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#87. THE KNOWABILITY OF GOD



HELPFUL RESOURCES

FOR MORE READING:

Reasonable Faith | William Lane Craig

<https://www.reasonablefaith.org/writings/scholarly-writings/the-existence-of-god>

The Cross of Christ | John Stott

<https://www.amazon.com/Cross-Christ-John-Stott/dp/083083320X>

The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

<https://www.amazon.com/Reason-God-Belief-Age-Skepticism/dp/1594483493>

VIDEO RESOURCES:

<https://www.youtube.com/@drCraigVideos>

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Layers of Belief:

- Atheist – “God is an impossibility”
- Agnostic – “God is possible, but we cannot know”
- Theist – “God is real”
- Christian – “God is real and has revealed Himself in the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ”

3 Keys:

- God exists
- God has revealed Himself
- God desires relationship

- **Kalam Cosmological Argument:**

[https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/J. Howard Sobel on the Kalam Cosmological Argument 1.pdf](https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/J._Howard_Sobel_on_the_Kalam_Cosmological_Argument_1.pdf)

- a. Everything that has a beginning has a cause
- b. The universe had a beginning
- c. Therefore, the universe had a cause (and that cause is God)

- **Ontological Argument:**

[https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/Alvin Plantinga Where the Conflict Really Lies Science%2C Religion%2C and Naturalism.pdf](https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/Alvin_Plantinga_Where_the_Conflict_Really_Lies_Science%2C_Religion%2C_and_Naturalism.pdf)

- a. God is the greatest being conceivable by the mind
- b. God exists in the minds of humans
- c. A being only existing in the mind and not in reality is a lesser being than a being that exists both in the mind and in reality
- d. If God only exists in the mind, then God is not the greatest possible being conceivable
- e. Therefore, God must, by definition, exist both in the mind and in reality

- **Aquinas' Cosmological Arguments:**

[https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/Timothy OConnor.pdf](https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/Timothy_OConnor.pdf)

[https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/The Ultimate Question of Origins God and the Beginning of the Universe.pdf](https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/The_Ultimate_Question_of_Origins_God_and_the_Beginning_of_the_Universe.pdf)

[https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/The Existence of God and the Beginning of the Universe.pdf](https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/The_Existence_of_God_and_the_Beginning_of_the_Universe.pdf)

- a. Some contingent beings exist
- b. Contingency requires causation
- c. There must exist a necessary being as the ultimate causation (to avoid infinite regress)
- d. Therefore, a necessary being exists (and that being is God)

- **Teleological Argument:**

https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/The_Design_Inference_Eliminating_Chance_through_Small_Probabilities_1.pdf

https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/The_Teleological_Argument_and_the_Anthropic_Principle.pdf

- a. There exists in nature a beneficial order to things
- b. Beneficial order is best explained through intelligent design (as opposed to randomness)
- c. Therefore, an intelligent designer exists (and that designer is God)

- **Argument from Morality:**

https://www.reasonablefaith.org/images/uploads/The_Indispensability_of_Theological_Meta-Ethical_Foundations_for_Morality.pdf

- a. Unless there is a God (The Unified, Divine Morality), there can be no objective binding moral obligations
- b. Objective, binding moral obligations exist
- c. Therefore, God (The Unified, Divine Morality) exists

(2) God has revealed Himself

"How has he revealed Himself?"

"Why the God of Christianity?"

- **NATURE:** Christianity's depiction of God harmonizes with what we know about creation (monotheism)
- **HIS WORD (The Story):** Christianity's depiction of God helps diagnose and solve the issue of the human condition cross-culturally
- **HISTORICAL RECORD:** Evidence of supernatural backing
- **JESUS: INCARNATION:** ("self-insertion")
- **Evidences for the Divine Jesus**
 - Historical record, Biblical record, Resurrection, Uniqueness of Claims

(3) God desires relationship

Why has God revealed Himself?

- God is personal
- Relationship requires knowability
- The Purpose of the Incarnation
- The message of the Gospel

SPECIFIC VIDEO LINKS:

Leibniz' Contingency Argument

<https://youtu.be/FPCzEP0oD7I>

The Kalam Cosmological Argument - Part 1: Scientific

<https://youtu.be/6CulBuMCLg0>

The Kalam Cosmological Argument - Part 2: Philosophical

<https://youtu.be/vybNvc6mxMo>

The Fine-Tuning of the Universe (Teleological Argument)

<https://youtu.be/EE76nwimuT0>

God & Mathematics

<https://youtu.be/QJBOiZXkKu8>

The Moral Argument

<https://youtu.be/OxiAikEk2vU>

The Ontological Argument

<https://youtu.be/xBmAKCvWl74>

Aquinas & the Cosmological Arguments: Crash Course Philosophy #10

<https://youtu.be/TgisehuGOyY>