



# Knowing About God

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*The Bible begins with a presupposition that God exists. [Genesis 1:1](#) says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. There's an assumption that every one of us knows there is a God, because what may be known about God is plain to us, because He has made it known (See [Romans 1:19](#)). This booklet will show how reason itself will inevitably lead you to believe there is a supreme being who is responsible for all of creation. It will also show how the key attributes of God can be understood by what has been made. We call this general revelation. Man has no excuse for not believing in God.*

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# Preface

Classroom of adults being taught words of faith and sound doctrine understand what they should believe as Christians and why they should believe it. There's no good reason why Christians should doubt the reasonableness of their faith. We do not need to be embarrassed by what we affirm to be true.

*In pointing out these things to the brethren you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following.*  
Timothy 4:6

The Christian Church in America today has become biblically illiterate. The reputable Barna Group cites only 6% of identified Christians possess a biblical worldview. So, Why are over 90% of Christians unfamiliar with the Bible and incapable of articulating the doctrines of the Christian faith? Many of the spiritual leaders in our churches have capitulated to a watered-down gospel that seeks to entertain rather than raise up Christians, who are capable of advancing the kingdom of God.

Consequently, parents are ill-equipped to disciple their children in the “discipline and instruction of the Lord.” And with the decline of biblical literacy comes an absence of godliness in the church and a decline in overall church attendance.

I chose to write this material to help Christians better

Without this understanding, our witness of Christ to the outside world will be ineffective, because it will lack credibility. Christians who are unsure of their faith and how to express it will be more comfortable sitting on the sidelines rather than engaging a lost world for Christ.

Additionally, genuine Christians, who lack full assurance of their salvation, need to know how they can be sure of their relationship with God. Conversely, professing Christians, who have not been truly reconciled to God, need to know it so they can be forewarned before it's too late.

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# How We Know God Exists

Since we can't perceive God through our senses, how can we be sure there is a God? This section of articles will look at several of the most traditional arguments for the existence of God.

Logical reasoning is a good place to start. If we look at all the possibilities and can logically rule out all but one of them, we'll have a convincing argument.

So, if I ask why does anything exist at all, there seems to be only four logical possibilities: 1) They are self-created, 2) nothing really exists; they are just an illusion, 3) they have always existed, and 4) they were created by a Being who has always existed. These articles will knock down the possibility of the first three of these options, which will lead us to the conclusion that there must be an eternal Being, who is not dependent on anything else. This Being

is the One we call God.

This logical conclusion is then further supported by other convincing arguments for the existence of God. They include Anselm's argument, the cosmological argument, the teleological argument, the moral argument, and an argument based on our natural ability to engage in rational discourse.

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## Something or Someone has no Beginning



### If something exists now, then something has always existed.

Before we can show the existence of God, it's important to prove that something or someone has always existed. Logically, we know there are only 4 possibilities. Either there was a time when nothing ever existed, or there is something (the material world) or someone (who we call God) has always existed. The last alternative is that everything is merely illusory and has no real existence.

A future blog post will consider illusion as an option and, if something is eternal, what is it. In this section, we consider that if anything exists now, something or someone has had to always exist.

Logical reasoning can clearly rule out the option that there was ever a time when nothing ever existed. There is a law of logic that we know as the law of non-contradiction. This law says that something cannot be "A" and not "A" at the same time and in the same relationship.

Using this law, in which we all think rationally, it's clear that if there was a time when nothing existed, nothing could possibly exist now because nothing cannot produce something. Self-creation is impossible because it would have to be, in order for it to cause creation, and not be at the same time and in the same relationship. This rules out any theory of self-generation, no matter the length of time involved.

For this reason, we can readily conclude that something or someone has always existed, or everything we perceive as existing is merely an illusion. I'll discuss these alternatives in the following posts.

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# How do we know anything really exists?



**Of the possible explanations of reality, we can rule out the possibility that reality is an illusion. This leaves only one remaining possibility—something or someone must be eternal.**

## Four Possible Explanations of Reality

As discussed in a [previous blog](#), there are four possible ways to understand reality.

1. Nothing exists now. Reality is nothing more than an illusion.
2. Something produced itself out of nothing. (This is a logical impossibility – See this post)
3. The material universe has always existed.
4. A transcendent being has always existed.

Either nothing exists now (everything is an illusion) or there is something or someone who has always existed. We already eliminated the possibility that if there was ever nothing, something could exist now. That is an irrational possibility. Nothing cannot produce something.

## Doubting reality requires thought, and thought requires a thinker

But we haven't yet eliminated the possibility that

everything we perceive is just an illusion. Perhaps we exist only in some sort of dream world. Everything around us is unreal, just as we are. If we could be certain of just one thing, we could prove that at least something exists. And if that is true, we can eliminate the possibility that everything is an illusion. But how can we be certain of anything?

An era of skepticism following the breakdown of authority produced by the Reformation. Scholars were asking how could we be certain about anything. So, the philosopher Renee Descartes (1596-1650 AD) pursued a rigorous investigation to discover what he could know with certainty. He decided to doubt everything he could to see if he could rationally deduce anything with absolute certainty.

He discovered that the one thing he couldn't doubt was that he was doubting. Even to doubt that you're doubting proves the point that you're doubting. Then, he looked for any necessary inferences he could draw from his certainty that he was doubting. He concluded that to doubt requires thinking since doubting is a form, or an effect, of thought. And every effect must have a cause according to a law of logic, namely the law of causality.

Then he went one step further to make the necessary inference that the act of thinking requires a thinker. So, his conclusion was as follows: I doubt, therefore I think; I think therefore I am. He knew this to be true with as much certainty as  $2 + 2 = 4$ .

With this proof of self-consciousness, there is absolute proof that something exists; Therefore, since something exists now, something must have always existed—something is eternal. I haven't yet shown yet whether matter or some transcendent essence other than matter, namely the one we call God, is that which is eternal. But we have narrowed the possibilities down to two. I'll discuss these possibilities in my next post.

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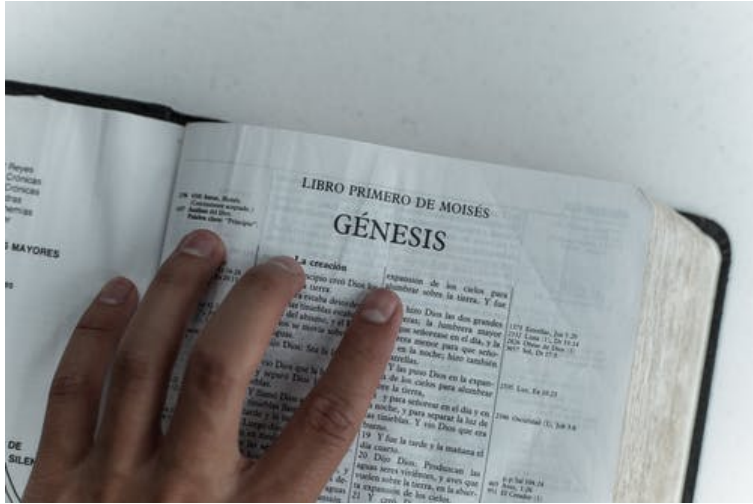
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# The Case for an Eternal Being



**Science & philosophy prove the material universe had a beginning. Therefore an eternal being must exist.**

## The universe had a beginning

### Science claims the universe started with a Big Bang

Since we've already ruled out the possibilities that there was ever a time when nothing existed, we now look at the remaining possibilities that either the material universe always existed or that some transcendent being responsible for creating the universe has always existed. This question is not as hotly debated as it once was before scientific advances have concluded that there was a time, 13.8 billion years ago, when the universe began. The [Big Bang theory](#) is now the prevailing cosmological model which explains the existence of the observable universe.

Science seems to have answered the question of *how* the universe began. But the question of *why* it could happen appears to be off-limits for science. The philosophers and theologians should be the ones to answer this question, according to the scientists. The reason is clear. Some unexplained force outside of the observable universe had to act first before the Big Bang could occur.

As [Newton's first Law of Motion](#) states, a body at rest will remain at rest unless an outside force acts on it, and a body in motion at a constant velocity will remain in motion in a straight line unless acted upon by an outside force. In either case, an outside force must exert itself to explain the beginning of the universe. A necessary eternal being or essence must be the cause of this outside, transcendent force.

### Philosophy claims there must have been something that started the universe

Aristotle first advanced the concept of the “[unmoved mover](#)” as being the primary cause of all motion in the universe. The unmoved mover moves other things, but it is not itself moved by any prior action. St. Thomas Aquinas further explains that things move, or change. Since nothing moves itself, everything that is moved must be moved by another. If that which causes the motion is itself being moved, then it must be moved by another. This process cannot go on to infinity. Therefore, there must exist a first unmoved mover, which people call God.

