

# **Positive Evidence/Arguments for Atheism**

-Perceived problems with Christianity are primarily the claims for why Atheism is true.

## **-Define Atheism**

- Atheism is a lack of belief in God. It makes no claims.

-You believe that: There is probably not a god based on the evidence. – This is a claim that you make.

-Do you believe that it is most likely based on the evidence that we are here now without a greater purpose and that there is nothing after death? – That is a belief.

-You make value judgments – moral judgments – claims to what is true.

-Atheists have positive claims about the world that:

-The Big Bang was the beginning of the Universe.

-Evolution has happened to cause life.

-Christianity is not true.

-Fundamental Religious rules are wrong.

-War is bad/unfortunate.

-Christianity and other religions have led to wars.

**-Atheists also have the burden of proof to prove their claims true too.**

-“Atheism is not a belief system nor is it a religion.”

“To put it in a more humorous way: If atheism is a religion, then not collecting stamps is a hobby.”

“Agnostic isn’t just a “weaker” version of being an atheist. It answers a different question. **Atheism is about what you believe.** Agnosticism is about what you know.”

<https://www.atheists.org/activism/resources/about-atheism/>

## **-Science explains (or will explain) everything.**

-God is not needed if the Big Bang and Evolution are true.

-Why is God playing Hide-n’-Seek?

-A lack of proof for a god is enough proof that a god does not exist.

-I only believe in what I see.

-See [www.DiscoverCreation.org/Evidence](http://www.DiscoverCreation.org/Evidence)

-Specifically, look at:

-this regarding the laws of Chemistry showing the improbability (if not, impossibility) of biological evolution being able to start.

<http://creation.com/origin-of-life>

-this regarding Haldane's Dilemma - even if Humans and Apes are 99% similar – even given 12 million years it’s not enough time for mutations to change the genetics.

<https://creation.com/haldanes-dilemma-has-not-been-solved>

<https://creation.com/1-percent-myth>

-See Evolution’s Achilles Heels

## **-Too Many Contradictory Religions.**

-Too Many Contradictory Types of Christianity.

-Too Many Interpretations of Scripture

**-Religion is bad for society. More wars are because of religion than anything else.**

- Historically, without religion, we wouldn't have hospitals, educational institutions, etc.
  - See "What Good is Christianity?" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndFYFQ63LQc>
- What great social institutions has atheism given to the world?
- Remember atheistic Marxism in Russia.
- See *How Christianity Changed the World* by Alvin J Schmidt
- Matthew Parris (Atheist) article on why Africa needs missionaries  
<https://www.alisonmorgan.co.uk/Articles/Parris.pdf>

**-Problems with the Bible.**

- See Cold Case Christianity.
  - The Historicity & Reliability of the Bible – There is evidence that you can trust God and the Bible.
  - Reference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvOsR1-YHTQ>
  - Bonus Reference:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsO8JI9mmQc&list=PL1440A16CB619C264&index=33>
- <http://www.biblicalcatholic.com/apologetics/bible.htm>
- <https://www.amazon.com/Keeping-Faith-Age-Reason-Contradictions-ebook/dp/B07652H8PS/>
- <https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/B00GM36PV2>
- This has some good answers. <https://www.reasonablefaith.org/writings/question-answer/slaughter-of-the-canaanites/>

**-A Loving God and Hell.**

- See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpEaoMg3sG8>
- See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gEbkZvn3S4>
- I did a lot of research on this - Ask me for my research - Email me: [truthmatters@discovercreation.org](mailto:truthmatters@discovercreation.org)
- “Wouldn't it be unfair if Jesus is the only way to Heaven?”
  - See [www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxX3kEJT88g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxX3kEJT88g)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRyq6RwzIEM&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EfL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=2>

**-Evil and Bad Design**

- See below.
- Regarding Bad Design – think tradeoffs / engineering: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAVyktynD\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAVyktynD_I)

**-Jesus has similarities with older myths.**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrCYVk6xrXg>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\\_PMfilx-s0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_PMfilx-s0)

**-Morality is man-made.**

- We have morals and usually follow morals because we set up consequences.
- See these and see more below:

- Reference: <https://creation.com/cultural-relativism>
- Bonus Reference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SH0m37lqZs>
- Who wrote the article? (Where did morality come from?)
  - I can read just fine. (I can be good.)
  - The concept of goodness is not possible without an author.
  - Michael Shermer: “Would you still be good if God didn’t exist?”
    - Response: “Would you still be faithful to your wife if you were not married?”
      - Doesn’t make sense – faithfulness doesn’t apply if you don’t get married.
      - The concept of goodness, moral law, doesn’t apply without a moral lawgiver.
      - Without God as grounding, there is no good.

