

TOUGH ANSWERS



1. THE EXISTENCE OF LAW DEMANDS A LAW GIVER

In an effort to “prove” evolution, scientists assume the presence of the physical laws of nature but are unable to explain why these laws operate or how they were established.

2. THE EXISTENCE OF LIFE DEMANDS A LIFE-GIVER

Scientists are unable to explain how life came into existence - how the “not-living” became “living”.

3. THAT WHICH IS MADE DEMANDS A MAKER

Evolution begins with the existence of matter. Radioactive disintegration proves matter had a beginning. But when, and how?

4. THE SUSTAINING OF LIFE DEMANDS A SUSTAINER

The laws of reproduction, physics, chemistry, etc. are constantly and consistently upheld by God

5. THE EXISTENCE OF DESIGN DEMANDS A DESIGNER

The intricate design of life forms and their interdependency demand the existence of a common Architect with an overall Plan

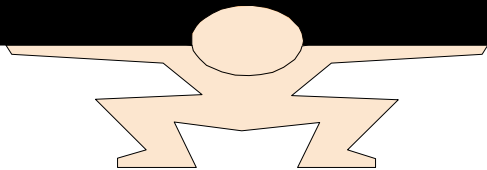
6. THE EXISTENCE OF TIME DEMANDS A TIMELESS CREATOR

God dwells in eternity and created the time dimension in which Man lives. He is able to predict the future as easily as the past and has the key to Eternal Life

7. THE EXISTENCE OF MIRACLES DEMANDS AN MIRACLE WORKER

Only God who created physical laws has the power to step in and change them in response to prayer.

Yet the greatest proof of all is the miracle that takes place when a person becomes a Christian and God comes to live inside them!



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QUESTIONS



Session One





KENNEDY or not KENNEDY

How do you prove the existence of something or someone?
Consider the following:

Suppose you wanted to prove to a doubter that President John F. Kennedy once existed. What evidence would you produce to try and prove your case?

Now imagine that you are that doubter! What arguments would you put forward to try to destroy the above evidence?

What does this teach you about “proof”?



TOUGH QUESTIONS & YOU



Mark an “X” on the lines below that best represent your views about the existence of God:

I believe the existence of God is:

_____ *Irrelevant* (Unsure) *Very Relevant*

I believe the existence of God is:

_____ *Obvious* (Unsure) *Impossible to know*

I believe that the universe was created by:

_____ *Chance* (Unsure) *God*

I believe that God:

_____ *Exists* (Unsure) *Doesn't exist*

What are the things that convince you that God exists?

What are the things that cause you to doubt in God's existence?

What personal experiences or events either make you think that God exists, or make you think He doesn't

Questions and Consequences



Discuss what the answers to the following questions might be if:

You believe God does not exist

You believe God does exist

Where did human life come from?



Who decides right from

wrong?



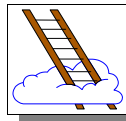
What happens when we die?



Who was Jesus?



What is the purpose of life?

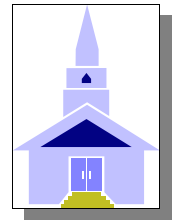


searching for CLUES

Which of the following would you regard as acceptable clues in the search for the existence of God? Give reasons:



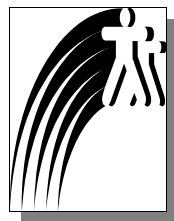
The miracle of birth



The existence of churches



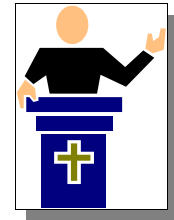
The beauty and design of creation



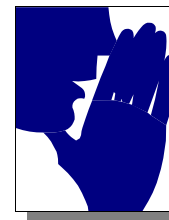
Changed lives of Christians



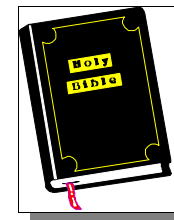
The existence of our conscience which helps us to know right from wrong



The faith of ministers and pastors



Answered Prayer



The Bible

Let's Talk Tough truth

Read Luke 16:19-23a,27-31

According to this story that Jesus told, are the following statements true or false? Explain your answers:

- * *If someone came back from the dead to tell people of God's existence, then people would believe them.*
- * *God has told us of His reality in the Bible. That is all the "proof" we need!*
- * *It doesn't matter whether we believe in God or not.*

Read Genesis 1:1-3

These opening verses of the Bible give us no indication of where God came from? Why do you think the Bible nowhere tries to "prove" God's existence?

Read Romans 1:18-22

What do these verses offer as "proof" to us that God exists?

What description is given of those people who don't believe the evidence?

THE WORD OF GOD



LUKE 16:19-23a,27-31

There was once a rich man who wore expensive clothes and every day ate the best food. But a poor beggar named Lazarus was brought to the gate of the rich man's house. He was happy just to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. His body was covered with sores, and dogs kept coming up to lick them. The poor man died, and angels took him to the place of honour next to Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. He went to hell and was suffering terribly.

(He said to Abraham) "Abraham... please send Lazarus to my father's home. Let him warn my five brothers, so they won't come to this horrible place."

Abraham answered, "Your brothers can read what Moses and the prophets wrote. They should pay attention to that."

Then the rich man said, "No, that is not enough! If only someone from the dead would go to them they would listen and turn to God."

So Abraham said, "If they won't pay attention to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen even to someone who comes back from the dead."

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GENESIS 1:1-3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was barren, with no form of life; it was a roaring ocean covered with darkness. But the Spirit of God was moving over the water.



ROMANS 1:18-23

From heaven God shows how angry He is with all the wicked and evil things that sinful people do to crush the truth. They know everything that can be known about God because God has shown it to them. God's eternal power and character cannot be seen. But God has shown from the beginning of creation, all He has made. That's why those people don't have any excuse. They know about God, but they don't honour Him or even thank Him. Their thoughts are useless and their stupid minds are in the dark. They claim to be wise but they are fools.