth is never final)”

Richard Dawkins.net

“A fact can never be more than a hypothesis on probation, a hypothesis that has so far withstood all attempts to falsify it.”

act – American Heritage Dictionary  
(828)

L. Factum – to make or do something

Anything done or that comes to pass, an  
act, an achieved event or deed

# Webster's Unabridged Cyclopedic Dictionary

“That which actually exists, reality or truth.”


Phillip E. Johnson – UC Berkeley Law  
prof.

“One who claims to be a skeptic of a certain set of beliefs is actually a true believer of another set of beliefs.”

\* no one can be totally objective. We are all biased because of our life experience

## Leo Tolstoy – Russian writer and intellect

“The most difficult subjects can be explained to the most slow-witted man if he has not formed any idea of them already; but the simplest thing cannot be made clear to the most intelligent man if he is firmly persuaded that he knows already, without a shadow of doubt, what is laid before him.”




The easiest and most self satisfying way to condemn the information is to begin by rejecting the source of the information.



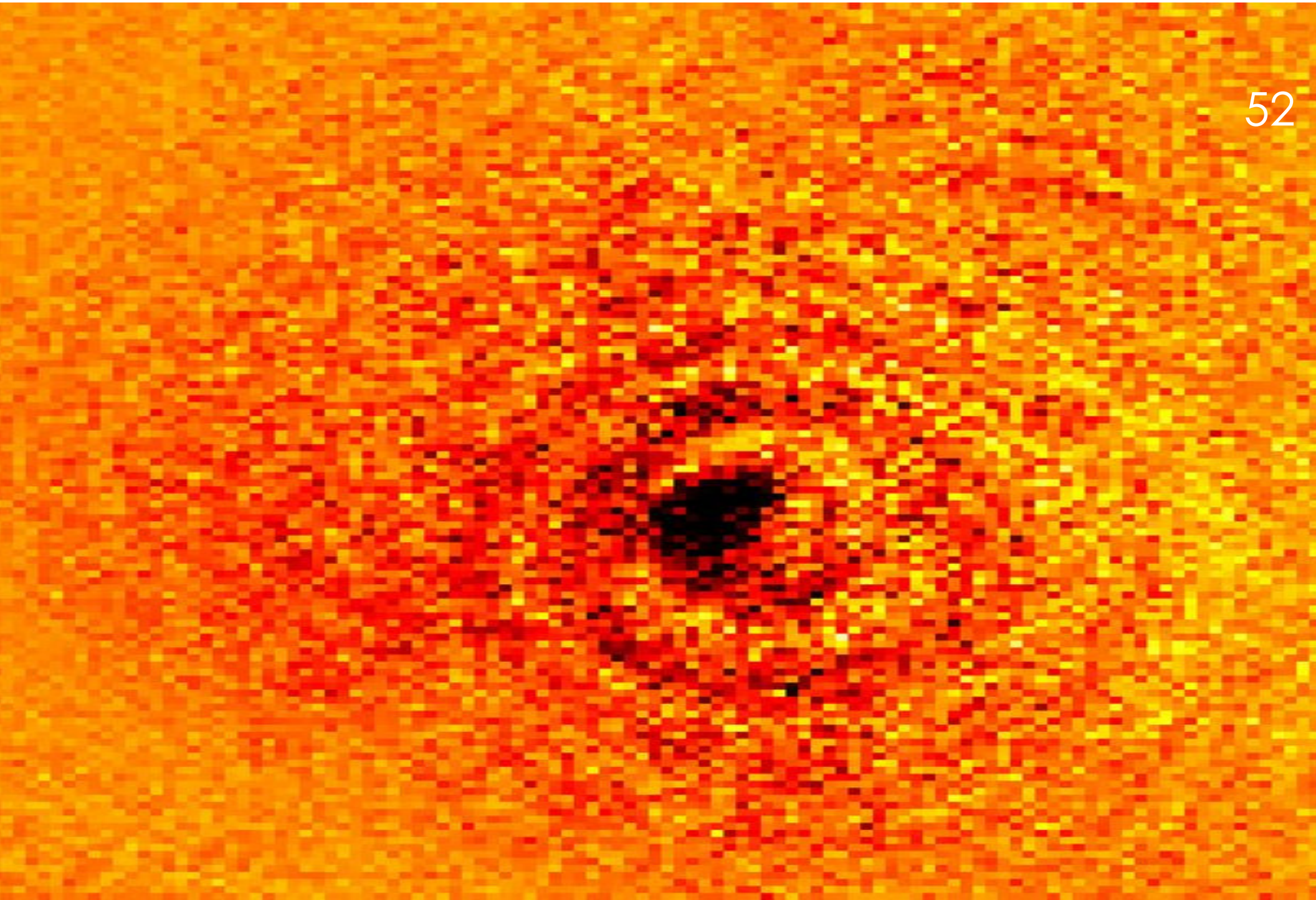
# The Argument Concerning Science: there is no evidence that God exists