## **Positive Evidence/Arguments for Christianity**

“I need to see evidence for God.” – Ask yourself these questions:

- Is it possible for there to be a God?
- Is it possible for there to be scientific evidence that points to God?
- If I gave you evidence, would you seriously consider God?
- What type of evidence do you want? Or how much evidence do you need?
  - If you saw enough evidence, would you become a Christian, or even a Creationist?
- Direct Evidence vs. Circumstantial Evidence
- Reasonable not just possible.
  - “Beyond a reasonable doubt, not 100%.”

-Only Christianity gives adequate and consistent answers for Origin, Meaning, Morality, and Destiny.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWY-6xBAOPk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5qJPZySo7A>

**A lot of these arguments below are explained in this playlist:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HORwhXSgelQ&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EfL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX>

Playlist of debunking arguments for God – by Cosmic Skeptic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXjLKgKnL9U&list=PLMDve3WeC9qDVtghNJivv3iHvq-Lo-Mjq>

**-The Universe points to a Creator.**

### **Kalam Cosmological Argument**

1. “Whatever begins to exist has a cause.
2. The Universe began to exist.
3. Therefore, the Universe had a cause.”<sup>i</sup>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CulBuMCLg0&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EfL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=5>

## **-Appearance of Design**

### **Teleological or Design Argument**

1. "Human artifacts are products of intelligent design; they have a purpose.
2. The universe resembles these human artifacts.
3. Therefore: It is probable that the universe is a product of intelligent design, and has a purpose.
4. However, the universe is vastly more complex and gigantic than a human artifact is.
5. Therefore: There is probably a powerful and vastly intelligent designer who created the universe." <sup>ii</sup>

**-Examples: Information (a code), complexity, machinery, irreducibility (chicken vs egg)**

### **Fine-Tuning of the Universe**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EE76nwimuT0&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EfL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=6>

**-Laws point to a law-giver.**

**-Information comes from a mind.**

-DNA

## **-Morality**

### **The Moral Argument**

1. "If God does not exist, objective moral values and duties do not exist.
  2. Objective moral values and duties do exist.
  3. Therefore, God exists.
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  2. Objective moral values and duties do exist.
  3. Therefore, God exists." <sup>iii</sup>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxiAikEk2vU&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EfL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=7>

"Professor Michael Ruse, a philosopher of science at the University of Guelph, agrees. He writes, Morality is a biological adaptation no less than are hands and feet and teeth . . . . Considered as a rationally justifiable set of claims about an objective something, ethics is illusory. I appreciate that when somebody says 'Love thy neighbor as thyself,' they think they are referring above and beyond themselves . . . . Nevertheless, . . . such reference is truly without foundation. Morality is just an aid to survival and reproduction, . . . and any deeper meaning is illusory. . . . [9]

Friedrich Nietzsche, the great atheist of the last century who proclaimed the death of God, understood that the death of God meant the destruction of all meaning and value in life. On the atheist view some actions, say, rape, may not be socially advantageous and so has become taboo but that does absolutely nothing to prove that rape is *really wrong*. On the atheistic view, if you can escape the social consequences there's nothing really wrong with your raping someone. Thus, without God there is no absolute right and wrong which imposes itself on our conscience."

<https://www.reasonablefaith.org/media/debates/atheism-vs.-christianity/>

Morality after Auschwitz by Peter Ha

“Far from being contemptuous of ethics the perpetrators acted in strict conformity with an ethic that held that mass extermination of the Jews and Gypsies was justified.”

-Arbitrary Value

## **-Evil**

-I have a lot more research on this if you are interested in it! God doesn't want evil, but uses evil. Email me: [truthmatters@discovercreation.org](mailto:truthmatters@discovercreation.org)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T51om4jIGYA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k64YJYBUFLM&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EfL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=9>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxj8ag8Ntd4&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EfL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=10>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSH0m37lqZs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tv3KruwUDWk> – search more about his talks on suffering.

## **-The Minimal-Facts Approach**

by Gary Habermas and Mike Licona

Scholars agree that:

1. Jesus died on the cross and was buried.
2. Jesus's tomb was empty and no one ever produced His body.
3. Jesus's disciples believed that they saw Jesus resurrected from the dead.
4. Jesus's disciples were transformed following their alleged resurrection observations.

