

# ANSWERS TO LIFE'S 7 MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

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## HOW CAN I KNOW THERE IS A GOD? Part 1 Romans 1:18-23

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Introduction: Today we are going to answer the foundational question of life and eternity: "How can I know there is a God?" Although the Bible assumes the existence of a divine Creator, is there any tangible evidence outside the Bible that proves the existence of God?

I. Why We Doubt The Existence Of God

A. **Natural** Doubts

Jude 22: "And be merciful to those who doubt." (NIV)

	В.	Philosophical Doubts		
'Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able? Then He is impotent. Is He able, but not willing? Then He is malevolent. Is He both able and willing? Whence then is evil?" David Hume				
	C.	Experiential Doubts		
	D.	<u>Spiritual</u> Doubts		
Romans 1:18-20 "18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they				

Romans 1:21 "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became

futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

are without excuse."

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Romans 1:22-23 "22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures."

E. **Empirical** Doubts

"[It] is like the drunk who insisted on looking for his lost car keys only under the streetlight on the grounds that the light was better there. In fact, it would go the drunk one better; it would insist that because the keys would be hard to find in the dark, they must be under the light." Alvin Plantinga

II. Can We Prove The Existence Of God?

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III.	The Evidence For The Existence Of God			
	A.	The <b>Cosmological</b> Evidence (Psalm 19:1)		
		Formula: No One x Nothing = Everything		
"The Co	smos is	all that is or ever was or ever will be." Carl Sagan		
"I never asserted so absurd a proposition as that anything might arise without a cause." David Hume				
"There could be something incredibly grand and incomprehensible and beyond our present understanding." Richard Dawkins				
Psalm 1	9:1 "Th	e heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."		
Conclus	ion			