

Series: Life's Ultimate Questions

Is God Real?

Various Passages

Pointers to God's Existence:

1. The _____ of "stuff." (Genesis 1:1)

The law of cause and effect:

For every effect, there has to be an equal or greater cause.

This means that with all that exists in the universe (which is the effect) there has to be someone equal to it or greater than it that caused it to come into existence.

The law of causality or the necessary causer:

Everything that has a beginning has a beginner.

This is closely related to the law of cause and effect but goes one step further and says that not only must the effect have an equal or greater causer but there is a first causer that began all effects that is outside of time, space, matter, and energy.

2. The _____ of "stuff." (Psalm 19:1)

One possible explanation for how something got here is that *it was self-created*. It came from itself. But that doesn't follow logically. You know why? Scientists who study this sort of thing tell us that just about *everything in the universe is contingent or dependent upon something else*.

3. My sense of _____. (Romans 2:14-15)

In order to have a sense of good and evil you must have an absolute standard for goodness. If every individual is free to decide for themselves what is right and wrong you no longer have any basis for accountability and law due to the fact that there is no longer a standard for goodness.

4. My sense of _____ or _____. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

We have desires for things that correspond to reality. Desires such as hunger, a sex drive, and to know God point to the existence of food, sex, and God.

Recap:

The circle of contingency leads us to conclude that the universe was created by an uncreated Creator. An unlimited, eternal, all-powerful being.

The banana shows us that that creator is very smart, creative, thoughtful, and cares about his creation. He put great beauty and care into His creation. So He must be smart and beautiful and creative and caring.

Our own hearts (morals) demonstrate to us that the creator surpasses us in morals, or He wouldn't have been able to create morals that were higher than we are.

Our desires for things like food, sex, and God point to the reality of food, sex, and God.

Put all those together and you have an eternal, powerful, smart, beautiful, loving, moral Creator. And that comes very close to a working definition of God, doesn't it?

Action Steps:

- 1. Memorize Psalm 19:1.***
- 2. Equip yourself to advance the Gospel by visiting sites such as reasonablefaith.org, str.org, and answersingenesis.org.***