- ▶ Or how do you know God exists? By the same means in which we know anything we cannot see exists---the evidence, the effects. No one was there to observe the creation. What convinces you that atoms exist – the effects! Gravity? The wind?
- ▶ Begin with library story

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- ▶ Speculation quoted from a position's detractors does not constitute evidence
  - ▶ When the empirical evidence contradicts the window of time, simply enlarge the window of time – universe eventually has to be infinite

If we imagine that God is real, then what would we expect as evidence?

- ▶ #1 response, if I could see Him i.e. physical proof – the creation – law of like kind- Newton's laws of motion
- ▶ If I saw a real miracle
- ▶ He would know about the universe
- ▶ There would be nothing but good in the world



What constitutes evidence or proof?

Average person has not evaluated the available evidence

- ▶ The universal negative argument must be more defined.  
Ex: I say to you that I now believe in the Great Tarengenyfluffle. You cannot prove that the Great Tarengenyfluffle doesn't exist, so therefore it exists.
- ▶ Most so-called evidence is really just glittering generalities

# Glittering (Glowing) Generalities

“An emotionally appealing phrase so closely associated with highly valued concepts and beliefs that it carries conviction without supporting information or reason. Such highly valued concepts attract general approval and acclaim.”

# Glittering Generalities

- ▶ The Bible is full of errors
- ▶ There is no evidence of David, Abraham, , Saul, Sodom or Jericho
- ▶ There are books added to the Bible
- ▶ There are books missing from the Bible
- ▶ The President is a racist/homophobe

<https://www.ofa.us/climate-change-deniers/#/>

**“97% of climate scientists agree that climate change is real and man-made, and affecting communities in every part of the country. Yet too many of our elected officials deny the science of climate change. Along with their polluter allies, they are blocking progress in the fight against climate change. Find the deniers near you—and call them out today!”**



# What constitutes evidence or proof?

- ▶ The Scriptures are not a history book
- ▶ The Scriptures are not a science book
- ▶ However, all things the scriptures have to say about all the details of our universe, true science and validated history will be accurate or the Author is ignorant at best and deceptive at worst and we might as well worship ourselves

# What constitutes evidence or proof?

- ▶ The Thinking/evidence Box – no evidence fits – you have never seen it so therefore it does not exist – cultures shape our thinking
- ▶ Prophecy – just 8 prophecies happening to one person 250 years in advance –  $10^{17}$  –  $10^{45}$
- ▶ Myriads of scientists who believe because of the evidence. The consistent assumption from atheists is that ‘science’ is monolithic!
- ▶ Science teaches them nothing. It is scientists that are teaching them – they are not following science, but rather scientists


# Scientists and God

## Pew Research Center - 2016

“While studies have found that scientists tend to be much less religious than the general public, a [survey](#) conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People & The Press found that just over half of scientists (51%) believe in some form of deity or higher power; specifically, 33% of scientists say they believe in God. Some of the greatest Nobel laureates and pioneers in science believed in God.”

# What would be proof?

- ▶ To be able to see Him? How do you know atoms exist, George Washington, even a sigh? What would be the effect of a designer? – design?
- ▶ What constitutes a miracle? Replacing limbs?\* – evidence box again – Bible does not have limbs growing either. Why? In Gen. 2:1 – His creation is finished. From that point forward everything is being restored or corrupted – ie. The laws of thermodynamics - the Body (Israel) as opposed to individuals
- ▶ Our present dimensions

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- ▶ Matter cannot precede information (L. informo – to shape or give form)\*
  - ▶ Most arguments are about the dislike of God and are not evidence there is no God – 9 times out of 10 it is something personal and ‘science,’ or the lack thereof, has nothing to do with it.

