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## REASONS FOR BELIEVING GOD STILL EXISTS

Does an all-powerful God really exist? How can we know? There are at least five good reasons that reveal powerful the evidence for God's existence.

# *1 God is the best explanation for the beginning of the universe.*

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Everything that exists came from somewhere. Who was that first Creator of all things? The Bible refers to this Being as God: **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).**

Science also affirms a beginning to all energy, matter, space, and time. The latest evidence from astronomy suggests our universe came into existence approximately 16 billion years ago. Astronomers agree a “big bang” occurred from which all living things emerged, yet cannot explain the origin to this event. **The best explanation to the First Cause is found in the existence of God.**

## *2 God is the best explanation for the design of the universe.*

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From the smallest living cell to the most distant star, the many parts that exist around us involve a level of complexity that cannot be explained by simply accepting Darwinian evolution.

Much of the information about the world's complexity was unknown in Darwin's time. Today, many scientists realize the complexity in the human cell, for example, is far greater than could ever arise by chance. **An outside, Intelligent Designer is required to provide this information. The most likely source for this Intelligent Designer is God.**

*3 God is the best explanation to the moral values found in our world.*

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We may not agree on what is right and wrong, but every society and every individual has a system of moral values. We cannot escape an internal sense of justice and injustice when we see certain events in life. **Where did this sense of right and wrong originate?**

Moral values ultimately do not come only from within but from some outside source. Morality must come from an ultimate maker and giver of morals. **Some call this the Moral Lawmaker, a reference to God as the source of right and wrong.**

# *4 God is the best explanation for the many fulfilled predications found in the Bible.*

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**Did you know that hundreds of prophecies have literally been fulfilled from this one book written by 40 people over a period of 1,400 years?**

From the prediction of Abraham as the leader of a great nation to the prophecies of Jesus as the Messiah, **the probability of even accurately selecting a few of these events in advance by chance is beyond reasonable calculation.** The Bible is called a “holy book” because it describes events that point to its Author, the God who created the universe and everything in it.

# 5 *God is the best explanation for the many changed lives experienced throughout history.*

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For example, many of the first followers of Jesus gave their lives for the belief that Jesus rose from the dead. In addition, many people who have lived evil lives have believed in Jesus and then lived completely different lives as a result. What is the best explanation for these radical changes?

**While the first four reasons for God's existence are external, this final reason is internal. Those who believe in God by faith personally experience a different life that serves as living proof of God's existence.**