## The logical argument for a Creator

Let's summarize our argument for a Creator.

- Since I know for certain that I exist—I'm not an illusion—then something exists.
- You do not get something from nothing.
- Therefore a necessary and eternal “something” exists.
- The only two options are an eternal universe and an eternal Creator.
- Science and philosophy have disproven the concept of an eternal universe.
- Therefore, an eternal Creator exists.

## How a former atheist evaluated the evidence for God's existence

Former atheist Lee Strobel, who arrived at this end result many years ago, has commented, “Essentially, I realized that to stay an atheist, I would have to believe that nothing

produces everything; non-life produces life; randomness produces fine-tuning; chaos produces information; unconsciousness produces consciousness; and non-reason produces reason. Those leaps of faith were simply too big for me to take, especially in light of the affirmative case for God's existence ... In other words, in my assessment the Christian worldview accounted for the totality of the evidence much better than the atheistic worldview."

The first verse of the Bible confirms our conclusion. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." ([Genesis 1:1](#))

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# Can We Know God Exists Just by Thinking About Him?



## Anselm's Ontological Argument

Can God's existence be proven by rational argument? [St. Anselm](#) (1033-1109) thought so. So, he developed what is known as the Ontological Argument—an argument dealing with the nature of being. St. Anselm, was an Italian philosopher who eventually became the Archbishop of Canterbury. He imagined himself arguing the point with a fool who denies that God exists. The argument, written in 1077-1078, rests on two basic premises. First, that God

is “that than which nothing greater can be thought”, and second, that existence is greater than non-existence.

### The Ontological Argument goes like this:

**Anselm:** Do you agree that if God existed, he would be the greatest thing that there could be—that than which nothing greater can be thought?

**The Fool:** Yes.

**Anselm:** And do you agree that “that which nothing greater can be thought” exists in your mind?

**The Fool:** Yes, in my mind—but not in reality

**Anselm:** But would you agree that something that exists in reality as well as in your mind is greater than something that exists in your mind alone?

**The Fool:** Yes, I suppose so—an ice cream in my hand is better than one that's just in my imagination.

**Anselm:** So if “that than which nothing greater can be thought” exists only in the mind, it is less great than if it existed also in reality.

**The Fool:** That's true. The being that really exists would be greater.

**Anselm:** So now you are saying that there is something greater than “that which nothing greater exists?”

**The Fool:** That doesn't even make sense.

**Anselm:** Exactly. And the only way around this contradiction is to admit that God (“that than which nothing greater exists”) does exist both in thought and reality.

Ever since the ontological argument was presented, there have been some philosophers, such as Renee Descartes and Baruch Spinoza, who agreed with argument and others,

such as Immanuel Kant, who took up the Fool's side.

## St. Aquinas: There must be an ultimate standard

[St. Thomas Aquinas](#) argued the same point as Anselm, but with a little different twist, in one of his five primary rational arguments used to defend the existence of the Christian God. In his fourth argument, he says that in order to speak of “goodness” or “power”, we must have an absolute standard against which to judge those terms. There must be some other thing from which they ultimately derive that characteristic.

A primary difference between Anselm and Aquinas is that Anselm argues from the reasoning of the human mind to the existence of God, whereas Aquinas seems to argue from the source—namely God, who is the perfect standard—to the human mind, which has an innate understanding of that standard as its reference point for making valid judgments.

People may have different opinions about the validity of the ontological arguments for proving the existence of God. But there's no question that an eternal being, who is necessary to cause the universe to come into existence, is a convincing proof of God's existence. We'll discuss this cosmological argument in my next blog post.

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# The Cosmos Requires a First Cause



**The cosmos requires a first cause. Science can explain what brought the universe into being, but it can't explain why it happened. Since the universe had a beginning point, it must have been caused by something which is beyond itself, something outside of space and time. This "something" which caused it, we know as God.**

## The Big Bang theory doesn't explain how it happened

How did the universe begin? The prevailing [Big Bang theory](#) explains that the existence of the observable universe expanded from an initial state of high density and temperature. So, how did that happen? Who or what caused the change to happen just moments before the big bang happened?

The [law of cause and effect](#) states that every cause has its effect and every effect has its cause. This law is the basis of all science. But scientists have no answer for why something would cause the big bang to happen. So, they've left that question to be answered by the philosophers and theologians. Over time, a cosmological argument has been formulated by some philosophers, which claims that the existence of God can be inferred from facts concerning causation, explanation, change, motion, contingency, dependency, or finitude with respect to the universe or some totality of objects.

[St. Thomas Aquinas](#) is well known for his [Five Ways](#) arguments for the existence of God. His conception of the First Cause was the idea that the Universe must be caused by something that is itself uncaused, which he claimed is that which we call God:

## The universe could not cause itself to start

In the world of sense we find there is an order of efficient causes. There is no case known (neither is it, indeed, possible) in which a thing is found to be the efficient cause of itself; for so it would be prior to itself, which is impossible. Now in efficient causes it is not possible to go on to infinity, because in all efficient causes following in order, the first is the cause of the intermediate cause, and the intermediate is the cause of the ultimate cause, whether the intermediate cause be several, or only one.

Now to take away the cause is to take away the effect. Therefore, if there be no first cause among efficient causes, there will be no ultimate, nor any intermediate cause. But if in efficient causes it is possible to go on to infinity, there will be no first efficient cause, neither will there be an ultimate effect, nor any intermediate efficient causes; all of which is plainly false. Therefore it is necessary to admit a first efficient cause, to which everyone gives the name of God.

## The Cosmological Argument rests on attributes attributed to God

The cosmological evidence can best be summarized as follows:

- (1) Whatever begins to exist must have a cause for its existence.
- (2) The universe began to exist.
- (3) Therefore, the universe must have a cause for its existence.
- (4) The attributes of the cause of the universe (being timeless, existing outside of space, and so on) are the attributes of God.

So, if the universe needs a cause for its coming into being, then that cause must be beyond the universe—which is time, space, matter, and physical energy. That cause must be something similar to what Christians call “God.”

God’s handiwork in creation is plain for everyone to see. He announced Himself when He created the universe. The Bible says, “Since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature. So, they have no excuse for not knowing God” ([Romans 1:20](#)).

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## A designed universe is the work of God



**A designed universe is the work of God. The complex functionality in the natural world which looks designed is evidence of an intelligent creator. This is known as the teleological argument for the existence of God.**

### **Objects that reflect purpose or design require a designer**

Things do not design themselves. Complex functionality in the natural world which looks designed is evidence of an intelligent creator.

As we look consider reasons to believe in the existence of God, it's important to consider the Teleological Argument. The Law of Teleology means that when an object reflects a purpose, goal, or design, it must have had a designer.

### **What constitutes reasonable evidence of design**

Debates over teleology often center over defining what constitutes reasonable evidence of design. For example, did the outcome of something occur due to accident or by the intentional intervention of someone who could exercise some control over the outcome? Mathematical probabilities are often taken into consideration when considering the possibilities. If you drew a royal flush in a hand of poker, which is the best possible hand you

could have, your opponent might think you were just very "lucky" or wonder whether you cheated or not. (The odds of this happening on its own is 1 in 31,000). But if you drew two royal flushes in a row, your opponent would "know" the game was rigged, because the chances of that happening all by itself is about 1 in 957 million.

The same consideration is applied as we judge the likelihood that the universe, and everything in it, naturally evolved on its own without the help from some outside, intelligent force or being. For example, as scientists learn more about the complexity of the universe, many of them now publicly acknowledge the presence of an overarching spirit. Consider what Einstein believed:

**Albert Einstein (1879–1955)**, founder of modern physics (Theory of Relativity inter alia) and 1921 Nobel prize:

"Everyone who is seriously committed to the cultivation of science becomes convinced that in all the laws of the universe is manifest a spirit vastly superior to man, and to which we with our powers must feel humble."

### **We cannot conceive of some things creating themselves**

How can an inanimate universe produce any kind of living being unless an outside intelligent being enabled it to happen? How could the mind of man be formed unless this supernatural, intelligent being willed it to happen? The earth in which we live remains in just the right distance from the sun so we neither freeze to death nor burn up by the heat. Did this happen by chance or by design?

This intelligent spirit or force, who we call God, expects that we will acknowledge him, even though he is invisible to us. He left us his calling card—the visible universe, which he has formed. Listen to what he says:

*"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.”* ([Romans 1:20](#))

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# God Is The Only One Who Ensures True Justice



**In this life, justice is never certain. But we can always hope in God who says, “Vengeance is mine. I will repay.” A judgment day is coming when everything will be made know, and real justice will prevail. If mankind didn’t believe this, civilization itself would only hold together on a thread. God is the only One who can ensure true justice.**

## **Without God, ethics are meaningless**

People everywhere have an instinctive sense of knowing right from wrong and understanding we have a duty to do what we ought to do and keep from doing what we believe is wrong. But what must be true for our ethics to be meaningful?

