

# Does God Exist?

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# Take care and don't believe in theories as explanation for everything

- We want to believe that we have the ability to **think logical**. Should you really think logical, how could anything you see around you, have come into existence from nothing?
- It's impossible. They argue that energy brought **matter** into existence. Where did the so-called energy come from? There is no way that matter could have been created from nothing without Supernatural (Divine) intervention. Nothing can't create anything.
- Charles Darwin (1809-1882) noticed how new species in nature have been formed over time because of changes in their environment. So called: "Natural Selection". He named his theory "**Evolution**" but it could not explain the origin of matter, life, etc. The microscope and a better understanding of genetic material (DNA, RNA, etc.) only came after Darwin.
- Do not confuse Evolution with **Darwinism**. Evolution does occur in nature and is actually confirming Intelligent Design (Creator). Darwinism is to believe that Evolution is proof of no Creator. Darwinism especially can't answer the "Why?" questions, e.g.: Why complex reality such as the process of metamorphoses, clotting of blood, reproduction, ageing, etc. There must have been Divine intervention – the only answer.
- Nature cannot create itself. In nature there is **firm identity to be found within diversity** depicting advanced development of life. It's impossible for simple things to establish complex things by chance. In fact, matter (alone) works the other way around.
- The **Big Bang theory** is a theory that seeks to explain why the universe is expanding. The conclusion can be drawn that there must have been a common starting point. Note that this theory does not explain how the original bang occurred. It only gives a possible explanation why the universe is moving apart. The original scientists who documented the Big Bang theory, were all people of faith. They believed that there is a Creator who created and the Big Bang was part of the creative process. In fact, the Big Bang indicates that the universe had a cause.

Nothing cannot create anything

# What did the most clever people in the world have to say?

- **Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)**

**French scientist and mathematician of first order. He invented the first digital calculator.**

He said the following: “Belief is a wise wager. Granted that faith cannot be proved, what harm will come to you if you gamble on its truth and it proves false? If you gain, you gain all; if you lose, you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation, that He exists.”

“That we must love one God only is a thing so evident that it does not require miracles to prove it. There are two kinds of people one can call reasonable: those who serve God with all their heart because they know him, and those who seek him with all their heart because they do not know him.”

- **Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727)**

**The person who had the biggest impact on science ever.**

He said the following: “This most beautiful system of the sun, planets and comets could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being.” “In absence of any proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God’s existence.....Was the eye contrived without skill in optics, and the ear without knowledge of sounds?”

- **Albert Einstein (1879-1955)**

**Best known scientist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.**

He said the following: “God does not play dice with nature!” “Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind.”

- **Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963)**

**Well known professor at University of Cambridge.**

He said the following: “As an atheist my argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?”

More than 70% of today’s scientists are people of faith

# The shocking truth about atheism

- **An atheist** is a person who claims there is no God.
- Should one argue there is no God, he (or she) also assumes **infinite knowledge**. In other words, there is nothing beyond his/her comprehension. Surely it is impossible to know all, hence it is impossible to say there's no Creator.
- **Can a dog declare the origin of his human owner?** Can the dog understand his owner in the same manner which his owner understands him? Impossible, but that does not mean that the human owner does not exist. The intellectual gap between the natural us and the Supernatural God is even bigger.
- **It does not mean that something does not exist should you not be able to see it.** Switch on the TV and see how many frequencies there are around you. Certain invisible stuff, such as radio activity, can even kill you.
- You see, **atheism is a self-defeating statement**. Should one be in doubt, rather argue that you are in need of proof. God did reveal Himself to us authentically. Should you not be aware of that yet, you still have a wonderful discovery to make.

Knowledge can be found in studying authentic Scripture. Wisdom is found in living that knowledge.

# Do we today have proof of Divine revelation?

- Let's think carefully. How would a Supernatural God reveal Himself to His creatures?
  - In such a way that He will not become their toy
  - That He does not remove their own free will of choice, otherwise they would make no sense to Him
  - Do miracles within their midst to assure His supernatural power
  - Revelation amongst many eye witnesses to record and testify to all generations to come
  - Fulfill many detailed prophecies and create hope in those still to be fulfilled
- How would He create them?
  - With the ability to know Him and have a relationship with Him
  - To be able to take responsibility for their own actions
  - To have the intellect to seek His presence

Yes, we do have clear proof of Divine intervention and revelation – The Bible

# Can I personally know God?

- Yes, we can. If you know His Name, you can know Him. If you seek Him, He will reveal Himself to you. If you accept Him in your heart, He will accept you into His eternal presence.
  - Jeremiah 29:13: “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with your heart”
  - Matthew 7:8: “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened”
  - Revelation 3:20: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me”
- God gave His Name to us about 3300 years ago: Exodus 3:14-15: *“<sup>14</sup>And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And He said, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”*  
*<sup>15</sup>Moreover God said to Moses. ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name for ever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’”*
- God clearly identified Himself to us to know Him and He appeared to us many times. We got to know His Face. Numbers 12:5-7: *“<sup>5</sup>Then the Lord came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle.....<sup>7</sup>My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the Lord.....”*
- God was no secret to our ancestors. He appeared to them many times. Think about the Angel of the Lord mentioned many places in the Old Testament of the Bible.

