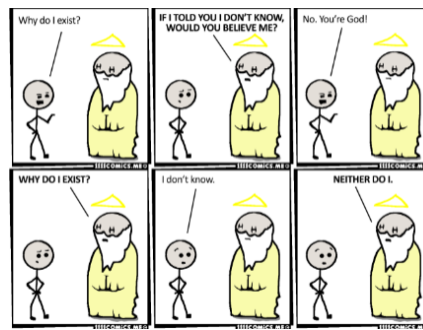




The Existence Of God

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Types of people



Theist

Is a person who believes in God.

(This is us)

Atheist

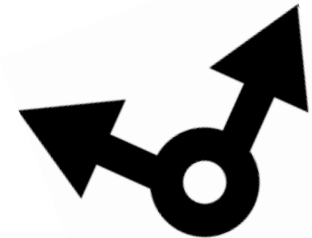
A person believes their is no God

Agnostic

A person who supports the idea of not being sure whether God exists.

Skeptic

Doubt that God exists



Very similar

Questions Atheist people ask and how to answer.



1. I can't see or touch it; so it doesn't exist

That's not true. There are so many things that exist but we can't see or touch like air, the concept of love, ect...

1. Why do bad things happen to good people?

It's simply because no one is free from suffering in this world and because we live in a cruel and not perfect world.

Questions Continued..

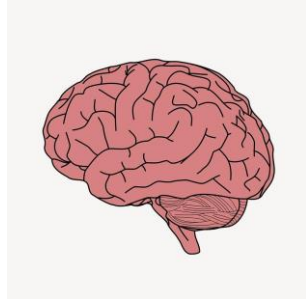
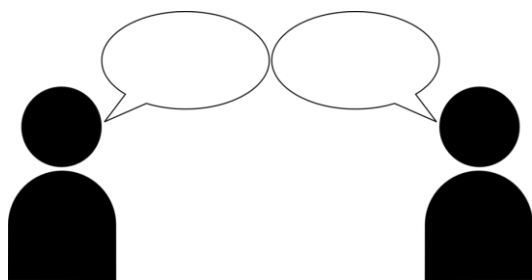


3. Why do good things happen to bad people?

Same answer as the last question we live in an imperfect world and everyone good and bad will be judged by God by the end.

4. Why is there evil in the world?

There is evil in this world because God gave us all the free will and the ability to come back and choose him.



How do we prove that things exist?

- “ I have seen it, so I know it exists.”
- “ I have not seen it but the people who have seen it are trustworthy so I believe it exists.”
- “I have not seen it but there has to be some logical reasoning to believe it exists.”

