

CONFIDENT FAITH

Part 2 – How Do We Know God Exists?

HEBREWS 11:1, 6 – Now **faith is confidence** in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ⁶ And without faith it is **impossible** to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

ROMANS 1:17 - This Good News (the Gospel) tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish **by faith**. As the Scriptures say, “The righteous will live **by faith**.”

EPHESIANS 6:16 - Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Evidence For The Existence Of God

HEBREWS 11:6 - By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

PSALM 14:1 - The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

EVIDENCE #1 – The universe had a beginning so it must have _____.

•Something cannot come from _____.

Romans 1:18-21 - The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since **what may be known about God is plain to them**, because God has made it plain to them.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been **clearly seen, being understood from what has been made**, so that people are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

EVIDENCE #2 – The _____ of the universe points to an intelligent Creator.

PSALM 19:1-4 - The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. ³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. ⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

EVIDENCE #3 – People have a natural understanding of _____.

ROMANS 2:13-15 - Merely listening to the law doesn't make us right with God. It is obeying the law that makes us right in his sight. ¹⁴ Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they **instinctively obey it, even without having heard it**. ¹⁵ They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.

EVIDENCE #4 – The _____.

JOHN 14:8-10 - Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!** So why are you asking me to show him to you? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.

COLOSSIANS 2:15-17 - **Christ is the visible image of the invisible God**. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.