The German philosopher, [Immanuel Kant](#) (1724-1804), gave reasons why there must be a God for ethics to be meaningful. If there is no God, then all things are permissible. Therefore, for civilization to survive, we must live as if there is a God. Without an absolute standard that only God can give, all of our ethics would only reflect the personal preference of those who are in power.

Without true justice, ethics cannot be ultimately meaningful since there would be no reason to seek to be ethical if crime pays and justice doesn’t. So, Kant reasoned what would have to be true for justice to be real.

## **For justice to prevail there must be life after death**

Since it’s obvious that justice doesn’t always prevail in this world, there must be life after death for real justice to be rendered. And for this to happen, there must be a perfect judgment made by a perfect judge who knows all the facts, who is altogether righteous himself, and who has the power to enforce the laws of justice.

These attributes, which describe the perfect judge are the same ones that describe the God of the Bible.

Although Kant’s reasoning doesn’t prove ethics are indeed meaningful, it does show that if they are, a perfect God, who issues ultimate standards of morality and holds people accountable for observing them, must exist for true justice to prevail.

So, if we live suspended between the meaningful and the meaningless, the only existential hope you have is that there is a God who will catch you when you die and jump into the abyss.

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## Our way of reasoning came from God



**Our way of reasoning came from God. The laws of logic are abstract principles that are hard-wired into humanity as a whole. If our Creator God didn't exist, how could we have any rational communication at all?**

### **Logical ways of thinking and relating had to originate from God**

Humans have the ability to think, contemplate, reason, reflect, analyze, rationalize, justify, and perform all kinds

of rational thinking.

So, what is required for us to carry on rational thinking and make reasonable deductions about ourselves and our relationship to the seen and unseen world around us?

### **Logical thinking enables us to be rational**

Without logical ways of thinking, we would have no ability to be rational beings. While most people haven't formally studied the laws of logic, we use those laws in our everyday life. In fact, we can't think clearly when we violate the laws of logic.

Take for instance the law of non-contradiction. If you believed that something is both true and false in exactly the same way and at the same time, you would be considered to be irrational. "A" cannot be both "A" and non-"A" at the same time and in the same relationship. A chair, for example, cannot be made of wood and not be made of wood at the same time.

God's judgment on disobedience proves the point. God punished Adam and Eve for eating what He told them not to eat. If contradiction and truth were compatible, God could not have condemned Adam. How could God find them guilty if His prohibition against eating the fruit really could mean "do not eat the fruit" and "you may eat the fruit" at the same time and in the same sense?

### **The laws of logic are "hard-wired" into our way of thinking**

We take the laws of logic as foundational in our way of thinking and our way of relating to others. They are abstract, non-material principles that are "hard-wired" into humanity as a whole. Logic is the field of inquiry which investigates how we reason correctly (and, by extension, how we reason incorrectly). The aim of logic is the description of a coherent system that allows us to investigate, classify, and evaluate good and bad forms of reasoning.

Aristotle is the one who elaborated on the principles of

logic. He did not create the principles, but he did study to discover them. Anyone who reasons either for the existence of God or for the non-existence of God must use the laws of logic to develop cogent reasoning for their argument. If there is no God, how could one be able to reason or use the laws of logic because such things would have no meaning?

So, how did the laws of logic originate, if not from God? How could there be immaterial, universal, invariant, abstract laws in a chance universe? Without God, we couldn't prove anything at all since He must be the prerequisite for knowledge and rationality.

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# Perspectives of Prominent Atheists

As we consider the truth claims of Christianity, it's useful to also understand the viewpoint of atheists, who are opposed to Christianity. So, we now look at a few of the theories that have been offered by some of the most well-known atheists in the history of Christianity.

What may be a little surprising to us is that these atheists never set out disprove the existence of God. That would indeed be a fool's errand. How can anyone prove the non-existence of a God, who is said to exist outside time and space as we know it? Instead, they simply assume God doesn't exist. Therefore, they formulate theories that try to explain that since there is no God, why are there so many people in the world that are religious.

The atheists have looked at psychological, social, and economic reasons that religion must have been invented. They assume it's easier for most people to believe in a lie rather than face the truth that there is no God and no life after death.

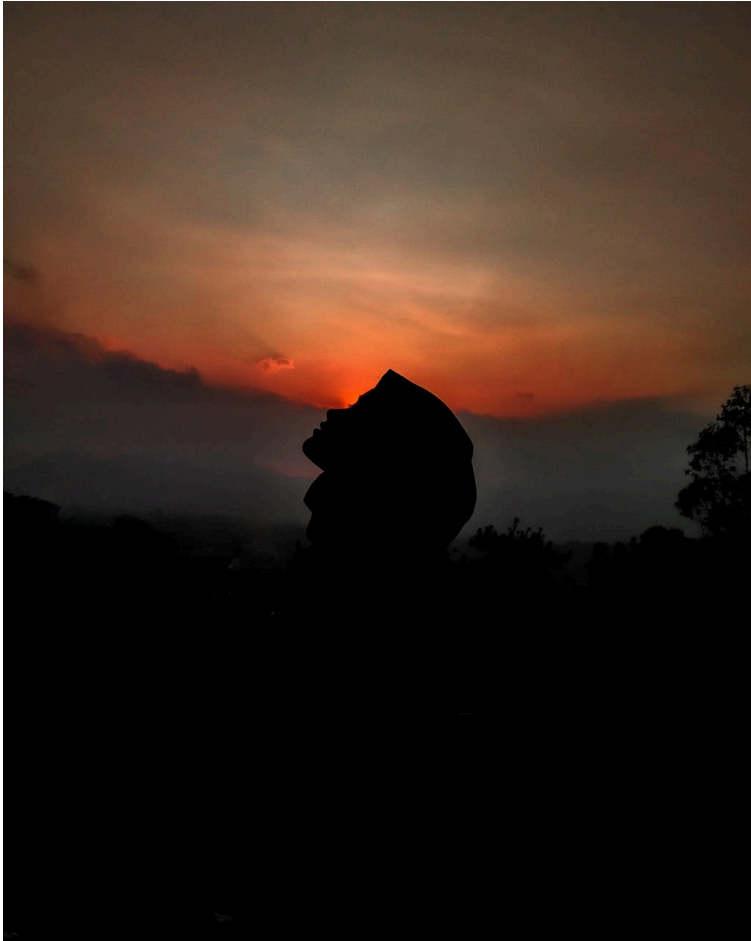
However, I would like to ask, how much courage and faith does it take for a guilty sinner to face an angry God, who can assign them to hell forever, and beg for mercy. It's no easy task. I think it would be much less anxiety provoking to deny the existence of a God who is invisible and then go about living any way you want. Jesus explained it this way, "... Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear his deeds will be exposed" ([John 3:19](#)).

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## Atheists offer alternative theories to explain religion



*Do we answer to anyone other than ourselves*

**Atheists offer alternative theories to explain religion. [Atheism](#) rejects the belief that deities exist, so it often assumes religion is invented by man to meet psychological needs.**

### **Prominent atheists never tried to prove God didn't exist**

How do atheists argue against the existence of God? In short, they don't. Some of the most prominent [atheists lived in the nineteenth century](#), at a time when there was unbridled optimism about the future, brought on by the age of the enlightenment. They believed that God was invented by man to explain the gap in man's understanding about nature. But with the advent of science, previously unknown

matters were becoming increasingly explainable. Before long, they believed, the unknown would be known and a utopian society would emerge. Then, the idea of a God would be unnecessary and the "death of God" would be widely accepted.

The intellectual atheists at that time didn't feel the need to prove that God didn't exist because that was already assumed to be true. So, they worked to explain that since there was no God, why was there so much religion in the world.

### **Atheists charged that faith is a crutch to relieve fears**

The general consensus among these atheists was the charge that Christian faith is a crutch to help believers cope with their fears and the pains of life. For example, [Freud](#) observed, there are the elements that seem to mock at all human control (e.g., earthquakes, floods, storms, diseases, death). With these forces, nature rises up against us—majestic, cruel, and inexorable. So, how do we deal with impersonal forces that seem to be hostile? He said this is how religion was invented.

