

From time to time I am presented with the question, “How do I know there is a God?”. It is a question I have asked my entire lifetime, with varying answers. However, as I learn more and more about this Universe we live in and the Earth we live on and the things that inhabit it; the more I find that there is, for me, no logical reason to deny that it was created by a superior being. A being that is outside space-time. A being that is capable of enormous power. A being that is capable of creating and sustaining the entire Universe, as we know it, and more.

From the condition of the universe, we can tell that He (masculine used in lieu of a neuter word) is not a creator of chaos. As we get to know the functions of the components of His creation we find perfect harmony and infinite detail and fine tuning (explained later). Everything has a lifetime: the elements, the stars, the living plants and animals, etc. When one of these components reaches end-of-life the parts that makeup that entity are recycled into a new entity. The tree decomposes and becomes nutrients for the next thing to grow. The star explodes and spews out it's remaining matter, only to collect into a new star with elements that have fused together to make a new and more robust star.

When many people look at the universe we live in they only see the destruction and chaos. But that is part of the ongoing building process. They ask, “If there is a God (Creator Being) then why are there such enormous amounts of gratuitous suffering and death.” The problem is that they are only looking at a small part of the process this God has created and don't understand even much of what they do see.

Many people think that this Universe is only a fluke of probability. But again they are only looking a minute part of the puzzle. Physicists have in the last 40 or 50 years discovered that there are properties of this universe that are so finely tuned that IF only a tiny fraction of the value of only one of these changed, this Universe may not ever exist or would not be capable of containing life. And there are not just a couple of these properties – there are hundreds and possibly thousands of them.

Probability will not suffice as an answer for this amount of fine tuning. Some have calculated that the chances of these known values all coming together at the same time to create our Universe is 1 in 10^{229} (that is 10 with 229 zeros after it). That is an inconceivably small possibility. So small that it would take thousands of times the age of our universe to have one chance of this happening. Even probability enthusiasts would consider this number an impossibility.

So we have looked at this without the aid of the Bible, now let's bring in what some feel are the words of this Creator.

We are familiar with Genesis 2 – the creation story:

⁴ This is the history of [the origin of] the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day [that is, days of creation] that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens ⁵ no shrub or plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground, {Amplified Bible}

The two chapters of Isaiah (44 & 45) are explaining that God is the creator of everything and that He directs events within His creation. Two verses are especially telling in Isaiah 45:12,18 (Complete Jewish Bible).

¹² I am the one who made the earth! I created human beings on it! I — my hands — stretched out the heavens, and directed all their number.

¹⁸ For thus says Adonai, who created the heavens, God, who shaped and made the earth, who established and created it not to be chaos, but formed it to be lived in: “I am Adonai; there is no other.

In Paul's Letter to the Romans (1:20), he states: *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. {New International Version}*

In Hebrews 4:12-13 it states: *For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart. And not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open and exposed, and revealed to the eyes of Him with whom we have to give account. {Amplified Bible}*

This is only a small sample (both physical and biblical) of valid arguments why God does in fact exist. However, one can easily dismiss these and other facts if they are convinced that there is no God. Only time and the intervention of God in their lives will be enough to convince them of the only Creator God, and His love for them.