

# Review: The Existence of God



## THE COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- Our immense, finely tuned universe is an effect which demands a POWERFUL CAUSE.



## THE TELEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- The universe, our solar system, the laws of nature, and life itself are effects which demand a PURPOSEFUL CAUSE.



## THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- The immaterial aspects of human life are effects which demand a PERSONAL CAUSE.

# Evidences For The Trustworthiness of The Bible.



# The Bible Corresponds to Reality

- The cosmological and teleological arguments demand a sufficient cause which must be eternal, omnipotent, self-existent, omniscient, incorporeal, etc.
- The Bible begins with “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
- John 1:1-3. “In the beginning was the Word...All things were made through Him.

# The Bible Corresponds to Reality

- The anthropological argument demands a cause that is personal – i.e., has a mind, consciousness, self-awareness, morality, etc.
- Genesis 1:27. “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him. Male and female He created them.”



# The Bible Corresponds to Reality

- Humans are unique and superior to all other living things.
- Genesis 1:28. “Then God blessed them, and God Said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
- Genesis 9:2. “...every beast...bird..fish...they are given into your hand.”

# The Bible Corresponds to Reality

- Real science (trillions of experiments) demonstrates that all life reproduces according to kind.
- Genesis 1 reiterates this fact of life ten times with the phrase “according to its kind.”



# The Bible Corresponds to Reality

- Humans have an innate tendency toward evil. We violate laws and even our own conscience - even while we agree with the principle we are violating.
- Genesis 3 records the “fall of man” into sin and the change in his nature wrought by rebellion toward God.

# The Bible Corresponds to Reality

- For all the beauty in our world, it is obvious that something is wrong – from crime, war, and tyranny to natural disasters and death.
- The Bible accurately describes the heart of man as deceitful and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9).
- The Bible portrays the earth as travailing under God's curse on nature for the sake of man's sin. Genesis 3; Romans 8.



# **The Bible Corresponds to Reality**

- The earth's crust everywhere bears evidence of a major, water-born catastrophe.
- Genesis 6-9 records a global flood.

For these reasons the Bible deserves serious consideration.

# **3 Lines of Evidence**

**#1 – UNIQUENESS**

**#2 – EXTERNAL EVIDENCE**

**#3 – INTERNAL EVIDENCE**



# The Bible is Unique

- ❑ Origin and Continuity: Claimed inspiration, 66 books, 3 languages, 3 continents, 40 authors, 1500 years. One theme: Redemption.
- ❑ History: Creation. Formation of Israel and the church. Future – culmination of history.
- ❑ Honesty: Failures of its heroic figures.
- ❑ Circulation: The most translated, published book in history. Estimated 7.5B printed; 100M per year, not including digital.

# External Evidences

- ❑ Survival: Through time, persecution, criticism.
- ❑ Secular history and archeology: [link](#)
- ❑ Effect on civilization: Language, literacy, law, liberty. America is rooted in biblical principles.
- ❑ Power to change lives: The influence on civilization is not solely from the legislation of biblical principals, but from the collective consciences of regenerated individuals.



# Internal Evidences

- ❑ Continuity, harmony, and unity: 66 books, 40 authors, one theme, no contradictions.
- ❑ Textual preservation: Manuscript evidence for the NT; Dead Sea Scrolls for the OT. [Link](#) [link](#)
- ❑ Geographic accuracy: Biblical references to places reflect reality, including allusions to local topography, modes and timing of travel, etc. [link](#)
- ❑ Historical accuracy: The nations and tribes depicted, the rise and fall of leaders and empires are all actual history. [link](#)

# Internal Evidences

- ❑ Cultural accuracy: The Bible accurately portrays the lifestyles (customs, manners) of the people it describes. The more you can learn about the real culture of the people of the Bible, the better you will understand the Bible.
- ❑ Scientific accuracy: Spherical earth; biogenesis; vitality of blood; importance of hygiene (washing in running water) blood-clotting, etc.
- ❑ Prophetic accuracy: So accurate in fact that critics insist the prophecies must have been written after the fact.