### **Freud's theory of man's use of religion to fend off hostile forces**

Freud looked at primitive religion and noticed two things: the personalization of nature and sacralization of nature. Man is used to dealing with threats that come from other people. We can use flattery, bribery, or even beg for mercy. But how do we negotiate with a tornado or plead with a flood? We transfer to the impersonal realm the gimmicks that we use to fend off hostile personal forces. So, we personalize nature and imagine the impersonal objects or forces of nature to be inhabited by spirits. Offerings are then made to appease the spirit, and it's only one step further to making these spirits, or personalities, holy, transcendent, eerie, or divine.

According to Freud, all of these gods and goddesses are the result of man's creative ability to transfer personal qualities

and characteristics into these impersonal forces that exist as clear and present dangers to our well-being.

The problem with Freud's theory, or any other similar atheistic argument, is that it ignores whether or not God really exists. It only assumes there is no God. I would admit that it could be a plausible theory if God's existence was disproven, but personal biases against God can't make Him cease to exist if He really does exist in reality, nor can the hopes and desires of Christians for Him to exist bring about His existence if He really doesn't exist. We must all deal with the weight of the evidence, whichever way it leads.

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# How to Live a Meaningless Life (The Philosophy of Nihilism)



*Is facing life with abandon any way to live a meaningless life that claims God is dead*

**Friedrich Nietzsche criticized the mentality of the religious masses and offered a different approach to living life without God. His philosophy of Nihilism shows us how to live a meaningless life.**

## **Nietzsche valued the will to power over grace and mercy**

[Friedrich Nietzsche](#) is known as the father of modern-day [Nihilism](#) and adherent of [atheistic existentialism](#). He was concerned with the decadence of 19th Century Europe, which he attributed to the affect the Christian church was having over the people.

Nietzsche thought that the Christian virtues of mercy, grace, and pity we're robbing people of the one thing that made human beings unique—the will to power.

He viewed the ideal person as the one who would dominate others. Rather than idealizing [Apollo](#), who represented the Ancient Greek version of the ideal, he idealized just the opposite. He held the god, [Dionysus](#)-the god of the grapes-in, the highest esteem. People who worshipped this god would drink so much wine that they would lose all normal inhibitions and engage in orgies to the point where they felt they were communing with this god.

## **Nietzsche believed that life itself is meaningless**

As an atheist, he viewed life as being meaningless. Anything less than living out one's essential humanity would break the human spirit. So, he talked about the ideal human, the "[Superman](#)", who would be courageous enough to live his life by sailing in uncharted seas, or build his house on the slopes of [Vesuvius](#) (a volcano), since nothing else really mattered.

In Nietzsche's mind, life amounts to nothing. There are no real values; there is no right or wrong. History just goes around an around, with no end purpose in view. This viewpoint is the logical conclusion for anyone who believes we are here by chance. If there's no purpose in our beginning and no purpose in our ending, what purpose could there ever be in between?



## Nietzsche spent the end of his life in an insane asylum

Ironically, Nietzsche lived the last eleven years of his life in an insane asylum, believing he was the reincarnation of Christ. His sister profited from his condition by selling tickets for people to see him there.

If the creator God doesn't exist what basis do we have in the end for civilization to survive? We've seen the carnage that happens when powerful dictators take over. That's what happens when "might makes right".

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# The rich invented religion to control the poor



*The exploitation of workers cant prove that God and religion was invented by the ruling class to subjugate the masses*

**According to Karl Marx, the rich invented religion to control the poor. He stated that religion was the “opiate of the masses”. He said, “religion is the impotence of the human mind to deal with occurrences it cannot understand.”**

## Marx believed religion was invented to control the masses

[Karl Marx](#) wrote about [dialectical materialism](#), which was built on Hegel’s theory of [dialectical idealism](#).

While Hegel believed that the whole scope of history is simply the unfolding of the absolute idea, the supreme mind becoming incarnate, Marx wasn’t satisfied with that view of history.

Marx believed that history developed as a result of conflict and tension that existed among material factors and forces, chiefly conflicts that emerged over economics. He saw the political and legal structures of the world were all based on the concerns that were being engaged in with respect to economic conflicts.

Regarding religion, Marx argued that religion was invented by the ruling classes to keep the masses under control. He recognized that the law codes always reflected the vested interests of the rich, and what the rich fears most is a popular insurrection. Since the masses always have more physical power than the ruling class, they had to find ways to keep the masses contented and stop them from revolting.

## Religion teaches obedience to the master and delayed reward

What religion teaches, according to Marx, is obedience of the slave to the master. It places great value on submission and humility, and sees adventurous, arrogant self-assertion as a sin. Religion also teaches that we should expect deferred gratification—that the reward we should seek is not the materialism of this world, but rather the spiritual blessings we should come to expect in heaven. Slave owners would cultivate this religion among slaves, in the hope that they would remain content to stay slaves for the rest of their lives. In the meantime, the slave owners were enjoying all the fruits of their labor here and now.

There’s little doubt that history is full of examples that demonstrate how the ruling class has used their material

and legal advantages to exploit the working class, and have also used religion as one way to help subjugate their workers. However, Marx' theory never tries to disprove the existence of God, because it was assumed He never existed in the first place. If he was right, then Marx' theory could be a plausible reason for the invention of God and religion.

## Proving that God doesn't exist is impossible

The task of the atheist to prove the non-existence of God is a fool's errand. If God transcends space and time, how can anyone prove He doesn't. It would be like me trying to prove there is no purple coin anywhere in Alaska. I would have to search every square inch and find none in order to prove my claim. It just can't be done.

Once people stop believing in God, the problem is not that they will believe in nothing; rather, the problem is that they will believe anything.

*C. S. Lewis*

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## Does Man Create a “God” in His Own Image?



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**We consider Feuerbach’s theory that God only exists in our minds as we imagine a “superman” kind of god, who helps us overcome the greatest fear of all — death.**

### **Feuerbach believed religion was invented to deal with death**

[Blaise Pascal](#), who is often remembered for his philosophical view known as “[Pascal’s Wager](#)“, examined what it is that makes human beings unique. He noted that human beings are those creatures of the highest grandeur and the lowest misery. The grandeur comes from his unique ability for profound reflection and contemplation. Our ability to reflect upon our own origin, our own destiny, and our own significance is what sets us apart from all other animals. And yet, paradoxically, this very ability to contemplate on our own significance and a better life than we presently enjoy is at the root of our human misery. This leads to our frustration by the reality that we can’t achieve that better existence.

The atheist [Ludwig Feuerbach](#) agreed that man has the ability to reflect on his lot and his circumstances. He believed that religion was invented by man to overcome

the problem of death, because the greatest enemy of human life is death, and the greatest desire we have is the goal of immortality. He believed that the resurrection of Christ is simply nothing more than the realized wish of man to become certain of his personal continuity of existence.

### **Man supposedly invents a superman in his own image**

Feuerbach noted that man can think abstractly and project his abstractions to the ideal form. So, we project an absolute personality with superlative characteristics, such as being all-knowing, all powerful, and all-present. So, this god that man invents is an abstracted superman that helps man express his egoism. We can also identify ourselves with him, because he looks like and acts like us. White people have white deities; black people have black deities; Indian people have Indian deities.

Therefore, according to Feuerbach, religion is man’s attempt to deify himself. By his god, you will know the man and by the man you will know his god, because the two are identical. Religion is simply the creation of man, driven by his attempt to deify himself, his culture, his values, and his existence.

### **Do we sometimes reshape our idea of the true God?**

While Christians may want to quickly dismiss Feuerbach’s theory as unbelief, there may be some value in considering his argument. We may reshape our idea of the true God, as revealed in Scripture, to conform more closely to our preferences. For example, when we hear it said that God’s love is unconditional, then it’s natural to conclude he’ll love me no matter what I do. So, why change? This distorts our understanding of the fundamental character of the biblical God, who is revealing His wrath from heaven against all godliness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness. (Read [Romans 1:18](#))

If we believe in a fundamentally different god than the true

God, are we any different than what Feuerbach described? The Bible says the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom ([Proverbs 9:10a](#)). Facing our fears of a holy God should drive us to seek His mercy at the cross of Jesus.

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# What Does Nature Reveal About God

There's much we can learn about God from nature and reason. We refer to this as general revelation. This section of articles discuss much of what we should be able to know about God from His creation. He says men are without excuse when they claim ignorance of Him, because He has made it clear to them by what He has made (See [Romans 1:18-20](#)).

We begin our lives wondering about ourselves. We know we didn't start ourselves, but somehow we got started. We also begin to understand that our parents and their parents didn't start themselves either. We're all beings, who are dependent on being started by something or someone who needed no start. That much we can deduce by our own self-awareness.

We can then reason that if everything we perceive is dependent on something else, then that must ultimately lead us back to something that is singular in its essence. Since that being was never started, it is pure being, who is eternal by its very nature. And if its eternal, it must be unchangeable; It is not becoming something that it is not.