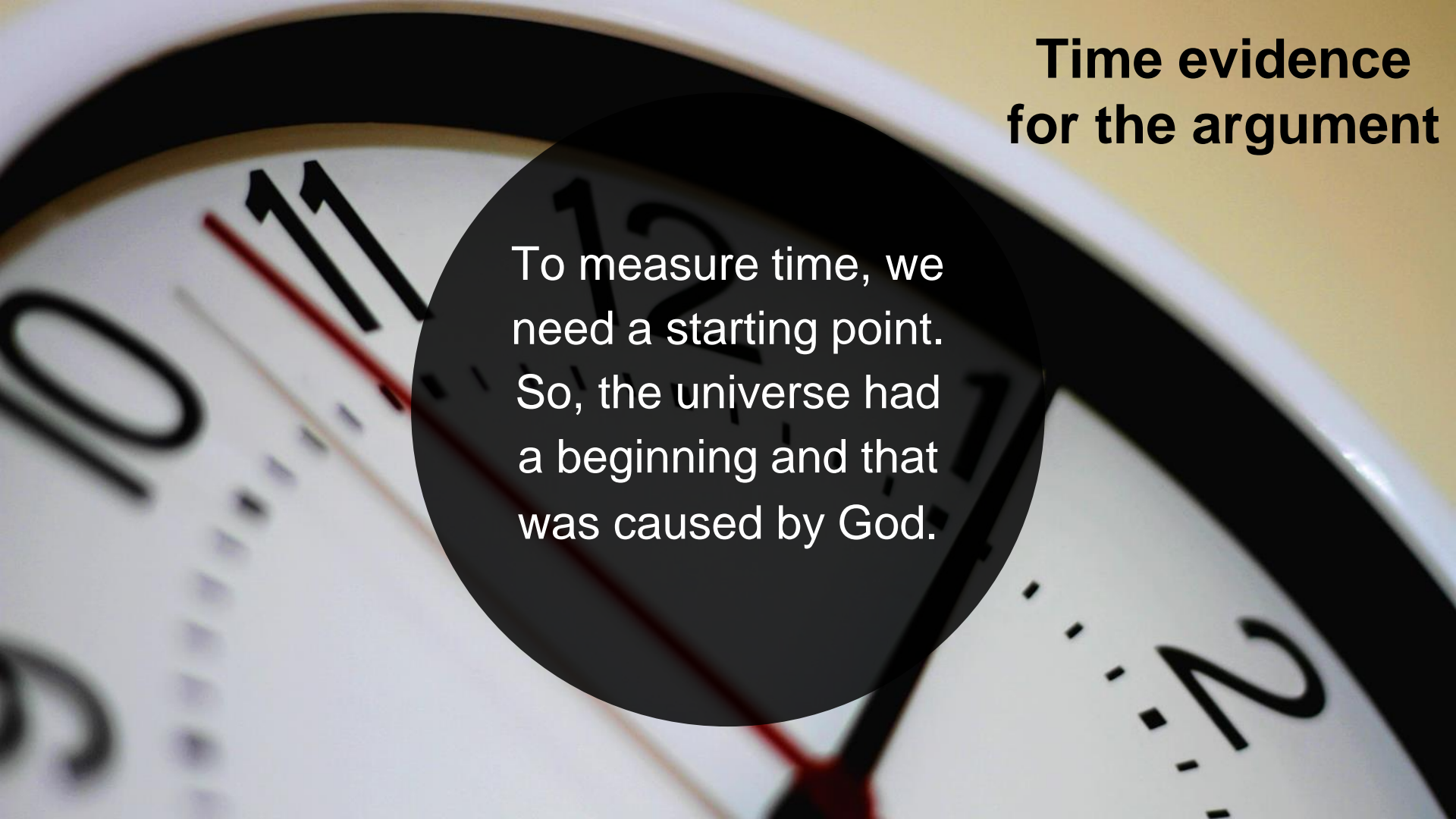
Arguments for God's existence

The First cause (Cosmological) argument

- Everything that exists has a cause to exist.
- The universe exists, so it also has a cause.
- There has to be something eternal that is not caused by anything.
- The eternal first cause is God

Therefore God exists.



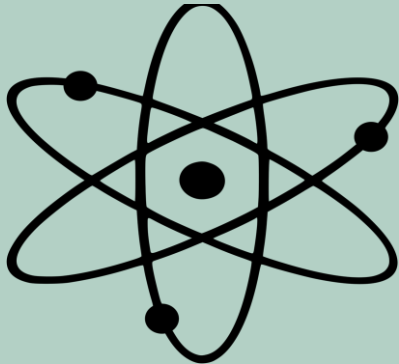


Time evidence for the argument

To measure time, we
need a starting point.
So, the universe had
a beginning and that
was caused by God.

Arguments Against God's Existence

Big Bang Theory



Atheist = says that the universe resulted from a random spontaneous event and are not an act of God

Theist = Islam uses the big bang theory to support the first cause argument

The big bang only counts for evidence against, because it was an adventurous event without reason or cause otherwise if there's a reason then the cause is God.

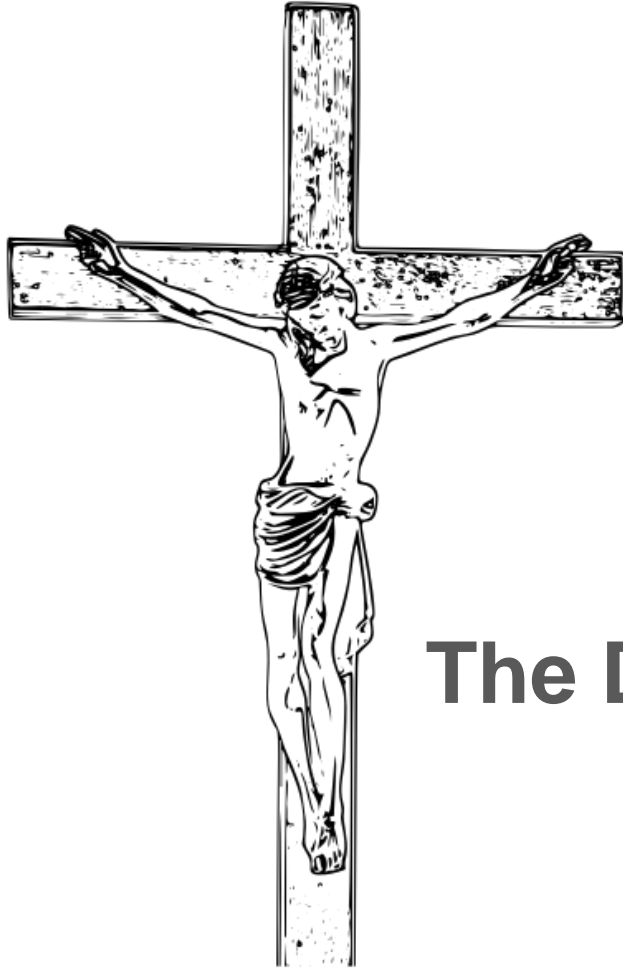
Challenges to the first cause argument

Atheist/Agnostic view:

- If everything has a cause what caused god?
- If God is eternal why can't the universe be the eternal first cause?

Theist Response:

- This question only applies to God as he is the only God that is outside time, and space.
- Scientists don't know what caused the Big Bang... Why couldn't it be God?