Dr. Werner Gitt - Director and Professor at the German  
Federal Institute of Physics and Technology

“There is no known natural law  
through which matter can give rise to  
information, neither is any physical  
process or material phenomenon  
known that can do this.”

Yochanan 1:1 - Retrocausality teaches that the effect comes before the cause

# Genesis 1:1 & Yochanan 1:1

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

# evidence the universe had a beginning vs is eternal or it came from nothing

- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> law of thermodynamics - something running down could not always have existed
- ▶ Hubble's expanding universe 1929 – **anything that came into existence had to have a beginning.** Stephen Meyer's balloon. Hubble's Law - Edwin Hubble found that a galaxy's speed away from us is proportional to its distance from us – red shift
- ▶ Something cannot come from nothing. If so why doesn't any single thing just pop out of nothing. Why is it only universes pop out of nothing?



- ▶ According to Stephen Hawking the idea that the universe came from nothing, leaves him no reason to have to explain anything
- ▶ In an infinite universe with no beginning anything is possible i.e. Life on other planets, Elvis in a different universe, Boeing 747 – tornado- junkyard –  $10^{40,000}$  so it is possible? - everything becomes relative. – poker game

laude Hathaway Ph.D. Engineering

“Sir Isaac Newton recognized that the universe was moving from order to disorder: that it was approaching a uniform temperature: and from this he saw the necessity of an initial ordering or design...that transfer in the opposite direction never occurs in nature ... that nature cannot design herself ... therefore a great first cause is required who is not subject to the second law.”

# evidence the universe had a beginning vs is eternal or it came from nothing

- ▶ The law of cause and effect does not mean that every thing (including God) has a cause. It means, contextually that every thing that came into existence has a cause. Denying a beginning means denying a Beginner
- ▶ Bertrand Russell – British Philosopher/political activist – “Either the universe had a beginning or it did not. If it did not then it did not need a cause. If it did then we ask who caused God?”

# How does information (words) produce matter?

- ▶ If the universe came from nothing then you cannot get matter from nothing
- ▶ If the universe is mostly not seen, then that which is seen comes from that which is not seen

## Hebrews (Hebrews) 11:1-3

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”

# Richard Dawkins calls on God when asked about full title of Origin of Species

▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bjhfKmRCZw>


bs.org

“What if the fundamental ‘stuff’ of the universe is not matter or energy but information?”

s.org - Scott Aaronson, associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science at MIT.

“Does this mean that our universe is made of information, as some headlines claim? It strikes me as a contentless question,” says Aaronson. “To say that matter and energy are important in physics is to say something with content. You can imagine a universe barren of matter and energy, after all; specifying that our universe is furnished with both tells you something about it, and distinguishes it from other possible universes. “But I don’t know how you could even conceive of a universe” without information, he says.”





Most atheists and evolutionists are not looking for proof or evidence at all. The idea of a Creator of all that exists is not really the problem. They want a God who fits their image and is convenient for their lifestyles and desires, whatever that is.

\*math has become evidence instead of observation


From a purely scientific point of view the problem is not God, a designer or Creator, or even a Savior, which is what the evidence points to. The real problem for them is that this Creator or God requires something from us. He gives instructions for good and evil. In other words their real problem is:

The Torah!

# The Ontological Argument or the philosophy of existence

# The omniscience of God and freewill cannot coexist – Most asked question – Richard Dawkins

- ▶ Therefore how can he hold us accountable if He predetermines everything?
- ▶ “If the universe were just electrons and selfish genes, meaningless tragedies are exactly what we should expect, along with equally meaningless good fortune. Such a universe would be neither good nor evil in intention. The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good. Nothing but blind pitiless indifference...Science has no methods for deciding what is ethical. That is a matter for individuals and for society. Science cannot tell you, for example, whether abortion right or wrong. Ethical and moral issues are up to individuals and society. (remember Phil Johnson quote) We are all dancing to the music of our DNA!”



Our Creator tells us that if we obey Him we will be blessed and if we do not obey Him we will be cursed. In a world in which some obey Him and most do not, THAT is a world in which we would expect good things to happen to some and tragic circumstances to come to most.

# They have to deny that evil exists

- ▶ Evil assumes that something should be different? This isn't right! How can I call a universe or God unjust? Compared to what?
- ▶ In a godless universe of only nature, there is no 'ought to be'.
- ▶ Is there a difference between knowing the end and predetermining or molding the end? How does our freedom to make our own choices change or corrupt God's omniscience. i.e. because I know enough about a particular human that I can know what decision they will make, does that mean they do not have free will? If I asked my wife if she wants pizza or stuffed green preppers does that take away her free will?