We also instinctively know this being must have the power necessary to begin and sustain everything that's been created. And since it has ultimate control over its creation, it is sovereign by its very nature. We can also infer that this sovereignty is exercised by use of its knowledge of all things related to its creation.

And when we consider that nothing of true value can exist in creation that doesn't already exist and come from this being, we have to conclude this being is personal, it has personality. Since we are persons, and that is probably our greatest characteristic, surely the One who created us is

personal as well.

So, what kind of Person is this being, who I will call God? Is He a good God or a malevolent God. When you think about everything that must be perfectly in place to support life and enable it to properly function as it was designed, we have to know God is on the side of good. But, we also know there must have been something that has gone wrong, because not everything is good. For example, we have natural disasters, pain, sickness, disease, and death.

We also know God must be a moral being, because we are moral beings who are guided by our consciences that He created each of us to have. He must then act only according to His principles of righteousness, which are an intrinsic part of who He is. In this respect, He is a virtuous and Holy God. It only makes sense that He would expect the same from His creation.

Therefore, God must express His approval of the good and disapproval of the bad by punishing the bad and blessing the good. Since our consciences convict us of our wrongdoing, we should naturally expect God's punishment for those wrongs. However, we have not received that punishment yet. There must be reason for God's patience with us. Could it be that God is waiting for us to acknowledge our guilt and repent of our wrongdoing?

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# God Is Pure Being Who Gives And Sustains Life?

What do we know about ourselves and the world around us? One thing is certain. We did not originate ourselves. So, how do we explain our own existence? Reason tells us that God is pure being who gives life.



*Babies owe their existence not only to their parents but also to the eternal source for all human life the One we call God*

## The little boy asks, “Who made God?”

Imagine one boy asks his older brother, “where did the stars come from?” His brother answers, “God made the stars.” So, the younger one asks, “Where did the trees come from?”, and the older brother says, “God made the trees.” The questioning continues, “Where did I come from?”, and the older brother replies, “God made you.” Looking a little puzzled, the younger one asks, “Well, who made God?” His brother tries to satisfy his younger brother’s curiosity and says, “God made God”.

While the older brother’s answer might have satisfied his younger brother’s curiosity for the time being, both brothers would eventually come to realize that God cannot make Himself because He would have to exist before He existed at the same time, which is a clear contradiction.

## Dependent beings had to be started by One who is not

It’s natural to wonder how we got started. One thing we know for sure is that we didn’t start ourselves. We are dependent beings, and our parents and their parents are dependent beings. Everyone we know are dependent beings. So, there must be a Being who is not dependent on anyone or anything else for its own existence—a Being who had no beginning. This we know from sheer reasoning.

There are only three possibilities before us when we’re contemplating ourselves and our universe:

1. **There should be nothing.** We can dismiss this option since we cannot even think in terms of nothingness. What is nothing? As soon as we try to describe it, it becomes something.
2. **A starting of itself.** It would be impossible for something to come out of nothing since there would be nothing to cause it to happen. It would be an effect without a cause. [Out of nothing, nothing comes.](#)
3. **There is a being that exists in and of itself.** This is the only real possibility for the explaining of the universe in which we live.

This eternal and independent Being who started everything would explain the possibility of our own existence since we are not self-explanatory. This Being does not need any explanation for its existence as we do. While the law of cause and effect requires that every effect has a cause, this Being is not an effect because it has always existed just the way it is. (I’m referring to this Being as “it” because I haven’t yet established whether this Being is something or someone.)

## A pure Being is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable

If this Being is responsible for starting all things, it must not need its own starter. It would be pure Being, the one and only Being that never changes in its essence. God is

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pure being who gives and sustains life. All other beings are dependent on this pure Being for their beginning and continuing existence since they do not possess the power of being in and of themselves.

Unlike the pure Being who started them, these dependent beings exist in changing forms. For example, my state of being began when a sperm and egg united in the womb of my mother, but now I've grown up to become a mature adult. We dependent beings are always in a state of becoming.

I would challenge anyone to try to think of this necessary pure Being, who [Aristotle](#) referred to as the “[unmoved mover](#)“, as anything other than an eternal, infinite, and unchangeable being. This is the ultimate proof of anything—that we cannot think otherwise.

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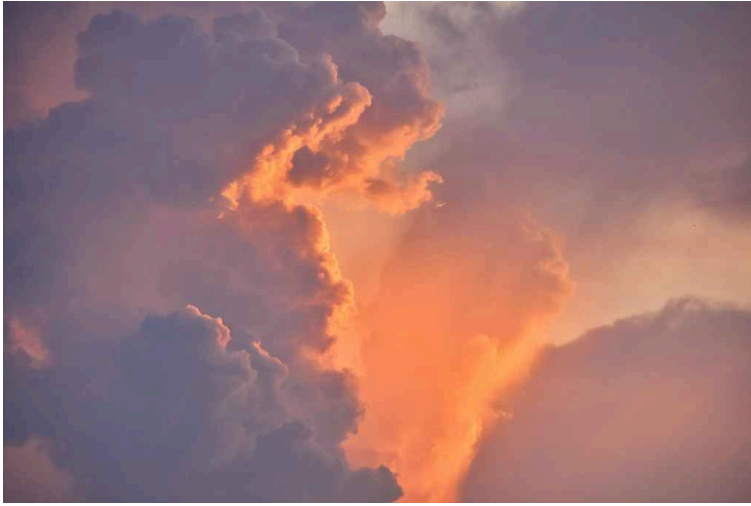
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## What we know about God through nature



*For since the creation of the world Gods 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 Romans 120*

Through nature and sound reason, some of God's essential attributes are made known to us and confirmed through sacred Scripture. Let's see what we can learn about God from what we know about our world.

### Essential attributes of God revealed by nature and reason.

The divine being, whom we call God, has made Himself known, in part, through what He has made. When we consider the immense diversity of creation, we stand in awe! So, what can we learn about God from [general revelation](#)?

#### God is a unity, who is eternal, infinite, and not dependent on anything

First, He must be the [One](#) and only One who needed no start, because He alone had no beginning. He always existed. If anything exists now, something must have always existed since out of nothing, nothing comes. Therefore, He is [infinite](#), having [pure actuality](#), which is

[not dependent on anything](#) for His existence.

#### God has the power to bring everything into existence and sustain it

We also know, this God must have the [power](#) needed to produce everything that has come into being since everything owes their start to Him. He may choose to work through secondary causes, but as He is the [primary cause](#) for all things, even the secondary causes trace their beginnings back to Him.

And since everything other than God is finite, the essence of "being" is a quality that does not inherently belong to them; Therefore, they're always undergoing change. God must [sustain](#) them in their being for their existence to continue. He gives life, He sustains it, and He can take it away.

#### God is all-knowing, sovereign over all, and partially knowable

God must also [know all things](#); He must be all-wise. Humans have wisdom. So, if we who are created by Him have wisdom, it could have only come from Him. Otherwise, wisdom would have had to come from nothing, which is impossible.

His [sovereignty](#) over all of His creation is also evident. His power must be directed by Him according to His wisdom. He has no one in which to consult, no influences He would have to consider, and no counter forces He would have to balance. Therefore, anything that has ever existed at anytime must have been by His choosing.

God must be [knowable to a degree](#) in order that He can relate as the Sovereign over His creation, but He cannot be fully comprehended since He is infinite and we are finite. We may have an idea of the infinite, but does any finite person really understand what infinity is? We can only know Him through the perspective of our finitude.

## God is a Personal God

God is a [personal God](#). He exhibits all the characteristics of what we know about a person. He thinks; He feels; He decides; He judges; He deliberates; He plans; and He is morally sensitive. We're persons too, and that's the highest aspect of our being. If it didn't come from Him, where could it have come from? That we would have a higher form than our creator is an unthinkable thing. He must be like us in this respect.

These characteristics of God are considered "[mixed articles](#)", which means they're taught through both nature and the Bible. As Scripture says, there is no excuse for any of us to be [agnostic](#) about God, because He has made His power and divine nature clearly seen and understood. We must acknowledge Him for who He has revealed Himself to be and always give Him thanks!

We will discuss what general revelation reveals about God's moral, virtuous, and holy nature in an upcoming post.

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## God is the holy and righteous King



*There is no one who hasn't been afflicted by the pain of a guilty conscience when they have done what they believe to be wrong*

**We'll see that what we know about ourselves reveals what we can know about God and how He relates with us.**

### **God is both moral and virtuous**

[God must be a moral being](#). How frightening would it be if the all-powerful Being acted maliciously toward His

creation? However, we have every reason for believing He is a moral being because we are moral beings. Since He is the source of our being, we have no characteristics that essentially don't come from Him. We have been created with a [conscience](#), and we operate according to moral principles. This could not have come from us and yet be alien to the nature of God.