The Design (Teleological) Argument

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- The universe is too ordered and complicated to have come randomly therefore it must be designed
- A design needs a **designer**
- The designer is God



William Paley's Design Argument



if we found a watch and we did not know it's order or function then we would know there is evidence of design as the parts have been put together for a purpose.

Without a designer there is no design so without the earth not being tilted exactly the way it is; then life on earth would be impossible.

Just remember for a cause there's a reason

Problems with Design Argument



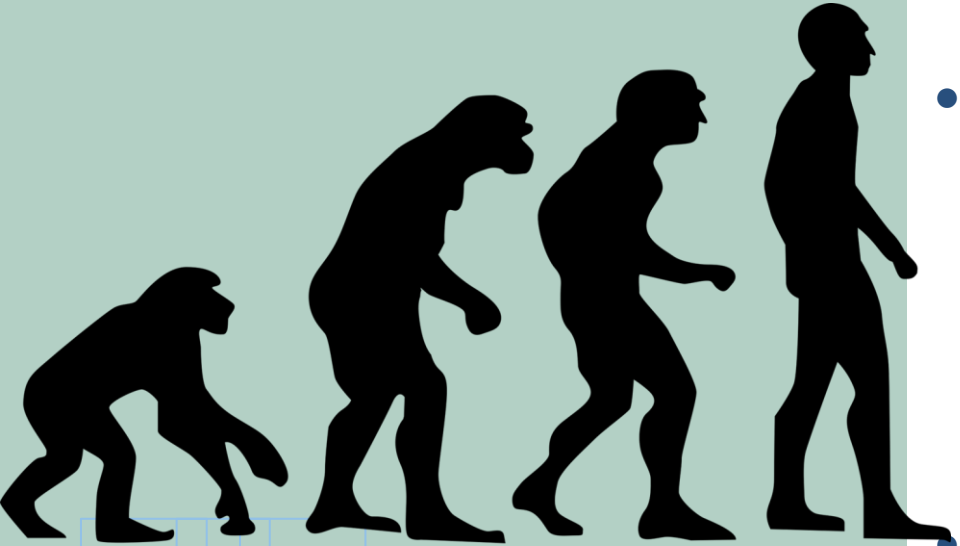
- Depends on the belief that everything is designed and the designer is God, but not everyone believes that everything is designed
- Even if everything was designed we can't prove that the designer is God.

- If God designed everything then why would he design the imperfection of suffering? And you might be thinking a designer wouldn't include any mistakes as well.

Theist (us) response to that question would be that God is beyond human understanding so he's doing things that isn't explained at the moment for a reason.

Atheist POV = Evolution has given the appearance to design so it designed us.

Theory of Evolution



Theist POV =

- Evolution is a result of God's design
- If humans evolved through natural selection (The process through which populations of living organisms adapt and change) They wouldn't need to be creative, paint, write books, or make music to survive.

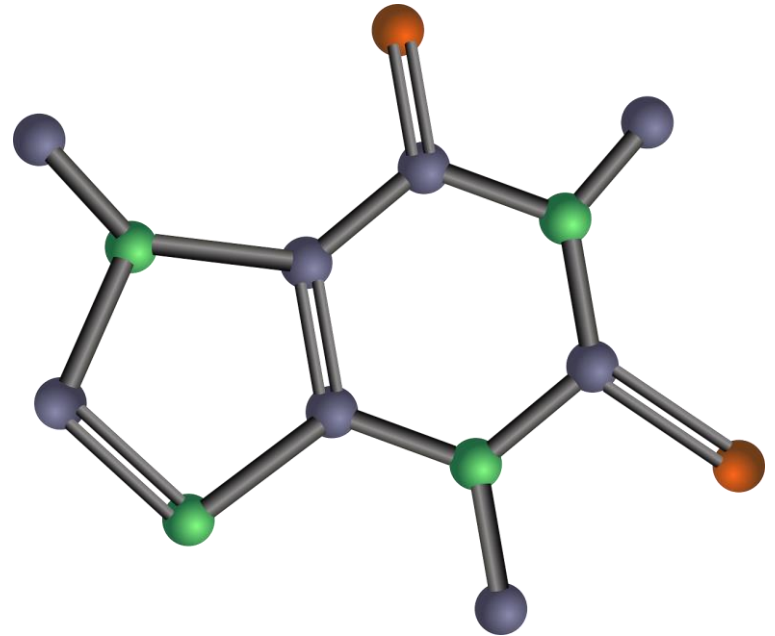
● The fact that human can do these things means we were designed.



Moral Argument

Structure of this Argument

- If God does not exist, objective moral values do not exist.
- Objective moral values do exist
- Therefore, God exists



Morality and Conscience

Morality could not have originated without God. How could we know what is right and wrong without God telling us through our values or conscience? Without morality we would all be dead because we would all just kill each other and hate each other until eventually everyone would die.





Conclusion

If God did not exist then moral values and duties do not exist.

Objective morality is a moral law that is set. The set rules cannot be changed.

Without God, there is no moral law /no set of codes that will tell us what's right and what's wrong

Like certain things are never right to do.

EX: Murdering/ killing - never right to do

Therefore God exists.