

KNOWING GOD - ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

- John 17:1-5 - Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. 3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. NASU
- John 17:1–5 (LBLA) — 1 Estas cosas habló Jesús, y alzando los ojos al cielo, dijo: Padre, la hora ha llegado; glorifica a tu Hijo, para que el Hijo te glorifique a ti, 2 por cuanto le diste autoridad sobre todo ser humano para que dé vida eterna a todos los que tú le has dado. 3 Y esta es la vida eterna: que te conozcan a ti, el único Dios verdadero, y a Jesucristo, a quien has enviado. 4 Yo te glorifiqué en la tierra, habiendo terminado la obra que me diste que hiciera. 5 Y ahora, glorifícame tú, Padre, junto a ti, con la gloria que tenía contigo antes que el mundo existiera.

- Jeremiah 9:23-24- NLT This is what the Lord says: **“Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!**
- Jeremiah 9:23–24 (LBLA) — **23 Así dice el SEÑOR: No se gloríe el sabio de su sabiduría, ni se gloríe el poderoso de su poder, ni el rico se gloríe de su riqueza; 24 mas el que se gloríe, gloríese de esto: de que me entiende y me conoce, pues yo soy el SEÑOR que hago misericordia, derecho y justicia en la tierra, porque en estas cosas me complazco—declara el SEÑOR.**

John 17:3 - *This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

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γινώσκω: to learn to know a person through direct personal experience, implying a continuity of relationship—‘to know, to become acquainted with, to be familiar with.’

- **Through the Creation** – Romans 1:18-20 - *18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.* NASU
- Romans 1:18–20 (LBLA) — *18 Porque la ira de Dios se revela desde el cielo contra toda impiedad e injusticia de los hombres, que con injusticia restringen la verdad; 19 porque lo que se conoce acerca de Dios es evidente dentro de ellos, pues Dios se lo hizo evidente. 20 Porque desde la creación del mundo, sus atributos invisibles, su eterno poder y divinidad, se han visto con toda claridad, siendo entendidos por medio de lo creado, de manera que no tienen excusa.*

Through Jesus - John 14:9 (ESV) - *Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.*

John 14:9 (LBLA) — *9 Jesús le dijo*:
¿Tanto tiempo he estado con vosotros, y todavía no me conoces, Felipe? El que me ha visto a mí, ha visto al Padre;
¿cómo dices tú: «Muéstranos al Padre»?*

- **THOUGH HIS WORD** - John 12:48–50 (ESV) — 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”
- John 12:48–50 (LBLA) — 48 El que me rechaza y no recibe mis palabras, tiene quien lo juzgue; la palabra que he hablado, esa lo juzgará en el día final. 49 Porque yo no he hablado por mi propia cuenta, sino que el Padre mismo que me ha enviado me ha dado mandamiento sobre lo que he de decir y lo que he de hablar. 50 Y sé que su mandamiento es vida eterna; por eso lo que hablo, lo hablo tal como el Padre me lo ha dicho.

- John 6:63 ESV - It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
- John 6:63 (LBLA) — 63 El Espíritu es el que da vida; la carne para nada aprovecha; las palabras que yo os he hablado son espíritu y son vida.

Matthew 4:4 ESV - But he answered,
“It is written, “Man shall not live by
bread alone, but by every word that
comes from the mouth of God.””

Matthew 4:4 (LBLA) — 4 Pero ÉL
respondiendo, dijo: Escrito está: «NO
SOLO DE PAN VIVIRÁ EL
HOMBRE, SINO DE TODA
PALABRA QUE SALE DE LA
BOCA DE DIOS».

The Power of Mind vs The Power of Nothing

- If there was a time when absolutely nothing existed – and now all this exists... And if there is no God who created it all... then it follows that NOTHING got busy and did SOMETHING.
- The first thing we ought to point out is that this is not a very scientific conclusion... but it is the best the unbeliever/atheist can do.
- **“AND THAT CAME FROM...?”**

OR – EVERYTHING CAME FROM MIND.

- There are two forms of existence, mind and matter. Science has determined that matter is not eternal so that's out. And since matter is not eternal...
- We either have **ETERNAL NOTHING** creating everything or **ETERNAL MIND** creating everything.
- The idea that everything came from nothing is so unreasonable that it is ridiculous and absurd.

And if we must make a choice between the faith that **nothing created everything** or that **eternal mind or God created everything** – the reasonable, logical choice is that there is a Creator God.

THE COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- Strong says *“Everything begun, whether substance or phenomenon, owes its existence to some producing cause. If the Universe is “a thing begun”, and if the production of it requires both intelligence and power, we must admit that the producing cause, which we found to be Mind, has power and intelligence sufficient to the production of the universe.”*

THE TELEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- “Order and useful collocation pervading a system respectively imply intelligence and purpose as the cause of that order and collocation. Since order and useful collocation pervade the universe, there must exist an intelligence adequate to the production of this order, and a will adequate to direct this collocation to useful ends.”

Impossible... Insane... No Way!

- Romans 1:21-22 - **21** For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ESV
- Romans 1:21–22 (LBLA) — **21** Pues aunque conocían a Dios, no le honraron como a Dios ni le dieron gracias, sino que se hicieron vanos en sus razonamientos y su necio corazón fue entenebrecido. **22** Profesando ser sabios, se volvieron necios,

- Psalm 14:1 (NASB 2020) — **1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they have committed detestable acts; There is no one who does good.**
- Psalm 14:1 (LBLA) — **1 El necio ha dicho en su corazón: No hay Dios. Se han corrompido, han cometido hechos abominables; no hay quien haga el bien.**

- “The theory of chance embodies... so many absurdities and impossibilities that belief in it must imply the highest degree of gullibility. Atheism, therefore, instead of being considered unbelief from a want of evidence, is to be regarded as belief in opposition to the evidence. It is naivety instead of unbelief. Atheism believes, or pretends to believe, what no human being can believe, in conformity with the laws of evidence.”

• Romans 2:14-15 - **14** For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, **15** in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, NASU

• Romans 2:14–15 (LBLA) — **14** Porque cuando los gentiles, que no tienen la ley, cumplen por instinto los dictados de la ley, ellos, no teniendo la ley, son una ley para sí mismos, **15** ya que muestran la obra de la ley escrita en sus corazones, su conciencia dando testimonio, y sus pensamientos acusándolos unas veces y otras defendiéndolos.

The ideas of self-existence, eternity, infinity, omnipotence, omniscience, immutability and so on. These ideas are in the minds of people of all nations.