Being moral, however, doesn't necessarily mean we are virtuous. It only means that we are sensitive to moral values. We have an internal compass that influences us by concepts such as "ought" and "should". This internally-driven conscience passes judgment on our behavior, and classifies it as being good or bad. We hurt when our conscience accuses us of doing wrong, and we feel good when we do what we feel is virtuous. If God placed this monitor within us and it reflects His nature, that would indicate that [He is on the side of virtue](#).

### **The essence of God's virtue is one of love**

As we consider how God has put things together in such an integrated way that enables us to enjoy the life He gives us when we're functioning as designed, we know that God has intended to benefit us. We weren't created to painfully exist. He has also placed us on a planet that is just the perfect distance from the sun and moon so that our bodies can survive the normal range of temperatures and the earth's elements hold together. So, we can conclude that the essence of [God's virtue must be love](#). (I'll address the issue of pain and suffering a little later.)

There's also good reason to believe that God has always had an object of His love since an eternal being is unchangeable by His very nature. This would lead us to believe, from what nature and reason reveal, that God is somehow one eternal union of more than one subsisting personages. (Scripture confirms this idea that [God is a Trinity](#)—one essence consisting of three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)

## God is holy and just

We would expect that any being would act in a way that is consistent with its nature. God is no different. Therefore, [God must be holy](#) and He must practice and express His holiness in the way He relates to His creation. As a virtuous being Himself, He must approve of virtue and disapprove of vice. So, [God must judge](#) in order to show that He loves virtue and hates vice. He can't be apathetic or indifferent about it. And [His judgment must be just](#); He must judge fairly. He has the wisdom necessary to be fair and the power needed to execute His decision with finality.

Vice must receive what it deserves and virtue must receive what it deserves. The wicked must be punished. If not, it would seem that God is sympathetic to it, tolerant of it, or even favorable to it. Likewise, God must reward the righteous. To do otherwise would not be fair and just. And to make God's love of righteousness and hatred of wickedness all the more visible to the entire universe, He must have separate places where [the wicked will eternally suffer together](#) and [the righteous will eternally flourish together](#).

So, there must be a coming [day of judgment](#) for all of mankind.

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## God's withheld His punishment for now



*Jesus Christ was the perfect sacrifice for sin that satisfied God's wrath toward repentant sinners who place their faith in Christ alone*

**We know God is a moral, virtuous, and holy God. And we also know that we've fallen short of what God requires of us. So, justice demands we must be punished. But the punishment we deserve would put an end to us. Why hasn't God punished us yet, if not to give us the opportunity to repent? This gives us hope, and this hope is confirmed by what the Bible teaches.**

### We are guilty!

God has rendered a guilty verdict on mankind because "light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil" ([John 3:19](#)). So, he deserves condemnation and eternal punishment. But wait, He hasn't punished us yet. Why not? Let's see the answer that the God of love provides.

We should all expect to be punished by God since we know God is holy and we are not. We don't know anyone who hasn't been afflicted by a guilty conscience.

No one has always, if ever, done what is right. God not only judges our outward behavior, He also judges our words and the innermost thoughts of our heart. If we have not loved God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our strength, and with all of our mind, we have [sinned against God](#). And if we have not loved our neighbor as we have loved ourselves, [we are guilty](#) of disobeying God's commandments and deserve to be punished.

If we break even one of God's commandments just one time, it's as if we have broken them all. To earn God's approval, we must be as [perfectly righteous](#) as He is. God does not judge you based on how well your life compares to the lives of other people, and He does not look to see if your "good" outweighs your "bad". God's standard is perfection. You're not entitled to any mistakes.

### Why has God not yet taken out His punishment on us?

Since we can't live up to God's holy standard, we should expect to be punished. But we haven't been punished yet. In fact, sinners feel so little punishment that they think something is wrong if they suffer at all. And when they do experience any pain or suffering, they even tend to think there's a so called problem of pain. Some of the best minds through the ages has wrestled with this apparent problem. Certainly, there is no problem with pain, the problem is the problem of pleasure. That we suffer is no question. The problem is why we don't always suffer. Pain should be

expected. What's amazing is that we have so little of it. This shows just how shallow our self-judgment can be.

So, why doesn't God deal with us as we deserve to be judged by His absolute holiness? God's divine forbearance is amazing, and it gives us hope. We're not in hell now. God has not taken vengeance on us yet. In Scripture, He says "[Vengeance is mine, I will repay](#)", but He hasn't repaid yet. So, there's hope for us now. We know that when He does repay vengeance, that will be the end of us. Why is there so much pleasure in a life when God is infinitely angry with the wicked every day?

### God's forbearance give us time to repent of our sin

[Divine forbearance](#) gives us the opportunity to [repent](#), and we know that must be the reason for God's forbearance. How could it be anything else? God isn't tolerating sin; He's not indifferent, and He can't be pleased with the wicked just because He lets them prosper. God must be giving us a chance to escape His wrath. We must be ashamed of what we do and who we are, since we know these evil thoughts and actions come out of a evil heart. And we must repent of it.

This hope is greatly encouraged by the good news that the Bible speaks about. It gives us the information we need, that while we have this opportunity to repent, salvation is available. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." Nature could lead you to believe, God may be giving us time to repent, but how can we repent? How would repentance remove the guilt? You would never get the answer to these questions from nature. But you could hope that there would be something like that. It would have to come from Him. But what you wouldn't know is if He would do it, and what you would never be able to guess is how He would do it.

### God must provide an acceptable remedy for man's sin problem

There would have to be a [sacrifice for punishment](#). God is holy. He can't clear the guilty. As a sinner I have to be punished, but how can I be punished and be saved? Punishment is damnation. In order to do save me, God would have to provide an [acceptable substitute](#) who can

undergo my punishment, survive it, and save me. This substitute would have to be a man in order to suffer for me, but He would also have to be God, who could take my punishment and survive it. He would have to be God as well as man. There is only one Person who has ever lived that meets those job requirements and that is Jesus Christ, the one who has proven to be both [truly man and truly God](#).

Who would ever guess that a Person in the Godhead would unite humanity with deity and suffer in that humanity, and yet as deity survive the wrath of the Godhead? When you read about it in the Bible, you just know it has to be true. It can't be fictional. It's so strange, so wonderful, so beyond human anticipation that it has to be a God-given reality.

So Christ redeems some, but not others. We know this because some people accept Him and others do not accept Him. If they spurn the only substitute, the only savior who died so that they may be saved forever, they're asking to undergo the wrath of God themselves. And they're going to get their request.

I'm inviting you to [place your faith in Jesus Christ](#). I ask you to believe it because it's true, and I hope to prove it to you beyond any doubt in the upcoming posts.

### Discover more about God and our relationship to Him

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# Proof of the Bible and Jesus Christ

We can reason from general revelation that God is moral, and He always lives out His morals virtuously. In fact He is altogether holy. On the other hand, every human being is radically corrupt. Even though God has placed His moral laws in their hearts, their conscience convicts them of their guilt.

Since God is perfectly holy, we know He must relate to His creation in a way consistent with His holiness. He must punish us for our guilt, but He has refrained from punishing us so far. Why, if not to give us the opportunity to repent of our sins? But, even if we did repent, that by itself would not excuse our guilt or impart any real righteousness in us.

God must have made a plan we would never dream that He would carry out. He had to find a satisfactory substitute to take on the punishment we deserve. And He had to count the perfection of that substitute as the righteous status of those people who His substitute suffered to save from God's wrath.

There could only be one person in the entire universe that would qualify for such an assignment. It would have to be a person, who would prove to be sinless Himself, and someone who could endure God's full punishment and yet survive it. But, it would also have to be a person who could represent man before God by sharing in the essence of humanity, yet without a sinful nature common to all

mankind. In other words, our substitute would have to be both God and man, for only such a being could meet the necessary requirements. It had to be Jesus—the Son of God, who was born of a virgin and took on a human nature, without forfeiting His divinity.

The following articles will show how the reliable historic record of Jesus of Nazareth proves Jesus is the Son of God that He claimed to be. And we can rely on Scripture to be God's Word, because the Son of God told us so. It's also this very Scripture that God uses to communicate His message to us. Therefore, we can trust in the promises of God they contain.

Although Jesus' public ministry occurred about 2,000 years ago, the power of His message is still with us today. Every true believer in Christ has a personal testimony that confirms the Gospel. So, how can we ignore such a great salvation. Today is the day of Salvation! So, repent and believe in Jesus Christ for the salvation of your soul.

