SHOULD WE ACCEPT GOD'S EXISTENCE ON BLIND FAITH?

ACTS 17:26 – 28

PSALMS 14:1 – 4 (ESV)

THE FOOL SAYS IN HIS HEART, "THERE IS NO GOD." THEY ARE CORRUPT, THEY DO ABOMINABLE DEEDS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD. 2 THE LORD LOOKS DOWN FROM HEAVEN ON THE CHILDREN OF MAN, TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY WHO UNDERSTAND, WHO SEEK AFTER GOD. 3 THEY HAVE ALL TURNED ASIDE; TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME CORRUPT; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, NOT EVEN ONE. 4HAVE THEY NO KNOWLEDGE, ALL THE EVILDOERS WHO EAT UP MY PEOPLE AS THEY EAT BREAD AND DO NOT CALL UPON THE LORD?

ISAIAH 1:18 (ESV)

18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: THOUGH YOUR SINS ARE LIKE SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW; THOUGH THEY ARE RED LIKE CRIMSON, THEY SHALL BECOME LIKE WOOL.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:21 (ESV)

21 but test everything; hold fast what is good.

THE 3 MOST POWERFUL ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD:

 THE COSMOLOGICAL (FIRST CAUSE) ARGUMENT

3 OPTIONS FOR THE EXISTENCE FOR THE UNIVERSE:

- IT HAS ALWAYS EXISTED.
- IT CREATED ITSELF.
 - "Spontaneous Generation" is given as an answer to the existence of our universe.
 - Spontaneous Generation violates the Law of Biogenesis!
 - NOTHING CREATES ITSELF; THEREFORE SOMETHING OR SOMEONE MUST HAVE CREATED IT.
 - ADEQUATE CAUSE ALL EFFECTS MUST HAVE A CAUSE THAT EXCEEDS ITSELF
 - GENESIS 2:7
- IT WAS CREATED BY SOMEONE OR SOMETHING.
 - GENESIS 1:1
 - ROMANS 1:19 20

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This argument states that all which have design within their makeup must have been designed by something greater than itself. Our universe, the earth, and mankind all show design, therefore there must be a designer.

HEBREWS 3:3 - 4 (ESV)

3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

DESIGN SHOWN IN OUR UNIVERSE:

- As the earth orbits the sun it departs from a straight line by only one-ninth of an inch every eighteen miles. If it departed by one-eight of an inch, we would burn up. If it departed by one-tenth of an inch, we would freeze to death.
- The earth is hung on its axis by a slant of 23.5 degree. If it were not tilted on its axis, we would have no seasons.
- The moon is set 240 million miles from the earth, which allows it to help control the movements of ocean tides. Without it being where it is the oceans and world's waters would stagnate.
- 72% of the earth's surface is covered in water. This amount water allows for the perfect amount of moisture in the atmosphere so that we have Rainfall.

PSALMS 19:1 (ESV)

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

DESIGN SHOWN IN OUR BODIES:

- JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THE HUMAN EYE.
- The human eye gathers over 80% of the knowledge that is transmitted to the brain.
- THE BRAIN AND THE EYE ARE CONNECTED BY OVER 600,000 NERVES.
- THE EYE TRANSMITS INFORMATION AT A RATE OF OVER 300 MILES AN HOUR.
- The eye receives, sorts, and sends 1.5 million messages in the same moment.
- The retina contains 137 million light-sensitive receptor cells, 130 million rods, and 7 million cones in less than a square inch.
- DURING TIMES OF STRESS, ONE EYE WILL REST WHILE THE OTHER DOES 90% OF THE WORK AND THEN REVERSE THE PROCESS.

PSALMS 139:14 (ESV)

14 I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE. WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS; MY SOUL KNOWS IT VERY WELL. ALL THINGS WHICH DISPLAY DESIGN IN THEIR MAKEUP MUST HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY A GREATER BEING. OUR UNIVERSE, OUR WORLD, AND OURSELVES ALL SHOW DESIGN. THEREFORE, A DESIGNER MUST EXIST.

THE 3 MOST POWERFUL ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD:

- THE COSMOLOGICAL (FIRST CAUSE) ARGUMENT
- THE TELEOLOGICAL (DESIGN) ARGUMENT
- THE MORAL (DIVINE COMMAND)
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THE MORAL (DIVINE COMMAND) ARGUMENT This argument states That because Mankind has a sense Of Morality there Must have been a Greater being who Placed that sense of Morality within man.

TWO POSSIBLE SOURCES OF MORALITY:

- THEOCENTRIC (MORALITY AROSE FROM GOD)
 - GENESIS 1:26 27 (ESV)
 - GENESIS 3:4 5 (ESV)
 - Genesis 3:7 (ESV)
- ANTHROPOCENTRIC (MORALITY AROSE FROM MAN)
 - JEREMIAH 10:23 (ESV)
 - JAMES 4:17 (ESV)

1 Blessed is the man WHO WALKS NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE WICKED, NOR STANDS IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR SITS IN THE SEAT OF SCOFFERS; 2 BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND ON HIS LAW HE MEDITATES DAY AND NIGHT.

PSALMS 1:1 - 2(ESV)

WILL YOU BE WISE AND SUBMIT TO THE ONE TRUE GOD?