# The Ontological Crossroads

Evil cannot be determined outside of what is good, or what it is right. Ask your average atheist if he or she believes that Hitler was evil? What about the KKK and white supremacists? They are in a boat floating in a boundless sea of opinion without a moral compass


God exists then why is the world filled with ...?  
God is evil because He allows suffering and death

- What is it about God being good that means He cannot allow suffering, evil or death? – definition of good
- Is it possible for God and suffering to exist at the same time – parade story
- Perspective is based upon this life being the only life there is
- Evil, suffering, pain, death, hate...something is wrong – who determines what is evil in a godless world? – once again suffering was not designed in the beginning but rather as a sign that something is wrong?



God is good then why is the world filled with ...?  
God is evil because He allows suffering and death

- Why does God allow evil? Who determines what is evil since we are all just chemical matter? If atheists are consistent with their belief that all is just matter then they have no legitimate reason to complain about how that matter behaves.
- God obeys His own laws – the laws of cause and effect – we do not always know the cause - Cooper's flourish (sliding door) cp utilitarianism – most of the time the innocent receives the effects of the sinner or the cause – hence the great commission
- The laws of that which is unseen operate just like the laws that are seen (guy under the swimming pool)

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- ▶ Discuss the alternative views of Stoicism, Hedonism, etc whether there is or is no Creator there is still suffering in the world. Which explanation is more plausible?
  - ▶ The parade – as believers we are all part of His great plan – Yeshua and the tower and healing the blind man
  - ▶ Why didn't the tower fall on me?

your God is smarter than we are then why didn't He just create everyone not to sin in the first place? Huh? Come on, tell me that Huh?

- ▶ More hypothetical and academic poo-poo
- ▶ It is will and choice that separates us from aardvarks and sedimentary rocks. It 'seems' logical that nothing sad would be paradise, but by the same logic true love or joy could not be experienced in that there is nothing to compare them to. Love is only meaningful and personal when compared to things we do not love.

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- ▶ The only way an atheist can understand his misplaced concept of Utopia is to live a life without choice and self will. Norman Geisler once said that in our culture 'forced love is called rape.'
- ▶ God creates the potential for evil (the fact of it's existence) but man performs the acts (kinetic) of evil. Isaiah 45:7 Evil is the rejection of what is good.
- ▶ Based upon the definition of good if God stamped out evil today, would that include you?

# Man (matter) can reason and make his own moral decisions

- ▶ Morality is the basis of all life decisions. You cannot legislate morality is not true. Telling the truth or lying is a moral decision. Governments, businesses, judicial systems, financial institutions, medical systems, leaders, Generals etc The myriads of laws on the books as a result dishonest people and practices
- ▶ U. of Austin Prof. J. Budziszewski – “Everyone knows certain principles. There is no land where murder is virtue and gratitude is a vice.”
- ▶ Joel McDurmon – If God exists, then He is the ultimate judge. If He does not then by nature the most powerful of men will rule and judge.

\* The Return of the Village Atheist pg 61\*

# Man (matter) can reason and make his own moral decisions

- ▶ If a believer kills or rapes, it is against his belief (and God) but if an atheist kills or rapes this is ultimately more consistent with his philosophy
- ▶ Canadian philosopher Kai Nielson – “Reason does not decide here. The picture I have painted for you here is not a pleasant one. Reflection on it depresses me. Pure practical reason, even with good knowledge of the facts, will not take you to morality”
- ▶ Finally, read pg 60 of The End of Reason

# Evolutionist Lee Silver – Princeton Debate 005

A computer program has been designed that simulated simple life forms like little bugs, growing and reproducing in a cyber-world. The program simulated countless generations accounting for all the possible mutations that would occur in the natural world. The digital bugs evolved into slightly different digital bugs. This constitutes strong evidence that life can evolve without intelligence.


# Man (matter) can reason and make his own moral decisions

- ▶ Why doesn't God stop war? Well, why? Because it is wrong. Who says it is wrong?
- ▶ When historical records show that there were much more people slaughtered by atheist dictators than there were by religious zealots does that reveal something about religion and dictators or about something within all mankind?
- ▶ God calls His people a 'remnant' – most of the world has been living by its own reason and moral decisions



That is your interpretation of the words. Biblical words are man's invention and mean different things to different people.”

