



QUESTIONS
CHRISTIANS DON'T WANT TO
ANSWER

Why do you believe
what you believe?

Reasons We Believe:

- 1. Sociological*
- 2. Psychological*
- 3. Religious*
- 4. Philosophical*

Something is worth believing if it is rational, supported by evidence, and best explains the data.

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1 Peter 3:15 NIV

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answer to everyone who asks you
to give the reason for the hope that
you have. But do this with
gentleness and **respect**,

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Why do **you** believe
that God exists?

1. Don't appeal to *scripture*.

&

2. Don't appeal to *experience*.

Why do **you** believe
that God exists?

OR

Why should you consider
believing that God exists?

The Age of The Universe

Willem de Sitter
&
Edwin Hubble

“...to know how God created the world. I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know His thought, the rest are details.”

Albert Einstein

1. The Laws of Thermodynamics
2. Cosmic Background Radiation
3. Galaxy Seeds

*“...machining marks from the creation of
the universe.”*

&

“...fingerprints of the maker.”

George Smoot

1. Everything that has a beginning has a cause.

2. The universe had a beginning.

3. Therefore, the universe had a cause.

“ When an astronomer writes about God, his colleagues assume he is either over the hill or going bonkers. In my case it should be understood from the start that I am an agnostic in religious matters.

“Now we see how the astronomical evidence leads to a biblical view of the origin of the world. The details differ, but the essential elements in the astronomical and biblical accounts of Genesis are the same:

*the chain of events leading to man
commenced suddenly and sharply at
a definite moment in time, in a flash of
light and energy.”*

Robert Jastrow

“Astronomers now find they have painted themselves into a corner because they have proven, by their own methods, that the world began abruptly in an act of creation to which you can trace

*“the seeds of every star, every planet,
every living thing in this cosmos and on
the earth. And they have found that all
this happened as a product of forces they
cannot hope to discover...”*

*that there are what I or anyone would call
supernatural forces at work in now, I
think, a scientifically proven fact.”*

Robert Jastrow

“Astronomy leads us to a unique event, a universe which was created out of nothing and delicately balanced to provide exactly the conditions required to support life.

“...all the evidence we have says the universe had a beginning.”

Alexander Vilenkin

“Almost everyone now believes that the universe and time itself had a beginning at the big bang. ”

Stephen Hawking

In the beginning **God** created the
heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1 NIV

The heavens declare the glory of
God; the skies proclaim the work
of his hands.

Psalm 19:1 NIV

Day after day they pour forth
speech; night after night they
reveal knowledge.

Psalm 19:2 NIV

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Psalm 19:3 NIV

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:4 NIV

**“To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?” says the
Holy One.**

Isaiah 40:25 NIV

Lift up your eyes and look to the
heavens: Who created all these?

Isaiah 40:26 NIV

He who brings out the starry host
one by one and calls forth each of
them by name. Because of his
great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

Isaiah 40:26 NIV

The Fine-Tuning of The Universe

In the absence of an absurdly improbable accident, the observations of modern science seem to suggest an underlying, one might say, supernatural plan.”

Arno Penzias

“The best data we have are exactly what I would have predicted, had I nothing to go on but the five Books of Moses, the Psalms, the Bible as a whole.”

Arno Penzias

“I cannot believe our existence in this universe is a mere quirk of fate...we are truly meant to be here.”

Paul Davies

You

“What I think the DNA material has done, is that it has shown by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements which are needed to produce life, that intelligence must have been involved in getting these extraordinary diverse elements to work together.

Anthony Flew

*“Biology is the study of complicated things
that give the appearance of having been
designed for a purpose.”*

Richard Dawkins

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my
mother's womb. I praise you
because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are
wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139:13-14 NIV

My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret
place, when I was woven together
in the depths of the earth.

Psalm 139:15 NIV

Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were
written in your book before one of
them came to be.

Psalm 139:16 NIV