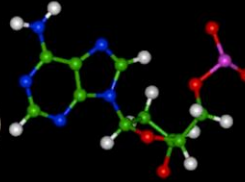
## **-Atheism Cannot Explain These:**

### **-Immaterial Things**

-Love, Emotions, Justice, Laws of Logic, Laws of Science, Laws of Mathematics, Awe, Wonder, Beauty, Consciousness, Personality, Creativity etc.

# Naturalism Can't Explain these Immaterial Things:

- The cause of the universe
- The laws of nature
- The laws of logic
- The laws of mathematics
- Information (genetic code)
- Mind and consciousness
- Free will
- Objective moral values (love, justice, etc.)
- Evil



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-“Atheism requires us to believe that something came from nothing.”

-“Atheism requires us to believe that life came from non-life.”

-“Atheism requires you to trust your mind, but gives no reason why you should.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myVI3eI0OUU>

-Mind, Morality, Meaning <https://coldcasechristianity.com/writings/three-ms-that-naturalism-cant-provide/>

## -Free Will, Meaning/Purpose, Value, Morality, and Reason:

And also, think about this: If there is no God, we are just bags of chemicals reacting to our chemical environment due to the chemical natures of our brains (in other words, our thoughts must be products of chemical reactions) - so ULTIMATELY, from that perspective, we have no free will, no meaning or purpose to life, there is no value in humanity, there are no rights or wrongs - we just react chemically to our environment. The atheist has a much bigger problem of evil. An atheist can't say anything is wrong and be correct if their view is true. This also means that we can't be confident that chemicals are reacting to allow correct/true reasoning/rationality. For the atheist that asks God to show Himself to them, I believe these are good evidences of God. He is showing Himself to us because it is more reasonable to conclude that from our intuition and experience (intuition and experiences are evidences), we have free will, meaning and purpose, value, and that there are rights and wrongs.

God allowed us a choice (that's creating creatures that can honestly love, not creating robots) and choosing counter to God's command caused and is causing pain, suffering, evil and death. Now God works through the pain, suffering, evil, and death to cause good results. And he did something roughly 2000 years ago to return everything to the way we think it should be - the way it was created to be. That those who believe will be forgiven and redeemed.

## -Meaning & Purpose

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKGnXgH\\_CzE&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EfL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKGnXgH_CzE&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EfL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=3)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqNTT0E\\_T70](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqNTT0E_T70)

-Duty

-Guilt

### -Experience

-These topics may not be able to prove the conclusion alone, but the cumulative effect of the arguments all are evidences – evidence may be completely be proof in itself, but it is since evidence!

### Extra Stuff:

#### **Is God a Moral Monster?**

This is a great explanation of those hard topics (like slavery or judgments) to explain in the Bible:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1C3g3Zr\\_R8E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1C3g3Zr_R8E)

-If you want more details on this, here is his book: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B004EPYPY4/>

#### **Does the Bible condone slavery?**

The Bible does condemn abusive modern slavery!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSE9bihK5Zk>

See this one for much of the details: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7f-BokBO-8>

See also:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uBqkZ-m3XI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSKj3LQilcl>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCv\\_Yk\\_JzZU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCv_Yk_JzZU)

### **Zinder – Craig Debate: Atheism vs. Christianity: Which Way Does the Evidence Point?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuCA4rIX4cE>

Transcripts: <https://www.reasonablefaith.org/media/debates/atheism-vs.-christianity/>

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<sup>i</sup> DrCraigVideos, “The Kalam Cosmological Argument, YouTube.com, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CulBuMCLg0&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EfL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX>, accessed April 27, 2018.

<sup>ii</sup> Philip A. Pecorino, Chapter 3: Philosophy of Religion; Proofs for the Existence of God – The Teleological Argument, 2000, [http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/socialSciences/ppecorino/INTRO\\_TEXT/Chapter%203%20Religion/Teleological.htm](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/socialSciences/ppecorino/INTRO_TEXT/Chapter%203%20Religion/Teleological.htm), accessed February 17, 2014.

<sup>iii</sup> Q&A with William Lane Craig, #228 Formulating the Moral Argument, Reasonable Faith with William Lane Craig, <http://www.reasonablefaith.org/formulating-the-moral-argument>, accessed February 28, 2014.