

I. How Can You know there is a God?

- (1) A. Everything must Have an adequate cause.
1. We are not self-caused.
 2. There must exist a Person with intellect, feelings, & will, like ours, with power to produce persons like ourselves.
 3. Everything, like a watch, must have an intelligent Maker.

(2) B. The uniformity of nature and the order in the universe demand an Intelligent Cause.

1. Nature obeys the laws of geometry
2. An absolute scale in music

(3) C. The Plan, Purpose, & Design in Nature demand an Intelligent Cause.

1. The working together of rain & sunlight and soil and air to sustain life is proof of design in the universe.
2. We are led from design to Designer

D. The Beauty & grandeur in nature, which arouse corresponding feelings in our own soul, indicate a Cause capable of all the highest emotions.

1. a beautiful sunset
2. Colors of the rainbow

3. the music of the birds
4. the delicate scent of the violet
5. the musician does not create his music; he merely manipulates the laws which are inherent in music itself.

(4) E. The Motion which we see everywhere in nature is the symbol of a mighty Will manifesting itself throughout the universe.

1. All purposeful acts of the mind are acts of will.
2. All of our acts of will either result in, or tend to result in, motion.
3. When we look at nature we see motion everywhere.
4. There must be a Person back of the will, for the activity is according to purposeful & controlled law & order which demand a thinking mind back of them.
5. There must be an Original Unmoved Mover.

(5) F. The Unity of the Universe Points to ONE Author Only.

1. Everywhere in Nature we find unity.
2. The construction of the atom points to a single mind.
3. With all their differences, human beings are more nearly alike than they are different.

(6) G. Since man is a moral being, with standards of right & wrong, of justice & duty, therefore the Cause that produced him must be moral in nature.

1. "as there is no way of deducing intelligence from non-intelligence, so there is no way of deducing the moral from the non-moral."
(The Phil. of Theism, B.P. Bowne)

2. A moral man points to a moral God, as his Maker & Creator.

(7) H. The history of Jesus of Nazareth, as recorded in the 4 Gospels, prove the existence of a personal God.

(8) I. The supreme proof of the existence of a Personal God is found in the experience of the individual believer in Jesus Christ.

I. What do you mean by the Trinity?

A. One God in Three Persons

B. Not three Gods, but one

C. Yet not one Person, but three
difficult to explain because:

1. the difference between spirit & physical
2. " " " infinite & finite.

E. Must one believe in the Trinity
in order to be a Xtn?

1. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's ans.

2. A unitarian denies the deity of X^t;
such a one cannot be a born-again
believer or a N.T. Xtn. (I Jn. 4:2,3)

III. Why Does God Send Destructive Calamities?

A. Because He sees fit to do so

B. God would be just, and mankind
would receive nothing less than it
deserved, if He should choose to
destroy this whole earth.

C. The true Xtn believer loses nothing
when he is killed in a hurricane

D. The Christ-rejecting sinner does not
deserve a divine explanation for all
of God's dealings with him.

E. Isa. 55:8

Rom. 11:33