- ▶ The post-modern attack on words. i.e. words have no ultimate meaning
- ▶ Of course, they had to use ‘words’ in order to make that assertion that they assume everyone should already understand
- ▶ Words and political correctness – purpose is to take something that has meaning and over time make it ambiguous
- ▶ Ask them how they arrived at ‘their’ interpretation\*



“I studied and researched this passage in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, consulted several Latin versions, and broke down each word in it’s syntactical relationship and searched their same grammatical forms from Genesis to Revelation. That is how I arrived at my interpretation. So how did you arrive at your interpretation?”

The best way to avoid the obvious (observation/knowledge) is to make the obvious obscure and undefinable

- ▶ According to Immanuel Kant – German Philosopher – 18<sup>th</sup> century the structure of our senses forms all sense data – i.e. we only think a rock is a rock. We can really never know for certain if it is indeed a rock, it only appears to us that way and may appear another way to someone else.
- ▶ If the observable evidence contradicts the theory then philosophize and render the evidence obscure (from the concrete to the abstract)

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- ▶ Biblically we understand the real world through our senses. I believe that this is why all scriptural words are traced back to the birds and bees etc
- ▶ Another example of the law of non-contradiction – someone who says we cannot really know the real world seems to know all about the real world. Man cannot know truth yet the statement implies it is true

# The 'God' of the Bible orders His people to kill all the Moabites etc.

- ▶ Canaanite religions were steeped in human sacrifice. Especially infant sacrifice.\*
- ▶ Moabites were especially bloodthirsty warriors – drive them out from among you – focus was idolatry
- ▶ Atheists live in a hypothetical existence – assumption “there must have been innocent people among the Canaanites”.
- ▶ ‘Elohiym sending His people to destroy the Canaanite religions and people seemed to be dominantly restricted to the wilderness and land of Canaan experience .When Israel was one nation of people all in the same place facing their enemies God conquered her enemies. The Exile

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- ▶ After David and Solomon when Israel was scattered now most of the fighting and killing is between the northern and southern tribes
- ▶ Appears that war involving YHVH's people is impossible or ineffective at best in the exile
- ▶ Hence the teachings of Yeshua' (peace, turn the other cheek) until Israel is back in the land again
- ▶ Would God be more respected, or believed by atheists if He did nothing about evil?

# If God is all good then why does He send people to hell?

- ▶ There is an initial assumption that some people go to hell against their will? Does the Bible teach that there are people who do not want to go to hell but God sends them anyway? Mt 23:37, 2 Kefa 3:9 God says to those ‘Your will be done.’
- ▶ Then we must define ‘hell’. More than likely your atheist friend is responding to a ‘Dante’ view of hell. Hell is not a pleasant place or existence no matter how you define it.
- ▶ Discussion of she’ol. To remove and place elsewhere. Can refer to the body removed from this existence to the ground but the word does not mean ‘grave’ (qavar – to bury) – removed from the light and placed in darkness

# Christianity arose from an ancient primitive world without science

- ▶ Name something the Bible says that contradicts science
- ▶ Geocentricity vs heliocentricity – their response is based upon the spoon fed culture's understanding of science
- ▶ All current understanding is based upon a constant speed of light and an assumption that there is nothing faster
- ▶ I have heard 'Hebrew roots' teachers state this same thing



Christians only believe in Christianity because they were born in a Christian country. If they were born in India they would be Hindu.

- ▶ If you are an atheist who lives in a Christian country, then why are you not a Christian?
- ▶ This is akin to the ‘guy on the island’ – it can only be hypothetical- Miz 19:1-4 – can an all powerful omnipresent God reveal Himself to a Buddhist raised in China?
- ▶ Discussion of the exile

Christians and religious people are hypocrites! They tell people about Jesus and go to church, but then they drink, cuss and use drugs.

- ▶ So some who call themselves Christians who express the same ungodly behavior that atheists do is evidence there is no God? So would good or different behavior then prove there is a God?
- ▶ They instinctively expect people who believe in God to have good morals and do good things.
- ▶ So man does have a free will. A 'Christian' who kills or rapes is acting contrary to his beliefs. An atheist doing the same thing is acting in accordance to his beliefs.