God reveals Himself through His Word. Read the Bible and ask the Lord to reveal Himself to you

# Who is the Angel of the Lord?

- Genesis 22:9-12: *“<sup>9</sup>Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. <sup>10</sup>And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the **Angel of the Lord** called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham Abraham!’ So he said, ‘Here I am.’ <sup>12</sup>And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”*
- Exodus 14:19: *“And the **Angel of God**, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.”*
- Many places in the Old Testament (before Christ) of the Bible, we read about the Angel of the Lord. Above are only two examples.

From this we can understand that the Angel of the Lord is the Person of God that engaged with human in such a way that we can identify with Him. In other words, the Supernatural God engaged with natural human in natural form.

- The Angel of the Lord also revealed Himself through prophets. Good examples we can read in Isaiah 63:8-9: *“<sup>8</sup>For He said: ‘Surely they are My people, Children who will not lie.’ So He became their Saviour. <sup>9</sup>In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the **Angel of His Presence** saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them. All the days of old.”*
- Malachi 3:1-2: *“<sup>1</sup>Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the **Messenger of the covenant**, in whom you delight. Behold He is coming, Says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire. And like the launderer’s soap.”*
- All of above were written by more than one prophet more than 550 years before Christ. God made a covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15) that He will be their God, and through them all nations will be saved. In above prophecy we can see that the Messenger (Angel) of the covenant was expected. Through Him all nations can know God.

The Angel of the Lord is nobody else than the Messiah, Jesus Christ

# Prophecies

One of the many powerful truths to know that Jesus is the expected Anointed One (Messiah), is to realise the detailed prophecies fulfilled by Him. In fact, there have already been more than 360 Messianic prophecies identified that were fulfilled by Jesus. Here are only a few of them:

**The Messiah will come and defeat Evil**



The Lord speaking to Satan

Genesis 3:15: *"And I will put enmity between you and the woman., and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

**The Messiah will come as a human being**



Written by Daniel more than 600 years before Christ

Daniel 7:13: *"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the ancient of days."*

Written by Isaiah more than 750 years before Christ

Isaiah 9:6-7: *"<sup>6</sup>For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."*

**The Messiah will be born as a descendant of David. All nations will know about Him (banner). His burial place (Jesus was buried in Jerusalem), will become world news (banner to nations). The Jews will return to Israel (Israel a state in 1948). The Messiah will come again ("second time").**



Written by Isaiah more than 750 years before Christ

Isaiah 11:10-11: *"<sup>10</sup>And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse (David's father), Who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious. <sup>11</sup>It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt.....<sup>12</sup>He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."*

Isaiah 59:20 *"The Redeemer will come to Zion (Jerusalem), and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob, says the Lord."*

**The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem. Jesus was born in Bethlehem. He is the Bread of Life. In fact the name Bethlehem means "Place of Bread".**



Written about 730 years before Christ

Micah 5:2: *"But you Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousand of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting."*



# Prophecies continued

Written about 450 years before Christ

**Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey."**



Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Luke 19:33-34: "<sup>33</sup>But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, 'Why are you loosing the colt?' <sup>34</sup>And they said, 'the Lord has need of him.' <sup>35</sup>Then they brought him to Jesus and threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. <sup>36</sup>And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road."

Written about 450 years before Christ

**Zechariah 11:12-13: "<sup>12</sup>Then I said to them, 'If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain.' So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. <sup>13</sup>And the Lord said to me, 'Throw it to the 'potter' – that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty peaces of silver and throw them into the house of the Lord for the potter."**



Jesus was betrayed by Judas for 30 pieces silver and the money was thrown into the temple and did end up with the "Potter"

Matthew 26:14-15: "<sup>14</sup>Then, one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, 'What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?' And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver."  
Matthew 27:3-7: "<sup>3</sup>The Judas, his betrayer, seeing that he had been condemned. was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver, <sup>4</sup>saying, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' And they said, 'What is that to us?' You see to it! <sup>5</sup>Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood.' <sup>7</sup>And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in."

