



**DOGOMATIC THEOLOGY**

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# Introduction



- The existence or non-existence of God is the most important question we humans are ever asked to answer.
- If God does exist, a significant set of consequences follow, which should affect every day and every moment of our earthly existence.
- We are living in an increasingly atheistic world.



## Introduction (continue)

- Every Christian must be ready to discuss the question of God's existence -- especially if he/she is in a leadership position.
- This can make all the difference to the young people who are still open to see both sides of the question.



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- Science is becoming our greatest endeavor to discover truth; people tend to equate science with truth and other kinds of knowledge with imagination.
- Atheists have used this mindset to their advantage by claiming that science has disproved God.

# Does God Exist?

- Can you prove it to an atheist person?

# Does God Exist?

- The simple answer to this question is yes!
- The existence of God can be proven using logical principles (Not empirical methods).
- In other words, we cannot setup an experiment in a laboratory where God will appear for us in a test tube or under the conditions of some other controlled environment.
- But we must understand that the scientific method, while extremely valuable, is only one of the many vehicles that we have for learning about truth and reality.

# THE LIMITS OF SCIENCE

1. The aim of science is to study matter and energy. For example, love is a fact of life, but since it is neither matter nor energy it cannot be investigated by science. There is no gadget to measure the mass, length, breadth, or temperature of love.
2. The aim of science is not to investigate all reality, but rather to investigate those realities that are seen in the form of matter and energy.
3. God is neither matter nor energy. Therefore the methods of experimental sciences cannot be applied to disprove His existence.

# THE LIMITS OF SCIENCE

4. It is true that we can't prove God by the empirical method of verification. But there are many things we can't prove in this way.
5. For example, we can't use the scientific method to prove the existence of Abraham Lincoln. History, by its very nature, is unrepeatably. We can't rerun 1994 Super Bowl game, yet no one denies that these events took place.
6. No one would deny the existence of love or justice or compassion, yet none of these can be proven scientifically. There are certain things that simply can't be measured, and the existence of God fits into that category.

# ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

- It has always been a fundamental first principle of philosophy and science that "from nothing, nothing comes"
- We know that every event in the Universe has a cause for it. Apples fall down because of gravity while rockets go up because of thrust from burning fuel.
- Every effect has a cause. That cause in turn has another cause behind it. This cause in turn must have another cause behind it.
- Everything in this Universe has a cause except the First Cause. This first cause gave rise to everything else. "God".

# There are 4 possible explanations for the existence of the universe

1. An illusion
2. Self-created
3. Eternal
4. Created

# An Illusion

- If the universe is merely an illusion, than who or what is having the illusion?
- Something must exist to experience the illusion.
- We don't have to worry about such people.
- If they are right, even they don't exist! And they shouldn't worry about us, because we don't exist!



# Self-Created

- This is referred to as "spontaneous generation" But for something to create itself, it must first be! In other words, in order for something to create itself, it must exist prior to itself.
- This is, of course, logically impossible.

# Eternal

- Science proved that the Universe is not eternal. For example it would violate the 2<sup>nd</sup> law of Thermodynamics.
- According to this law, the universe will eventually reach a state of equilibrium, a cold, dark, dead, virtually motionless universe.
- Clearly if the universe is without beginning, then the universe should already be in a state of equilibrium.



# Created

- Having established the other 3 options to be unreasonable, we arrive at the final option: the universe is created.
- In the words of the very first line of the Bible, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

# The Universe is Created!

- Moreover, if something exists, there must exist what it takes for it to exist. The universe exists.
- Therefore, there must exist what it takes for the universe to exist.
- What it takes for the universe to exist cannot exist within it
- Therefore, what it takes for the universe to exist must transcend it.

# Consider This:

- What are the chances that a tornado blowing through a junkyard containing all the parts of a 747, accidentally assembling them into a plane, and leaving it ready for take-off?
- When one sees a beautiful painting, his thoughts immediately go to the artist who worked on it. When one looks at the infinitely complex Universe, one has to think of the infinitely intelligent and powerful Artist who put it all together!
- A Planet Perfect for Life



which means God is evil

# CONCLUSION

- In many cases the arguments are not be the real issue. The issue is that Atheists have decided beforehand that they want to be autonomous, independent, masters of their own destiny.
- God wants all His creation not only to know Him but to get into a deep relationship with Him. He desires all to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim 2:4). But we have to be ready to search for this truth with all out heart. "You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." Jer 29:13.