

Topical Studies—The Fact of God

When we look at the world around us, society loves to throw around academic labels. You'll hear people talk about "theism"—the simple belief that a God exists—as opposed to "atheism," which denies Him altogether. But as followers of Jesus, we aren't just talking about a vague, distant deity. We believe in the one true, living God who has graciously revealed Himself to mankind. He is the Triune God—eternally existing as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Three distinct Persons, one God.

Now, the natural question people often ask is: "How do we actually know that God exists?"

The world demands empirical evidence. Unbelievers often insist on the scientific method, wanting to put God in a test tube or observe Him under a microscope before they'll put their faith in Him. But the finite cannot measure the Infinite. The tools of human science are designed for the material world; they are completely incapable of detecting the living God or the spiritual realities of heaven and the angelic realm. The Apostle Paul quotes the ancient Scriptures in First Corinthians chapter 2, verse 9 when he writes:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

We don't come to know God through human laboratories; we know Him because He has chosen to reveal Himself to us—through His Word and through His works.

1. God's Self-Revelation Through His Word

First, God reveals Himself through His Word, the Holy Scriptures. The Bible doesn't spend its pages trying to construct a formal, philosophical debate to prove God exists. It simply begins with the grand declaration in Genesis chapter 1, verse 1: "In the beginning, God..." God doesn't need to prove His existence to His creation, because deep down, His creatures intuitively recognize the voice of their Creator when He speaks.

2. God's Self-Revelation Through His Works

Second, God reveals Himself through His works—the vast, orderly universe that He created and continues to sustain every single moment. In Romans chapter 1, verses 18 through 20, the Apostle Paul makes it clear that creation itself screams of the glory, power, and reality of God, leaving humanity without excuse:

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."

Notice how God clearly registers this witness to all people across four distinct areas of life:

1. To Human Experience: God shows Himself through His active dealings with people. He deals with the unsaved in both righteous judgment and merciful goodness, as seen throughout

history with Pharaoh in Exodus chapter 12, Rahab in Joshua chapter 2, and King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel chapter 4. Even more clearly, He reveals Himself in the lives of believers by transforming them (as Paul notes in Second Corinthians chapter 5, Ephesians chapter 2, and Colossians chapter 3), answering their prayers (John chapter 14), lovingly disciplining them (Hebrews chapter 12), caring for their daily needs (Matthew chapter 10), and producing His holy character within them (Galatians chapter 5).

2. To Our Innate Awareness: God has placed an internal witness inside every human heart. People intuitively know that God exists because "that which may be known of God is manifest in them." Being made in His image, everyone has an immediate, inner awareness of their Creator. We see this universal impulse in mankind's natural drive to worship, just as Paul observed in Acts chapter 17. Yet, knowing about God internally is not the same as knowing Him personally; a person must be born again to enter into a dynamic, saving relationship with Him, as Jesus explained in John chapter 17.
3. To Our Senses: Though God is invisible, His attributes are "clearly seen" through what He has made. Every mountain, ocean, star, and living organism bears the thumbprint of the Master Craftsman. As the Psalmist writes in Psalm 19, the heavens declare His glory, giving our sight, hearing, and touch constant testimony to His power and divine nature.
4. To Our Reason: God appeals directly to the human mind. While logic alone cannot save us, the universe presents clear, rational evidence that points straight to the Creator:
 - The Law of Cause and Effect (Cosmological): Every effect must have a sufficient cause. Space, time, and matter require an eternal, uncaused Creator—just as every house requires a builder, as Hebrews chapter 3, verse 4 reminds us. Genesis chapter 1, verse 1 and Psalm 90, verse 2 affirm that God is the primary Cause who spoke all things into existence and sustains them.
 - The Evidence of Design (Teleological): The breathtaking order, complexity, and fine-tuning of creation point to an intelligent Designer. As declared in Psalm 19, verse 1 and Psalm 139, verses 13 through 17, the intricate pattern of the universe and the human body reflects a brilliant, purposeful Mind.
 - Human Personhood and Morality (Anthropological): Because human beings possess self-awareness, personal consciousness, and moral judgment, our cause must also be a personal, moral Being. Scripture reveals that the God who made us exists as three divine Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew chapter 28, verse 19)—and that He crafted us in His own image and likeness (Genesis chapter 1, verses 26 through 27).
 - The Concept of Perfection (Ontological): The very fact that the human mind can conceive of an infinitely perfect, ultimate Being points to the reality of that Being, as existence itself is essential to ultimate perfection.

These rational arguments don't force someone into faith with mathematical certainty, but as Peter encourages us in First Peter chapter 3, verse 15, and as Paul modeled in Acts chapter 14 and chapter 17, they provide a strong, reasonable foundation for what we believe.

The tragedy is not that people lack evidence. The real issue is the human heart. As Jesus pointed out in John chapter 3, verses 19 through 20 and John chapter 5, verse 40, and as Paul reinforces in Romans chapter 3, verse 11, people suppress the truth in unrighteousness. Misled by worldly philosophies and driven by a rebellious heart, many choose to attribute creation to random chance or false idols rather than submit to the God who made them.

Practical Application

What does this mean for us on a Monday morning? It means your faith is not built on wishful thinking or blind leaps in the dark. You can walk with absolute confidence knowing that the God you worship has left His signature across creation, embedded His truth in your conscience, and revealed His heart in the Scriptures. When doubts creep in or the culture pressures you to stay quiet, anchor your mind in the undeniable reality of God's Word and His works.

A Challenge for Believers

Church, my challenge to you is simple: be ready to give an answer! Don't let worldly theories intimidate you into silence. God has given you a solid, reasonable, and vibrant faith. Let your life be a dual witness—share the clear reasoning of God's Word with those around you, and let them see the undeniable evidence of His existence through your changed life, your love, and your answered prayers.

An Invitation to Know Jesus

If you are reading this today and realize you have been ignoring or pushing God away, know that He is reaching out to you right now in love. God didn't leave us stranded in our sin or isolated in our brokenness.

Jesus Christ came to this earth, lived a perfect life, and willingly went to the cross. When He shed His precious blood on that cross, He paid the complete price for your sins and mine, securing our salvation once and for all. And on the third day, He rose triumphantly from the dead! The resurrection is God's unmistakable declaration to the whole world that Jesus Christ is God, Savior, and Lord.

You don't have to stay separated from Him any longer. Right where you are, you can turn away from your sin and surrender your heart to Jesus Christ. Put your trust in Him today, ask Him to forgive you, and let Him grant you brand-new, eternal life.