

Three Arguments for the Existence of God

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Philosophy

- Romans 1:20a: "For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made."
- Colossians 2:8: "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ."
- "Good philosophy must exist, if for no other reason, because bad philosophy needs to be answered."
—C. S. Lewis, *Learning in War-Time*.

Skepticism

- The skepticism of our culture has more to do with the imagination than with reason.
- The burden of proof is equally shared by theist and atheist alike.

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- Kalam Cosmological Argument
- Moral Argument
- Existential Argument

Kalam Cosmological Argument (Gen. 1:1)

- Whatever begins to exist has a cause of its existence.
- The universe began to exist.
- Therefore, the universe has a cause of its existence.
- The cause of the existence of the universe is God.

Moral Argument (Rom. 2:14)

- If God does not exist, objective moral values and duties do not exist.
- Objective moral values and duties do exist.
- Therefore, God exists.

Existential Argument (Ex. 3:14)

- Whatever does not exist by its own essence must be caused to exist by something else.
- There are things which do not exist by their own essence.
- Therefore, there are things which are caused to exist by something else.
- An infinite regress of things which are caused to exist by something else is impossible.
- Therefore, there is something which exists by its own essence and is the cause of the existence of other things.
- That which exists by its own essence and is the cause of the existence of other things is God.

Further Resources

- *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* by Norm Geisler and Frank Turek
- *Reasonable Faith* by William Lane Craig
- *Does God Exist?: A Socratic Dialogue on the Five Ways of Thomas Aquinas* by Matt Fradd and Robert Delfino
- *The Last Superstition* by Edward Feser
- *Five Proofs of the Existence of God* by Edward Feser

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