History is full of mother-child messiah cults, trinity godheads and resurrected gods

- ▶ And this proves....what exactly?
- ▶ The scriptures are authored by a Creator who precedes all the other gods, pagan religious systems, books and stories (Gen,. 1:1) So who stole from whom? If the revelation of a Messiah or resurrection appears suddenly in the gospels in the 1<sup>st</sup> century then this accusation would be correct.

Evolution/science has answered where we come from. Natural forces, all there is, is matter etc

- ▶ Where does information come from?  
Information has to precede matter. Entropy laws
- ▶ Creation vs Evolution: Two Seeds  
Diametrically Opposed series

# Steven Jay Gould – Harvard Paleontologist

“The history of most fossil species includes two features particularly inconsistent with gradualism 1). Stasis. Most species exhibit no directional change during their tenure on earth. They appear in the fossil record looking much the same as when they disappear; Morphological change is usually limited and directionless. 2). Sudden appearance. In any local area, a species does not arise gradually by the steady transformation of its ancestors, it appear all at once and fully formed.”

# Darwinist Richard Lewontin – Harvard U.

“Our willingness to accept scientific claims that are against common sense is the key to an understanding of the real struggle between science and the supernatural. We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, in spite of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment to *materialism*.”

It is religious nonsense to believe that someone can be 'saved' by someone dying, much less dying 2000 years ago!

- ▶ In the physical realm, this is clearly understood – Every time we eat something, plant or animal (both have life) something has given us life by giving it's life.
- ▶ Inupiat tribes in Alaska after killing an animal – lay hands on the animal thanking it for giving it's life so they could live – modern example of the basis for most cultures blessings over meals
- ▶ Newtonian laws of cause and effect. We can see the 'laws' clearly in the natural. The hard sciences has been promoting their understanding through particle physics that there is another dimension other than our 4 (including time) and that there exists an entity other than matter i.e plasma, aether

# Summary of God's existence

- ▶ Reminder of library story again – what would constitute proof? – see appendix 1 – Creation Stories
- ▶ Laws of Thermodynamics – Hubble's law
- ▶ Laws of cause and effect – 1. whatever begins to exist has a cause. 2. the universe began to exist. 3. Therefore it has a cause



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- ▶ Atoms
- ▶ Universal natural laws
- ▶ A.I. Brought into existence by intelligence – We know exactly what makes up our physical bodies – why can't we make an human then?

“Through the Hubble Telescope three scientists won the Nobel Prize for discovering that the universe is expanding faster than they thought previously. Since gravity by its supposed nature contradicts this, dark energy enters the picture to solve the contradiction. Recent research has discovered that the universe is expanding at a constant rate and now it is determined that they don’t need dark energy any more.”

\*[www.sciencealert.com](http://www.sciencealert.com) Oct 24, 2016

“The Bible is the only religious book that begins with a detailed creation account and that account is in harmony with the physical evidence.”

What makes 'Elohiym any different than the other 900 gods?  
Creation Stories – virtually all are creations from chaos and  
gods are part of space, matter and time

- ▶ *Cheonjiwang Bonpuri* (King of the heavens and earth) - Korean Creation – time begins with three rooster gods
- ▶ Egyptian myths – pantheistic – The Atum rising out of the waters and spits out the other gods.
- ▶ Babylonian myths – some comments about a flood, but filled with non-descript mysteries – 'the place is pure, the land Dilmun is pure and repeated over and over

- ▶ Pre-Columbian Mesoamerican stories – men were originally made of wood because mud kept crumbling
- ▶ Hindu and related – repeated chants of worship and offerings- Brahma created heavens, earth and sky from lotus flowers and a river and various similar stories
- ▶ The Islamic creation is not found in the beginning of the Koran but rather scattered throughout the book. Ex: no clear information on what was created and when - man created in paradise and later banished to earth

Quote examples from atheists about their  
life and no hope

# Conclusion

Even in the face of being cliché, the bottom line truly is:

If God exists and His word is truth then my rejection of Him is a dire and dangerous conclusion in which I will be held accountable

If, however, there is nothing beyond this earthly existence then at worst, I have wasted all my short time on this planet cheerfully singing, praising, adoring and serving a figment of my imagination, which according to the philosophy of existentialism, is just the natural results of atom bundles over time anyway.

- ▶ Close with the wonders of God's creation