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# Our Redeemer had to be God and Man

## The Redeemer had to be both God and Man. Here's how we know.



*Jesus Christ had to be truly man to suffer and He had to be truly God to survive that suffering and save sinners*

There's one thing we know for sure. In order for the savior of sinners to take upon Himself the infinite punishment they deserve, survive that suffering, and save them through His sacrifice, He had to be truly man and He had to be truly God—[One person with two natures](#).

First, Jesus had to be truly man to deserve the punishment and to receive it. For Him to be a suitable sacrifice, acceptable to God, He had to be [sinless Himself](#) so His death would not be for His own sin, and He had to be willing to be [treated by God the Father as if He had committed the sins](#) of everyone who would ever believe in Him as their worthy substitute.

Secondly, He had to be God in order to take upon Himself the infinite wrath of God toward sinners, survive that [unimaginable suffering](#), and satisfy God's wrath toward those who would ever believe in His anointed Redeemer to save them from their deserved damnation.

### Jesus redeems as the God-man

So, Christ suffered as man because God cannot suffer.

God is the infinitely, unchangeable, happy and blessed God. If Christ suffered, He didn't suffer in his deity; He had to suffer as man. But as man, Christ would never have triumphed. If He were only a man, He would never have risen from the grave in triumph. Therefore, Christ triumphed as God, He suffered as man, and He redeems as the God-Man.

In His suffering, He was "despised and rejected by men". ([Isaiah 53:3](#)) On the cross, the people stood watching as the rulers sneered at Him, the soldiers mocked Him, and one of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him. They couldn't believe that the One who was supposed to save Israel, couldn't even save Himself. But not only that, God the Father turned away from Him and forsook His Son as Jesus was enduring divine punishment for our sins. Just before He died, He cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ([Matthew 27:46b](#))

### Jesus proved He was God by living

Jesus Christ proved He was God by living, and He proved He was a man by dying. The reason He proved He was God by living was because He had lived a [perfectly righteous life](#). Nobody could charge Him with sin, other than the supposed sin of blasphemy because He had claimed to be God's Son, which was in fact true and therefore not a sin.

The Bible tells us that the [first Adam](#)<sup>1</sup> was created in the image of God and was without sin, although he had free will to sin. He lived in an ideal, garden environment. He was in regular fellowship with God, and he had everything He needed.

God tested Adam by giving Him a single restriction—he was commanded not to "eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." Although He had every possible advantage and motivation to obey, He disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit. The fall consequently affected Him and the entire human race that descended from him.

On the other hand, Christ, who is also called in Scripture the [Second Adam](#)<sup>2</sup>, had to withstand His opposition from

all sides and prove his righteousness in every way throughout His entire life. Though He was a man, He was able to remain sinless because as God, He was in perfect union with the heavenly Father. This would seem to render Him incapable of sin. How could God become such a man? We don't know exactly how to answer that. But He did it. It's a sublime mystery.

### Jesus proved he was truly man by dying

Jesus Christ also proved to be truly man by dying. God has never suffered and never will suffer. But as a man, Jesus bled and died to suffer on our behalf. We are saved by both [Christ's bloody death](#) as a man and by His perfect righteousness that He lived out as deity. Throughout Christian history, there's been a tendency to either underscore Jesus' deity by denying His humanity or underscore Jesus' humanity by denying His Deity.

According to the universally-accepted church doctrine established at the church [Council of Chalcedon](#) in 451 AD, Christians should know and believe that Jesus is one Person with two distinguishable natures, a truly human nature and a truly God nature. Although the natures are distinct, they shouldn't be confused or mixed together as one nor should they be totally separated from one another.

### Faith is a gift from God

The news of Jesus Christ is just too good not to true. We might think that the sacrifice for sin we need would have to come from a person like this, but as soon as we think about it, we would immediately dismiss the idea because we would know that God would never do such a thing as this. Yet, we have to believe this to be saved.

What we may not understand is that faith is a gift of God. It's only when He changes our hearts that we're able to believe. That's why this gospel is too good not to be true. Only God could think of it, entertain it, and execute it. Man wouldn't think of it, and even if he did, he couldn't imagine it. The [devil](#) would dismiss it from our mind immediately. He would deny it from the start and oppose anybody that would preach it as the way of redemption of his slaves from his dominion.

## Jesus Christ is God in human flesh

The only way we can account for Jesus Christ, the God-man, is that [He is indeed God incarnate](#). This is a built-in [apologetic](#). The idea that He has to be God, yet is truly man, and He continues to be man even when He dies, and He actually dies as sinner, though He committed no transgression whatsoever, and that is the basis on which multitudes of sinners are cleansed of their guilt and clothed with everlasting righteousness, that itself has to be true. It couldn't exist if it weren't a fact.

### Jesus came down from heaven to give you life

How can you pass up such a great salvation as the one God has arranged? God's Son is the the precious treasure you should be searching to find. Have you believed in Him? It's time to find out.

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## How Jesus is proven to be the Christ



*[Jesus answered them,] “Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does. But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.”* ([John 10:36b-38](#))

**We believe Scripture is true because God’s Son affirmed it. Once Jesus is authenticated as a messenger from God and establishes Scripture to be infallibly true, we know that Jesus is proven to be the Christ, who redeems sinful man, because Scripture declares it.**

### **The reliable witness accounts of Jesus show He is God’s Son**

It doesn’t require [circular reasoning](#) to prove that Jesus is who He claimed to be—the Son of God. Some theologians make the error by reasoning from the Word of God to the Son of God and back to the Word of God.

They begin with assuming that the Word of God is infallible and inerrant. And the Bible does teach that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. But, how do we know the Bible is the Word of God in the first place? The argument is that it’s true because the Son of God said it’s true, which of course He does. But do you see the fallacy in this form of circular reasoning? We first assume the unproven premise that the Bible is God’s Word to reach the conclusion that it is. It’s

an academic chasing of one’s tail.

### **If God’s Son tells us the Bible is God’s Word, we know it is**

The real argument should be revised to say that the Word of Man proves that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and if the Son of God tells us that the Word of Man is the Word of God, then we know it’s true.

Let’s begin with the Bible as being just another historic, religious document. It was written within the lifetime of the people whose story it tells, not only about Jesus but about Herod and Pilate and the other people living in Israel in those days. We can also tell that [the accounts are reliable](#), human documents. The gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, which tell the story about the life of Christ, were [written beginning about 50 AD](#), about 20 years after the death of Jesus. And everyone grants that in the intervening years, the oral gospel circulated.

These reliable, historical documents tell us that [Jesus performed miracles](#). Now, some people will deny the possibility of miracles, but if God exists and He wants to behave in a particular, out-of-the-ordinary manner, why couldn’t He do so? All we need is credible evidence of the miracles that Jesus performed, and we have that evidence.

These documents are early documents, He did live, He wasn’t a lunatic. He went around talking soberly and having a profound influence for doing good, but He also healed the sick, raised the dead, opened blind eyes, cast out demons, calmed the storm, and much more.

### **Jesus’ documented miracles prove His claim of Deity to be true**

This, by itself, wouldn’t prove that Jesus is the Son of God. Others have done miracles, including Moses, Elijah, Peter and Paul. But, we don’t think they are deity. So, what’s the difference between Jesus and these other authentic miracle workers? The difference is that they didn’t claim deity;

they claimed it for Jesus Christ. And Jesus accepted it. When people worshipped Him, He permitted it, He also demanded it when He said “I and the Father are One”.

The miracles show that Jesus had the power of God. It doesn't show He was God. But, it does show [He was a commissioned messenger of God](#). He couldn't get that power from God unless He was to be a true spokesman for God. So, when [He claims to be God](#) by saying “He who has seen me has seen the Father”, you know that in Him you see the fullness of the Godhead dwelling bodily. He Himself is God.

So, the Word of Man leads us to the Son of God, and [the Son of God tells us that this Word of Man is no mere Word of Man, but is the Word of God](#). Therefore, we know full well it is the Word of God. [The Word of God proves the Son of God](#) once the Son of God proves the Bible to be the Word of God. There is no fatal, circular reasoning in this way of thinking.

## Since God doesn't err, the God's Word cannot contain errors

Some might raise an objection by asking, “How can you believe the Bible when it contains so many errors?” I would agree that if it did contain errors, it can't be the Word of God because God cannot make an error. However, [what some would consider errors aren't really errors at all](#).

If there are any error in the original manuscripts, that's all we would need to dismiss it as a human document. However, nobody has ever proven an alleged error to be a real mistake at all. We can trust it to be God's true Word to mankind.

## Jesus came to save sinners like you and me

Without Jesus taking our place to suffer and die for the punishment of our sin, we would be left without hope. Have you received God's mercy, which is given to everyone who believes and trusts in Christ alone?