Written about 600 years before Christ

**Daniel 9:24-26: "<sup>24</sup>Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city to finish the transgression, to make an end to sins, to make reconcillation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. <sup>25</sup>Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. <sup>26</sup>And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the Prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined."**



Jesus was in fact crucified according to the prophecy.

Approximately 538 before Christ, King Cyrus issued a decree for the house of the Lord to be rebuilt (Ezra 1:1). This was opposed and delayed the process. About 450 before Christ, King Darius issued a decree for the rebuilding to be completed: Ezra 6:12: "*And may the God who causes His name to dwell there destroy any king or people who put their hand to alter it, or to destroy this house of God which is in Jerusalem. I Darius issue a decree, let it be done diligently.*"

$$\underline{7 \times 62} = 483$$

$$\underline{483 - 450} = 33$$

Jesus Christ was crucified about 33 after Christ. The city Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed by the Romans 70 after Christ.

# Prophecies continued

## Written about 750 years before Christ

**Isaiah 53:8-9:** *"<sup>8</sup>He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. <sup>9</sup>And they made His grave with the wicked – But with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth."*



## Jesus dies on the cross.

Luke 23:44-46: *"<sup>44</sup>Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. <sup>45</sup>Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>And then Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, 'Father, into Your hands, I commit My spirit.' Having said this, He breathed His last."*

## Written about 1000 years before Christ

**Psalm 22:1:** *"God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?"*  
**Psalm 22:16-18:** *"<sup>16</sup>For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; <sup>17</sup>I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. <sup>18</sup>They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."*



## Jesus was crucified according to prophecies

Matthew 27:35: *"Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: 'They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.'"*  
Matthew 27:46: *"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachtani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'"*

## Written about 722 years before Christ

**Hosea 6:1-2:** *"<sup>1</sup>Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but will bind us up. <sup>2</sup>After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight."*



## Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day.

John 20:15-17: *"<sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?' She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, 'Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to Him, 'Rabboni!' (which is to say, Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"*

## Written about 760 years before Christ

**Amos 8:9:** *"And it shall come to pass in that day,' says the Lord God, 'That I will darken the earth in broad daylight;"*



## Darkness did occur during Jesus' crucifixion, this was even confirmed by non-believers.

Luke 23:44: *"Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour."*  
Today we can read about the work of Thallos (non-believer), mentioned by Sextus Julius Africanus (160-240), speculating in Greek what caused the darkness.

# Clearly Jesus Christ is the Anointed One through Whom we can know God.

Listen to His words in prayer:

- **Jesus praying to His Father for His disciples:**

John 17:6-8: *“<sup>6</sup>I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You have given them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they have known that all things which you have given Me are from You. <sup>8</sup>For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.”*

Remember, these disciples of Jesus became apostles who wrote the New Testament as a testimony of what they saw and experienced. Today we have first-hand eyewitness' testimonies. A true Biblical apostle is someone who personally saw the risen Christ and also performed miracles in the Name of Jesus Christ. It are these people that left the New Testament behind for us today to know the Lord, through His Son, Jesus Christ. The New Testament confirms who Jesus is, the expected Anointed One according to the Scriptures (Old Testament).

- **Jesus praying for all believers:**

John 17:20-21: *“<sup>20</sup>I do not pray for these (disciples) alone, but for those who will believe in Me through their word (the Bible); <sup>21</sup>that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”*

1 John 5: 10-12: *“<sup>10</sup>He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”*

# Prophecies continued

## Reality today prophecised more than 500 years before Christ

**Joel 2:28:** *“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”*



## The Holy Spirit poured out on the Feast of Weeks, that became Pentecost.

After Jesus ascended to heaven, the disciples were all gathered to celebrate the Feast of Weeks. This feast was celebrated annually from about 1300 years before Christ – in big expectation for revelation from God. Look what happened on that day: Acts 2:1-4: *“<sup>1</sup>When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

## Wonderful Revelation!! Jesus, the Messiah, Himself said:

John 14:21: *“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. An he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”*

Revelation 3:20: *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”*

Become part of the Church of Christ – the Body of Christ.

Accept Jesus as your personal Saviour  
and ask Him to reveal Himself to you.

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May the Lord bless you to realise that there is only one true God who revealed Himself through His Son:

## Jesus Christ

Matthew 24:4-14: *“<sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup>All these are the beginning of sorrows. <sup>9</sup>Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you (All the disciples were killed, except for John. Millions of Jews have been killed by the Romans, also think of the terrible holocaust! Marxism killed more than 120 million believers less than 70 years ago!), and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. <sup>10</sup>And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. <sup>11</sup>Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. <sup>12</sup>And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup>But he who endures to the end shall be saved. <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”*

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