

“Ten” Arguments for God

(and Maybe a Couple of Arguments against God)

A. Arguments from Design

1. The Human Body (Psa. 139:14).
 - a. The eye (see quote by Mayr).
 - b. The blood coagulation system (see Behe).
 - c. Homeostasis.
2. The Human Mind (Spirit).
 - a. Consciousness (feelings, hope, a point of view, self-awareness, introspection, wondering what other people think of us, etc.).
 - b. Ability to have a concept of God the Creator.
 - c. Ability to communicate with God.
 - d. Spiritual regeneration, new creation (2 Cor. 5:17; Son of Sam, Huaorani tribe).
3. The Animal and Plant Kingdoms (Rev. 4:11).
 - a. Unusual species (for example, birds of paradise).
 - b. Color patterns in birds.
 - c. Migration of birds, return of salmon, sea turtles, etc. to place of birth to spawn.
 - d. Giraffes.
 - e. Bombardier beetle.
 - f. Personality (arising from impersonal matter?).
 - g. Orchid pollination.
4. The Beginning of Life (“biogenesis”).
 - a. Life from non-life (proteins, DNA, RNA all arising at the same time and all matching and interacting with one another).
5. The Cosmos.
 - a. Matter from non-matter, or something rather than nothing.
 - b. The “big bang.”
 - c. Either matter/energy are eternal or the Creator is eternal.
 - d. Anthropic principle (“Goldilocks Universe”).
 - e. Gravity and the strong nuclear force (“gluons”).
6. Earth, Sun, Moon, and Stars (Rom. 1:19-21; Psa. 19:1-6).
 - a. Rotation (produces day and night, balancing light and dark, heat and cold).
 - b. Revolution around the sun (produces years, keeps the earth in orbit).
 - c. Angle of axis.
 - d. Elliptical orbit.
 - e. Harvest moon.
 - f. Tides.
 - g. Location of Earth in the solar system and the galaxy.

B. Arguments from Beauty in Nature

1. Beauty of creation and the ability to appreciate it.
2. Exotically multi-colored birds versus blackbirds/sparrows/doves.
3. Beautifully elaborate, tuneful, and variably rhythmic songs of some birds.

4. Fall foliage (“leaf peeping”).
5. Sunrise, sunset.
6. Appreciation of music (music appreciation courses at U of M), ability by some to compose beautiful music, ability to sing (without any apparent advantage to perpetuating the species).
7. Certain mathematical equations and features (try 111111111/9; sum of all digits from 1 to 100; Fibonacci numbers; golden ratio).
8. DNA.

C. Arguments from Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecy, Miracles, and Answered Prayer

1. Prophecies concerning various cities and countries (see Josh McDowell).
2. Prophecies concerning Christ’s conception, birth, life, death, and resurrection.
3. Old Testament miracles (crossing the Red Sea; cruse of oil and barrel of meal; raising from the dead; many others).
4. New Testament miracles by Jesus (total and immediate healing with many witnesses before and after; raising from the dead; multiplying loaves and fishes—superabundance; turning water to wine; Christ’s own resurrection).
5. Answered prayer.

D. Arguments from Human Morality

1. Conscience (within myself and toward others; Rom. 2:1-3; Shirley Sc.).
2. Natural law (worldwide consensus as to right and wrong; Paul N.).

E. Arguments That Have Been Presented Against God

1. The “problem” of evil and suffering (see Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12-21).
2. Proposing explanations for the resurrection and other miracles.
3. Evolution “proven” by science.
4. Imperfect design (retinal blind spot, tonsils, appendix; compare laptop).
5. The “multiverse.”

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