

# Apologetics

## God Is Not Real

- Atheism (a = no; theos = God)
    - Carl Sagan – “the Cosmos is all that is or ever will be.”
      - Problem with atheism
        - Requires omniscience
          - This position is the height of arrogance
          - Attempts to make humans into gods
  - Agnostic (a=no; gnosis = knowledge)
    - Agnostic says we can't know for sure whether God exists or not. We have no real way of knowing.
      - Logical Contradiction
        - By saying we can know nothing about God is to say something we know about God, i.e. that we can know nothing about him
          - Charles H. Spurgeon – “One walking with me observed, with some emphasis, ‘I do not believe as you do, I am an agnostic.’ ‘Oh,’ I said to him, ‘that is a Greek word, is it not? The Latin word is ignoramus,’
- God's Existence is a Given
  - Genesis 1:1 – In the beginning God...
    - Psalm 14:1 – the fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”
- Does He Exist?
  - Cosmological - Every Effect has a Cause
    - Both creationists and evolutionists agree that life didn't just suddenly appear; it was made by something (a Big Bang) or someone (God).
      - The universe had a beginning
      - Anything that has a beginning must have been caused by something else
      - Therefore, the universe was caused by something else, and this cause was God
  - Teleological - Every Design Has a Designer
    - All designs imply a designer
    - There is great design in the universe
    - Therefore, there must be a Great Designer of the universe
      - Beavers – Hoover Dam; 1,000 monkeys – Hamlet
      - DNA – carries the same amount of info as one volume of an encyclopedia.
        - Communication Requires a Communicator

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- DNA – complex, coded information or “instructions”
- Moral Law - Every Law Has a Lawgiver
  - All men are conscious of an objective moral law
  - Moral laws imply a moral Lawgiver
  - Therefore, there must be a supreme moral Lawgiver
    - Smiling is always a picture of happiness
    - Moral law – it is always viewed as wrong to murder
      - J. Budziszewski says, “Everyone knows certain principles. There is no land where murder is a virtue and gratitude vice.”
    - Even those who say there is no moral order expect to be treated with fairness, courtesy, and dignity
- Getting Personal
  - Things we can learn about this “Creator”
    - He is extremely intelligent
      - Consider DNA
    - He is extremely powerful
      - Consider the energy in the universe
    - He is moral
      - It is never a virtue to be a murder
    - He is personal
      - He created personal beings
    - He is revelatory
      - He invites us to know Him.
        - Creation
        - Conscience
        - Scripture
        - Savior
      - He wants to be searched!