Ask yourself two very important questions. First, are you sure that you'll go to heaven when you die? Secondly, are you certain why God should let you into heaven? If you don't know for sure, you can settle that matter today. Visit my post, [How to Begin Your Life Over Again](#) and you'll know where and how you'll spend eternity.

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## Personal Experience Confirms the Gospel



*Inner joy and peace is a sign of personal experience with God that confirms the power of the gospel*

**Personal experience alone does not prove the gospel, but it does give credibility to our witness about the gospel.**

### The power of the gospel is confirmed through changed lives

Your personal experience with God is important to share with others, but it's not the gospel itself. Many Christians make the mistake of thinking that telling others how God has radically changed them is all they need to do to witness to others. But this leaves out the objective content of the Bible. To truly believe in Christ means you need to know and trust in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. Nonetheless, testifying about your personal experience with God underscores the power of God unto salvation. So, how has God changed you?

[Joy](#) and [peace](#) should certainly characterize the lives of Jesus' disciples. A real Christian who has no [joy](#) is a contradiction. How can someone who has received God's free [grace](#) not be eternally grateful for receiving the most important blessing anyone can have? God's grace is free and it's forever! We could not earn it and we could not deserve it. How blessed are we, whose sins the Lord will not count against us?

But what personal experience does not prove by itself, the empty tomb does prove. When someone believes the reliability of the eye-witness account of Jesus' resurrection, they should also realize that Jesus' truth claims have been authenticated by God. And Jesus claimed that God would come and dwell with His followers.

*Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." ([John 14:23](#))*

So, we know that it is indeed possible to have such a personal relationship with God. Therefore, it's further confirmation of the gospel of Jesus Christ when we can affirm that what Jesus said would happen actually happened to us personally.

### Tests of the reality of our relationship with Christ:

Christians need only to answer the question of whether this feeling they have experienced is the same thing as what Jesus had said would happen. Here are some of the tests to consider:

1. **Joy and Peace.** As I already mentioned, there should be a sense of joy in our heart and a sense of peace toward God. The Bible tells us that the *Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.* ([Romans 8:16](#)) We have a sense that we belong to God, and our strong desire is to live our lives to love, serve, and please Him.
2. **Our new affections.** If we love God, our affections should have changed. We should love what He loves. Do you love God's Word and His people? Are you eager to gather together with other Christians to worship God?
3. **Humble attitude.** We should walk humbly with our God. His goodness and favor toward us is always more than we deserve. In this life, we'll never be perfect. So, our remaining sin should keep us humble and continually grateful for His grace.

4. **Obedient.** We should always be endeavoring to obey God to demonstrate our love for Him. Are you endeavoring to do everything the Lord has commanded you to do and to refrain from everything He forbids. And when you sin, are you acknowledging it, asking for His forgiveness, and committing to turn away from it.
5. **Endurance through trials.** Have you withstood the fiery trials of life with your faith intact? This is further evidence that the faith you claim to have is the real thing, not something you've mustered up for yourself. According to [Romans 2:8-9](#), faith is a gift of God; It's not something we can conjure up for ourselves.

If the above characteristics describe you, then your claim to have a personal relationship with God is indeed true. What else could it be? And your testimony to others about having God in your heart is "icing on the cake" as you witness to others. They can't deny it. The promise has become the reality!

## Is your life missing joy and peace?

Jesus Christ came to give you abundant life. If you're missing the peace and joy that comes from having a personal relationship with Him, He's imploring you to "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is

light" ([Matthew 11:28-30](#)).

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# Repent and Believe in Jesus Christ

**You must choose whether you will die in your own sins and perish forever or repent of your sin and believe in Jesus Christ to be saved.**



*<em>Enter through the narrow gate For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it</em>  
<em>Matthew 7:13-14</em>*

## God calls us to repent and believe in Jesus Christ, His Son

We must choose. [God has been patient](#) with us. He hasn't judged us yet. There is still time for us to be [saved](#). Repent of your sins and believe in Jesus Christ. If we don't, we'll certainly [perish](#); but if we do, we'll enjoy our blessed [inheritance](#) forever. We have to make a choice. Though [God is sovereign](#), He nevertheless holds us responsible for making the right choice. God won't tolerate our neglect or indifference.

We have learned through what God has revealed to us in nature and by reason that God is moral, virtuous, loving, holy, wise, just, and powerful. It's also known through our built-in moral compass that we have violated what we know to be right. We deserve to be punished because we are [guilty of sin](#). But, He hasn't punished us yet. Why not, if not for God giving us the opportunity to [repent](#) of our sin? The Scripture confirms what nature reveals to us.

The evidence we see in nature and through the Bible

demands a verdict from us. [God is calling us to repent](#). Not only is He calling us to repent, He is pleading for us to repent. He demands everyone to repent and be saved from His wrath and the punishment that awaits us. If we don't repent, we'll be going to [hell](#).

There is time now to repent. God has said, "**vengeance is mine, I will repay.**" ([Deuteronomy 32:35](#)) But he hasn't repaid it yet. And, we can't escape the consequences of our sin by neglecting His call. God's pleasure is that we will repent, not that we won't.

## Come boldly to God by repenting & believing in Jesus

Our coming to God through [repentance](#) and [faith](#) in the [Son of God](#) will certainly not be in vain. We can come boldly to the God of grace, knowing that He will never turn us away. He will accept you.

Jesus declared, ... "*All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.*" [John 6:37](#)

Though we should be asking God, with great uncertainty, for permission to repent and escape His wrath. And yet He only wants us to come back to Him. Jesus likened him to a loving father in the parable of the prodigal son. He is the father who is eagerly waiting and watching for his wayward son to return home. He embraces him as a beloved son when his son returns home.

## Come to Jesus while there's still time

God is patiently bearing with us right now to give us time to repent. But, there will eventually come a time when this gracious opportunity comes to an end. The Bible says, "[Today is the day of salvation](#)". If we neglect such a great salvation, only damnation awaits us. If you don't believe in His mercy now, you will believe in His wrath later.

Everything exists to glorify God. [You will glorify God one way or another](#). If you come to God through repentance



and faith, you will glorify God's mercy, compassion, and grace. But if you don't, you will certainly glorify God's holiness, justice, and power.

Come to Jesus if you haven't done so already. Repent and believe in Jesus Christ to be saved. He will forgive you and give you rest. Don't ask Him to say to you when the time comes, **"Depart from me, you wicked into the hell of fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."** ([Matthew 25:41](#)) Let Him say to you at that time, **"Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom, prepared for you before the foundation of the world."** ([Matthew 25:34](#))

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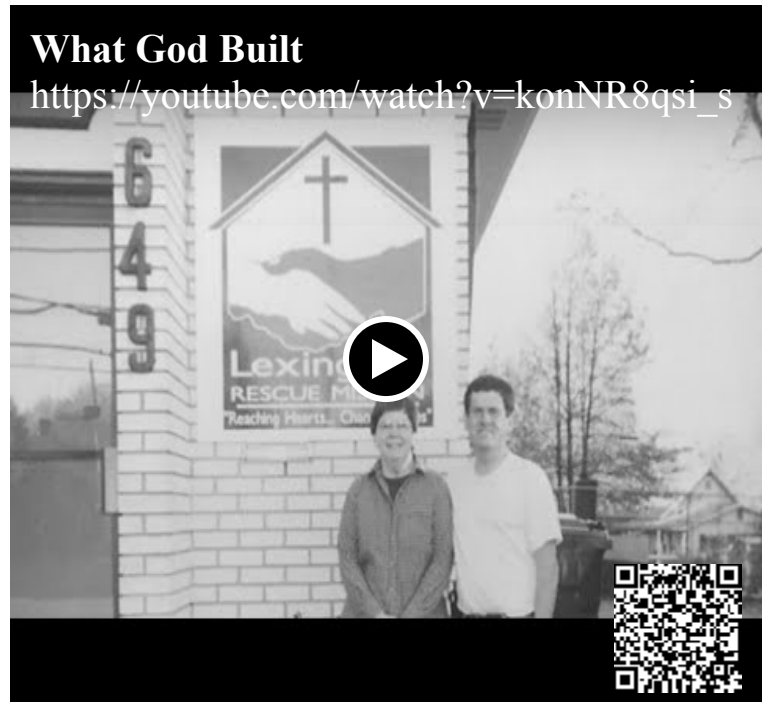
# About the Author

Jim Connell created the JesusIsLordBlog.com site to present many of the good reasons for believing in God and His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. There is both an objective and subjective aspect to saving faith. You cannot believe without knowing and affirming the essential content of the Christian faith. And yet, mere knowledge won't save anyone, because saving faith involves a personal reliance on what you know to be true. And this requires a changed heart that the Holy Spirit creates in us. Our faith is God's free gift to us.

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