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Title: How Can We Know God Exists?

Text: Psalms 14:1-3, Hebrews 11:6

**Psalms 14:1-3** - The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

**Hebrews 11:6** - 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.

What proofs and clues are there that an all-powerful, eternal, infinite being actually exists?

Modern science and philosophy overwhelmingly say yes.

**God is hidden from us because of sin.**

**Romans 1:21-23** - <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

**Creation declares there is a God.**

**Romans 1:19-20** - <sup>19</sup>since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup>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 men are without excuse.

**Psalms 19:1-2** - <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. <sup>2</sup>Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

**The Bible reveals God.**

**John 20:31** - But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## **Moral argument proves the existence of God.**

- We have a natural law within us.  
**Romans 2:15** - since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.
- Our conscience that guides us to an inner sense of what is right and wrong.
- The very fact that we argue over what is right and wrong proves the existence of an absolute God.
- If there is no God, then there are no morals. Morals are absolutes grounded on the principle of a superior law giver.

## **Cause and effect. Things including humans came into existence by some force.**

In order for things to exist there had to be a beginning.

**Genesis 1:1** - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**John 1:1-3** - <sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

## **The fact that everything in the universe is full of intricate and complex details points to a creator.**

**Colossians 1:16-17** - <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

The universe

Humans

Animal life

## **The fact that knowledge exists suggests that there is an outside force from which knowledge comes from. That source is the all-knowing God.**

**Proverbs 2:6** - For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

We learn.

We think.

Knowledge comes from God.

## **Our personal faith in Jesus Christ is evidence that God exists.**

**1 John 1:1-2** - <sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.